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Climate Change Program: Ecosystem-based Adaptation Facility

The Caribbean's natural capital and people are under growing threats from climate change and unsustainable development. Increasing severity of hurricanes and storms, unregulated land clearing, sea-level rise, rising sea and air temperatures, ocean acidification, pollution, overfishing, among others, are having deleterious effects on the Caribbean Small Island Developing States.

A key approach to address these threats is to implement Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) actions, which build resilience and reduce vulnerability of people and economies to climate change. EbA, as a part of a broader climate change adaptation strategy, has proven to provide resilient and cost-effective means of alleviating climate change impacts by integrating the sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services with human well-being and sustainable livelihoods.

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The CBF is a regional environmental fund that mobilizes resources and provides long-term funding for biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in the Caribbean. The CBF and its partner national funds together form the Caribbean Sustainable Finance Architecture, which incentivizes and supports targeted Caribbean nations in meeting the goals of international and regional environmental commitments, such as the Caribbean Challenge Initiative (CCI).





In this context, with support from the Government of Germany, the CBF has established the EbA Facility, a US\$26.5 million sinking fund to support projects in targeted countries, including: Antigua & Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent & the Grenadines.

Governance

The Facility is governed by a CBF Board-appointed committee. The members of the EbA Facility Committee include climate change adaptation experts, project practitioners and donors.

Implementation Approach

The Facility will distribute grants directly to local, national and regional projects through competitive calls for proposals. Projects are expected to be implemented by a wide range of local, national, regional and international institutions, including civil society organizations, government agencies, universities/research organizations, and community-based organizations.

Aimed at supporting effective climate change adaptation measures in the marine and coastal zone of the insular Caribbean, the EbA Facility will award grants to support a wide range of EbA actions in eligible Caribbean countries. These actions could include restoration and rehabilitation of ecosystems, reduction of land-based stressors, other measures to reduce pressures on ecosystems, measures to reduce physical damage to ecosystems, installation of artificial reefs, and grey infrastructure (hybrid solutions) relevant to the EbA approach.

Project Design Elements

The EbA Facility encourages proposals that include the following elements:

- Clear links to national, regional and international commitments including the CCI, multilateral environmental agreements and the UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Development of new and replicable models
- Consortium-based initiatives that promote collaboration
- Connecting on-the-ground interventions with policy decision-making
- Synergies with other EbA projects



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