



WHAT LIES AHEAD AFDB-CIF ACTIONS PLANNED FOR 2018

CIF@10: 2018 MARKS THE 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIF

As CIF celebrates its 10th year of operations in 2018, AfDB will continue its work to advance the CIF portfolio through the four programs, support the implementation and supervision of ongoing projects, and strengthen its efforts in monitoring and reporting. Under each program, the AfDB will advance country-level pilots as follows:

Under SREP, AfDB will continue to support the three pilot countries with approved projects. In addition, it will continue to support Benin, Madagascar, Malawi, Sierra Leone and Zambia working to complete their Investment Plans (IPs) for presentation and endorsement in 2018. We will also continue our work to support implementation of all Project Preparation Grants (PPGs), and will help finalize project funding proposals for Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mali and Tanzania.

Under CTF, AfDB will support the flexible programming approach following the one developed under the Dedicated Private Sector Programs (DPSP). This proposal is called CTF DPSP III and covers both public and private sector operations. While complementing the country-based investment planning process, the flexible approach will accelerate the programming cycle by focusing on a selected number of high-priority investment areas based on evolving sector demand across the eligible countries.

Under PPCR, we will continue our ongoing support in Mozambique, Niger and Zambia. We will continue to seek ways to finance the outstanding investment plans in African pilot countries, exploring existing and new sources of finance, such as African Development Fund (ADF) allocations and the GCF.

Under FIP, AfDB will continue to advance implementation of the projects in the three pilot countries in Burkina Faso, Ghana, and DRC. We will help finalize project funding proposals for Congo and Côte d'Ivoire. We will also continue to seek ways to finance the outstanding investment plans in African pilot countries, exploring existing and new sources of finance.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION FOR CIF@10

In the context of the CIF's ten-year anniversary and the maturing implementation of the CIF portfolio, AfDB will also strengthen support for the CIF mandate as a learning and knowledge laboratory with increased focus on the generation and sharing of results. This will provide useful inputs to strategic discussions related to the future of the CIF and inform the broader debate on complementarity among the different funding entities in the international climate finance architecture.

Firstly, an online collaboration platform is being developed to facilitate the management of internal documents, data flows, reporting streams, and reporting requirements. Improved automation of these processes is expected to yield efficiency gains for portfolio management and knowledge sharing internally between AfDB project teams and the CIF Coordination Unit, as well as between the AfDB and CIF Admin Unit, pilot countries, and other CIF stakeholders.

Efforts are also underway to aggregate results data on all AfDB-CIF projects currently under implementation through the consolidation of results reporting frameworks corresponding to these projects. AfDB is redoubling its activities in this arena for 2018 and will simultaneously undertake harmonization exercises between project, program, CIF, and Bank levels. The outcomes of these exercises will feed into any new investment plans and/or projects being developed through the CIF mechanism. Opportunities for correcting problems and gaps in the monitoring and supervision of current CIF projects will also be examined more closely during this period.

A Global Delivery Initiative case study is now being conducted for the SREP Menengai Geothermal Project in Kenya, alongside a host of other evaluation and knowledge activities designed to provide new insights into the achievements of the portfolio to date. For example, the AfDB is partaking in the CIF's Transformational Change Learning Partnership to build a collective body of evidence on the CIF's contributions toward transformational change, private sector investment, local stakeholder engagement, and programmatic approaches to climate-sensitive development. Likewise, efforts to revamp core programmatic monitoring and reporting in the PPCR, FIP, and SREP programs, including country M&E capacity building, continue to be shared priorities for the CIF Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) function.

In 2018, AfDB will continue to contribute to external learning events linked to major meetings, such as the Africa Carbon Forum, the COP24 and the AfDB Annual Meetings in Korea, with the goal to provide greater visibility to CIF's accomplishments and lessons learned. AfDB is also partnering with World Wildlife Fund (WWF), a registered observer from the CIF, to undertake the "Evaluation of Alternative Private Investment Models for Commercial Forestry in Africa" under the CIF Evaluation and Learning Initiative". Furthermore, AfDB will finalize an assessment on the impact of solar-powered ice makers on the livelihoods of African farmers and/or fishermen.



UPCOMING AfDB-CIF RELATED EVENTS

Gender activities

In 2018, AfDB will prepare several gender activities, including a review of gender integration in AfDB-CIF projects in Morocco and in Ghana; a workshop that will focus on capacity building (internal and external); strengthening knowledge management to research; and present best practices for policies and programs supporting inclusive climate financing. This will strengthen CIF Pilot country capacity and understanding of the interlinkages between gender and climate change to ensure concrete integration of gender into current CIF investment plans and initiatives at all phases and in all activities. Furthermore, an advocacy event in partnership with Connect4Climate on the CIF Theory of Change Gender Program will also be organized.