

BROKERING CLIMATE KNOWLEDGE

The Evolving Knowledge Base

With the AfDB CIF portfolio increasingly under implementation, the AfDB is committed to capturing lessons emerging from countries' work and ensuring that they are widely shared. In the process, the Bank will strive to reinforce recipient countries' voice on the international stage to share what they have learned about resilience, energy, forests and green growth.

Over the course of 2014, the Bank commissioned several knowledge products, contributed brief knowledge pieces to the [CIF blog](#), and actively participated in international conferences.

The first knowledge product highlights Payment for Environmental Services (PES), a mechanism to ensure that ecosystems stewards are equitably compensated by the beneficiaries of the environmental services they provide

(See Box page 18-19). The second knowledge product explores how CIF projects are propelling REDD+ readiness in Africa.

The AfDB also produced a [knowledge piece](#) exploring the CIF's innovative programmatic approach to development planning, and created three RE profiles for SREP programs in Mali, Tanzania and Ethiopia.

In addition to these products, the Bank also had an active presence on behalf of Africa at the [CIF Partnership Forum](#) in Jamaica, the 5th [African Rift Valley Geothermal Conference](#) in Tanzania and an [International Impact Evaluation workshop](#) in Rwanda.

Impact Evaluation: Advancing Project Knowledge

In 2014, the AfDB helped AfDB CIF pilot countries [Zambia](#), [Mozambique](#), and [Burkina Faso](#) to engage in the design of an impact evaluation for their CIF projects. The evaluations are expected to contribute to improving AfDB's quality of intervention, scaling up best practices, speeding up implementation, informing policy-making, and generating key knowledge.

An impact evaluation seeks to assess a development intervention's effectiveness and generate knowledge to refine future similar interventions at national and international levels.

Workshops on Impact Evaluation

In June, 2014, a World Bank-led international [workshop on impact evaluation](#) took place in Rwanda, focused on generating knowledge to bolster agriculture. In the workshop, Mozambique and Zambia drafted notes on their CIF projects establishing the projects' rationale and results chain, identifying key constraints and research questions, and suggesting a preliminary impact evaluation design. At a [later workshop](#) in Lisbon in October, Burkina Faso also put forward a concept note for an impact assessment of its FIP program. Mozambique and Burkina Faso are now seeking preparation grants to further develop their concepts for the impact evaluations.

