

EbA opportunities

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Global Ecosystem-based Adaptation Fund (GEBAF) - Overview

- **The Federal Environment Ministry of Germany (BMU)**, through its **International Climate Initiative (IKI)**, has committed 20 million euros to the Fund.
- EbA is the application of nature-based solutions for adaptation purposes. While highly cost-effective with measuring benefits, EbA is still greatly overlooked as an adaptation option and needs scaling up.
- To do so, IUCN and UNEP are drawing on their extensive existing networks, tools and expertise, including [Friends of Ecosystem-based Adaptation](#) (FEBA) and the [Global Adaptation Network](#) (GAN).

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- **Fast-track technical support** to help countries to **implement NDC commitments** and access public funding for **catalytic adaptation interventions**
- The proposed budget for the fast-start grants: **EUR 14M**
- **Innovation and urgency**, encouraging creative solutions and partnerships

To **overcome barriers and scale up EbA** in 3 areas:

- Building awareness and understanding
- Addressing planning and other governance gaps
- Seeking solutions to financing gaps

Expected Outcomes:

- Networks mobilised and stakeholders engaged in priority areas and target groups to participate in the Global EbA Fund and EbA more widely
- EbA scaled up and gaps addressed through fast-start grants mechanism
- Evidence base for EbA strengthened and shared



Eligibility Criteria - Overview

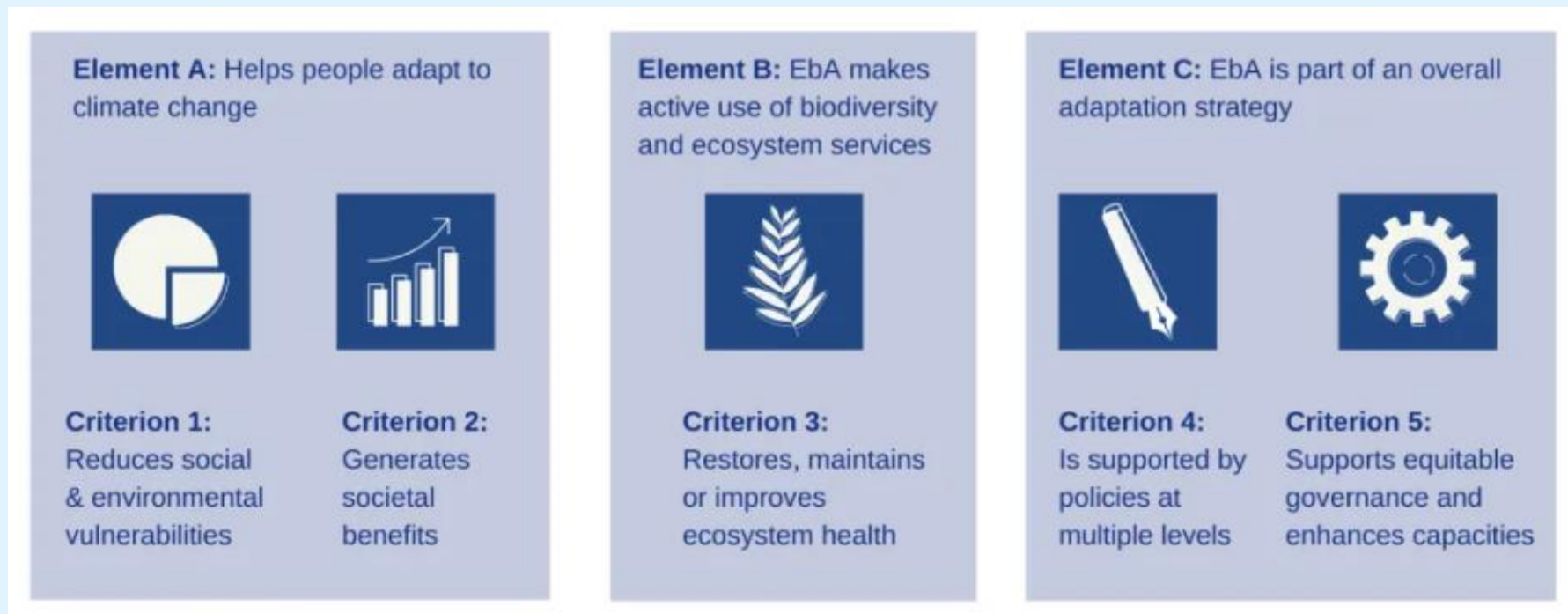
- The grant needs to be **complementary and add value to existing work** by filling a gap in an existing project or upscaling existing work. Also, it needs to be **well-grounded in the proposed region or area of work**; have experience of the size and type of project proposed; and are **inclusive of local communities, indigenous knowledge and gender perspectives**.
- The Global EbA Fund supports projects that are either targeted to one or more countries which are eligible for official development assistance (ODA). Projects may have a global, thematic, regional and/or country-specific focus. For multi-country projects, all of the countries must be ODA-eligible. The list is available on our website on the page “What We Fund”.
- Between USD 50,000 to USD 250,000, with no specified or prioritized regional or country focus. The maximum project duration is 36 months. In exceptional circumstances, a grant up to a maximum amount of USD 500,000 may be issued.
- The Fund do not provide grants directly to government partners but to organisations working directly with national, sub-national and local governments to create an enabling environment for EbA and the implementation of strategic partnerships.

Review the following pages on the website to learn more: [What We Fund](#) and [How To Apply](#) (including Application Documents). A [FAQs](#) is also available. And finally, if you have any other questions, you can contact Contact.EbAFund@iucn.org.



Eligibility Criteria

The Fund supports projects that contribute to the implementation of ecosystem-based adaptation and aligns with the FEBA [EbA Qualification Criteria & Quality Standards](#)



Launch of the First Call for Proposals

In 2021, a first call for proposals is open, with two rounds for applications. The first cut-off date for Concept Stage submission was 30 April 2021. The remaining cut-off date for submission is **30 August 2021 at 23:59 UTC+2**.

The biannual funding decisions will be in July 2021 and November 2021, respectively.

Note that applicant organizations first submit a [Concept Note Application Packet](#), providing a detailed summary of their project context, approach, outcomes and outputs and the required documentation. A short list of successful applicants will be invited to submit a [Full Proposal Stage Application Packet](#), including due diligence processes. Please note that the final decision for funding will be based on due diligence and fulfilment of all of IUCN's policies, procedures, procurement, and legal requirements.

During the first round of application, we received around 300 applications. For this first round of application we will select 5 projects.



Where to find more information?

The Global EbA Fund Website: <https://globalebafund.org/>

Contact: Contact.EbAFund@iucn.org