

## FAST-TRACKING TOWARD RESULTS

### Completing the CIF Programming Phase

When the CIF came into existence in 2008 it also introduced a new programmatic approach in climate financing. This programming phase encourages development partners to engage in constructive dialogue with pilot country governments and key stakeholders to develop a national Investment Plan (IP). This dialogue has

the additional benefit of helping all involved stakeholders to understand climate change impacts and opportunities, the role of climate finance in promoting climate-smart development, and the value added of working with the CIF.

All CIF work is underpinned by country-led programmatic Investment Plans (IPs). Through this IP the government and development partners are capable of choosing and funding investments that are in line with key national priorities.

In alignment with this approach, the AfDB has systematically worked with its CIF pilot countries to successfully carry out their programming. Each IP has been structured so that it: aligns with and informs the country's broader development goals; considers a careful assessment of the country's needs and natural resource assets; meets CIF criteria; and has input from a broad array of concerned stakeholders. As part of its broader institutional vision, AfDB has placed an emphasis on helping countries create programs which effectively drive them toward green growth.

By December, 2013, with the completion of the Liberia and United Republic of Tanzania IPs, AfDB along with the World Bank Group (WBG) finished the programming phase with 16 African partner countries. In the last half of 2013, the Bank has also worked, along with the WBG, to help countries update their IPs — for instance, working with the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region to revise

In 2013, the AfDB committed US \$1.1 billion worth of investments to climate smart development in Africa through financing to be provided for programs in renewable energy, resilient rural, coastal and forest landscapes, and globally scalable knowledge on low-carbon and climate resilient solutions.



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### Project Preparation Grants Open the Door for Readiness

Countries working to undertake climate-smart action often face an uphill battle to move forward with innovation and transformation in the face of daunting obstacles, such as lack of financial capacity, and difficulty in engaging early entrants to invest in greenfield technologies.

To ease the way and ensure that countries put forward solid project proposals, the CIF makes available grant financing in the form of Project Preparation Grants (PPGs). AfDB has been instrumental in guiding countries through the process of applying for and acquiring these grants and using them to efficiently prepare viable projects.

With AfDB support, more than half of the AfDB CIF pilot countries have gotten PPGs approved and have

#### NUMBER OF PPG'S AND VOLUME OF FINANCING (MILLIONS US\$)



used them as a critical step in their project development. Countries with PPGs are:

- Burkina Faso
- DR Congo
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Mali
- Mozambique
- Nigeria
- Tanzania

their Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) Plan, and helping Morocco become ready to move quickly into the next phase of implementation for the Ouarzazate CSP plant.

### Managing the Operational Phase

With each pilot country IP endorsed, the Bank is able to fully engage with countries to get the IPs' projects approved

and into implementation. By end-December, the Bank had approved more than half of the 25 projects in the portfolio. All 3 FIP and 5 PPCR projects are approved and underway; one of five SREP projects is under implementation; and in CTF, four of the 10 projects in the pipeline are under implementation and several others are being developed through preparation grants.

## Streamlining speed of delivery

To ensure rapid delivery of its promised funding, the Bank has worked hard to ensure that the CIF portfolio moves to implementation in as speedy a manner as possible. As a result, the Bank has set the pace among CIF implementing agencies:

- All of the Bank's PPCR and FIP projects are approved and under implementation;
- The Bank led the way on delivery under SREP with fast turn-around on the Menengai project approval;
- Under CTF, the Bank has supported the revision of the MENA CSP so as to speed the delivery of the Morocco Ouarzazate II project and revisited the South African private sector programs to expedite their delivery as a response to changes in market opportunities;
- The Bank is also in line to lead delivery on the Nigeria CTF plan with a project to introduce Lines of Credit for renewables and energy efficiency.

Despite the innovation and complexity of its CTF projects, AfDB expects to disburse around 50% (US\$ 160 million) of its currently approved CTF resources by the end of 2014.

#### AfDB DISBURSEMENT PROFILE — CTF MILLIONS

