



# Southern Africa Scalable Approaches for Investing in Nature Window: Pre-Application Workshop

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# Agenda

- Welcome
- Overview of the USAID Climate Finance for Development Accelerator
- Southern Africa Scalable Approaches for Investing in Nature Overview
- Application Process
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- Q&A

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## **MISSION**

Mobilize \$2.5 billion in public and private climate actions and investments by 2030

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## **VISION**

Strong, locally led climate finance ecosystems with increased flows of capital

**The Climate Finance for Development Accelerator is USAID's flagship initiative to increase climate investment in emerging markets and developing economies.**

# The Problem

The impacts of climate change, habitat loss, and poaching are increasingly threatening Southern Africa's diverse ecosystems and biodiversity. Countries in the region face significant funding gaps for conservation, inhibiting their ability to meet this challenge.



## Escalating Risks

Water shortages, increased flooding, extreme weather events

## Losses

Agricultural productivity, biodiversity and wildlife habitats, livelihoods

## Obstacles

Limited access to funding, insufficient institutional capacity, vulnerability to climate change

# Overview of the Window



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CFDA aims to **support high-potential** initiatives such as nature bonds, debt-for-nature swaps, results-based-finance, payment for ecosystem services and other **innovative nature-based solutions and financial mechanisms that can be launched, scaled, or replicated effectively** – enhancing their impact on nature conservation and sustainability in the target countries.

## Grants

### Awards of \$500,000

CFDA anticipates issuing grant awards up to USD \$500,000 each. There is no minimum funding request. Outstanding, impact-driven, scalable, multi-stakeholder concepts may be considered for funding of USD \$1 million or more (except those from U.S. based partners). Although optional, CFDA encourages applicants to articulate their technical assistance needs that would make their concept more likely to succeed.

## Scope

The Window will only consider concepts that focus on one or more of the following countries: **Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, and/or South Africa**. Associated regional Transfrontier Conservation Areas will also be considered. Concepts can be at the individual or multi-country levels with preference for concepts working in landscapes under threat of biodiversity loss.



# The Window's Objectives

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CFDA is soliciting concept notes that can achieve all of the following objectives:

- **Increased conservation or restoration that creates climate and nature benefits in biologically significant areas** with a focus on biodiversity habitats and native species, reduced threats to biodiversity (such as, but not limited to agricultural expansion, deforestation, and degradation of land and native vegetation), and effective management of conservation schemes
- **Increased flow of capital, with a strong preference for private capital**, or financial incentives for implementing and scaling sustainable solutions
- **Integrity, equitable participation, and benefits sharing**, such as through inclusion of women, youth, indigenous peoples/local communities, and other vulnerable/underrepresented groups, and positive social and financial impacts on vulnerable groups

# Application Process

CFDA will oversee a streamlined application process, starting with the submission of a grant application that includes a detailed concept note and a high-level budget. Applicants must propose strategies for implementing the program, incorporating innovations suited to their strengths.

- 1 Concept Note and Budget.** The grant application must include a detailed concept note and a high-level budget. These documents should clearly outline the proposed strategies for implementing the program in line with the requirements in the solicitation and CFDA's objectives.
- 2 Format Specifications.** Applicants must use the structure provided in Annex A. Submissions must be formatted as either a PDF or PowerPoint slide deck. Ensure that your application does not exceed 10 slides with a minimum font size of 10 points for readability. The cover page and the optional slide detailing your organization's technical assistance needs do not count toward the page limit.
- 3 Content Guidelines.** Each concept note must include key elements such as an executive summary, the context and definition of the problem being addressed, proposed solutions, etc. as outlined in the solicitation.



# Timeline

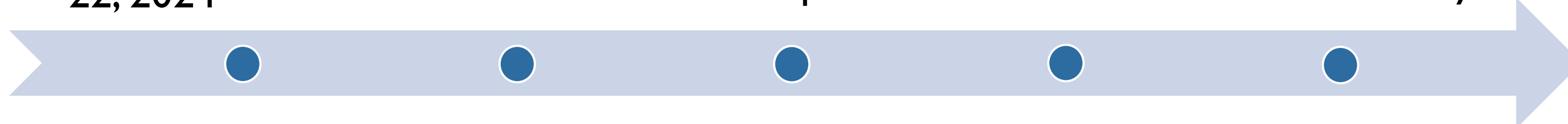
**The Window was released** on October 22, 2024

**Applications due** December 13, 2024, at 11:59pm EST

Co-creation process continued and selection of awardees o/a February 2025

**Questions due** on November 5, 2024, at 11:59pm EST

Finalists notified and co-creation process started o/a January 17, 2025





# Partner with us

- For all information and updates about the Window, visit <https://chemonics.com/our-procurements/2025-0016-002-addendum/>
- Sign up for the [Climate Finance Investment Network](#) to receive funding opportunities and solicitation updates upon release





## Q&A

- Please use the Q&A feature to ask questions.
- We will attempt to answer all questions today.
- If we do not have time or are unable to answer all questions, we will provide written responses to unanswered questions in the written Q&A process.