

# ABCs of Climate Change Adaptation Projects

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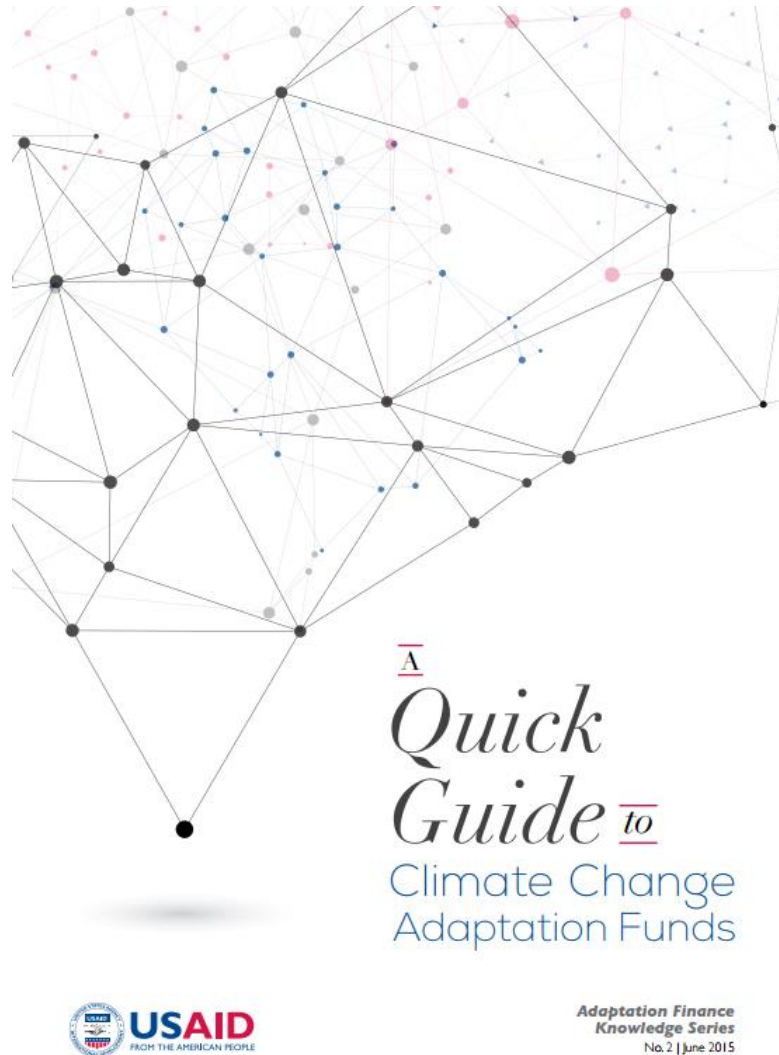


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## Some First Steps...

- Many activities and many sources of funding...which financiers are appropriate to your situation? Matching happens in pre-project planning
- Understand the eligibility requirements, fund goals, evaluation criteria...**READ THE INSTRUCTIONS!**
- Understand “access” (e.g. “direct access” vs. “multilateral access”)
- Be aware of project financing structures: co-financing, bundling, & blending
- Make use of supporting organizations (e.g. UNDP, UN Environment, GIZ, USAID)

# A Useful Resource



- Overview of 10 multilateral & bilateral climate funds & initiatives
- Describes eligibility criteria, target areas, & access mechanisms
- Includes tips for each fund
- <https://www.climatelinks.org/file/3564/download?token=-ThARRHq>

# Commonalities #1: Alignment with existing frameworks...

- **Virtually all financiers require funded projects to be aligned with existing policy and strategic frameworks!**
  - NAPA: National Adaptation Programme of Action
  - NAP: National Adaptation Plan
  - NCCSAP: National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan
  - Sustainable development policies
  - National Development Strategy Plans (e.g. 20-year & 5-year)
  - Relevant sectoral strategies and plans
  - Relevant sub-national/regional plans
  - Gender strategies, policies, frameworks, action plans

***Climate finance used to implement priorities that have already been identified....Don't reinvent the wheel!***



## Commonalities #2: Rigorous Evidence Base & Additionality...

- What makes this a climate change issue?
- All bankable projects are based on good research and data...
  - Problem identification: WHY IS THIS A PROBLEM?
  - Problem formulation: HOW DO YOU KNOW?
  - Project approach: WHY DO YOU THINK THIS WILL WORK?
- Consult all sources and stakeholders!
- Always test your logic.

## Commonalities #3: Clear Transformative Change and Paradigm Shift...

- Identify not only vulnerabilities, but *drivers of vulnerability!*
  - Address the disease, not the symptom...
- Addressing the needs of *the most vulnerable people and groups...*
- Encouraging climate resilient and low carbon development pathways...



A photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sky is filled with vibrant orange, red, and yellow clouds, with a bright sun low on the horizon. A small sailboat is visible on the water in the distance. The foreground shows a dark, silhouetted beach and the dark outline of a coastline on the left.

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