### NATURE, PEOPLE AND CLIMATE

The CIF NPC program, launched in June 2022, deploys nature-based solutions that acknowledge linkages among land use, climate-change mitigation and adaptation, and the improvement of the sources of livelihoods of rural communities and Indigenous people.

The program covers sustainable agriculture, food supply, forests, resilient coastal systems and efforts to empower indigenous people and local communities. As a next step, the participating countries will develop investment plans in collaboration with a number of partner MDBs. The platform also works with MDBs to de-risk and scale investment based on a systems-level rather than a project-level approach.

The NPC program, benefiting from the breadth of previous experience gained through FIP and PPCR, is built on the solid foundations of the lessons learned and innovations from these programs.

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CIF will extend over $350 million in financing and other support for nature-based solutions in nine countries under its NPC investment platform.

The first set of beneficiary countries are: the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Fiji, Kenya, and the Zambezi River Basin Region, comprising Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia and Tanzania. They were announced in November, during the global climate summit (COP27) in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

In Africa, CIF will also be supporting Ethiopia, Rwanda, Namibia for investment plan preparations, in anticipation of receiving further contributions. Fifty five developing countries applied to participate in the program, underscoring the urgent demand for climate finance. The African Development Bank, CIF and partner countries come together to help African countries in need of climate finance.

#### EGYPT

**Objectives:** Enhance agricultural production for adaptation to climate change in the Valley and Nile Delta region through sustainable farming practices, water efficient and heat resistant crops, policy reforms for land use management, and rainwater harvesting and storage infrastructure. Increase resilience of vulnerable areas through water harvesting, combating desertification and rehabilitating degraded pastures.

**Key Targets:**
- Contribute to rehabilitation of 20,000 km of irrigation canals for agricultural climate resilience
- Desalinate 4 million m3 of seawater daily using renewable energy
- Cover 17% of the national marine and wildlife areas with protectores

#### KENYA

**Objectives:** Protect and restore degraded landscapes like forests, farmlands, and water towards, particularly in the Mt. Elgon and Cherangany areas. Build climate resilience in local communities – notably the Rendile, Turkana, Samburu, and Borana peoples – by driving adoption of climate-smart agriculture techniques and technologies, strengthen governance, institutional capacity, and financial sustainability.

**Key Targets:**
- Contribute to rehabilitation of 20,000 km of irrigation canals for agricultural climate resilience
- Restore degraded landscape to contribute to national objective of attaining 10% forest cover
- Restore and protect 72,872 hectares of the Mt. Elgon water towers
- Restore and protect 120,841 hectares of the Cherangany catchment area

#### ZAMBEZI RIVER BASIN REGION

**Objectives:** Preserve the environmental integrity of the larger Zambezi basin; maintain valuable ecosystem services that support regional food security and drive economic development; and build local communities’ resilience to climate change.

**Key Targets:**
- Create 25,000 hectares of community irrigation schemes
- Support and train 20,000 farmers in conservation agriculture
- Halting the degradation of 30,000 hectares of wetland

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**Supporting farmers to adopt nature-based solutions is very important. For agriculture to prosper, we need to have healthy ecosystems that can be boosted by farmers. Supplying this technology and information will also help them adapt and make them climate resilient.”**

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