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CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS (CIF) NATURE, PEOPLE AND CLIMATE INVESTMENT PLAN (NPC IP)

MDBs SCOPING MISSION

ANNEXES

Ethiopia

05 - 09 June 2023



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Annex 1: List of Mission Participants/Stakeholders

Annex 2: Scoping Mission Agenda/Program

Day 1: Monday, June 5, 2023

Time	Activities	Responsible Organization
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	
09:00 - 09:10	Welcoming remarks and setting the scene	• Ethiopian Forestry Development (EFD)
09:10 - 09:20	Brief Opening Remark Remarks by MDB representatives	• AfDB, WB, and IFC
9:30 - 9:40	Official Opening remarks	Ministry of Finance
9:40 -10:00	Introduction to the objectives of the mission and agenda	• AfDB
10:00 -10:15	Presentation on NPC program	• Introduction to the CIF NPC program (CIF)
10:15 -10:30	Presentation on EOI	• EFD to give highlights on their EOI.
10;30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	• Ethiopian Forestry Development (EFD)
11:00 -12:30	MDBs project presentations	• AfDB, WB, and IFC present relevant work/investments in the country and alignment with the Ethiopia EoI
12:30 -13:30	LUNCH	Ethiopian Forestry Development (EFD)
13:30 -15:30	GoE Line Ministries Presentations on relevant projects and initiatives and experiences	 GoE, the case of REDD+ Investment Program and the Green Legacy Initiative MoA, MoF, Ministry of Water and Energy etc.
15:30 -16:00	Brainstorming session	• Identification of needs and possible activities of alignment with the CIF-NPC

16:00 - 16:45	CIF Virtual Presentation
16:45 -17:00	Closing of the Agenda and summary of the day

Day 2: Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Subject: Meeting with Development Partners and Private Sector

Time	Activities / Issues to be Discussion	Responsible Organization
09:00-9:10	Opening Introduction	• Facilitator
9:10 - 9:20	GoE Present the EoI	• EFD
9:20 - 9: 40	Presentation of MDBs	• AfDB, WB, and IFC
9:40-11:00	Presentation of Development Partners	Development Partners
11:00 - 12:00	Brainstorming	
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
13:00 - 13:20	Opening Introduction	Facilitator
13:20 - 15:00	Presentation of MDBs	• AfDB, WB, and IFC
15:00 - 16:00	Presentations of Private Sector	Private Sector
16:00-16:30	Discussion - Identification of needs and possible activities of alignment with the CIF-NPC	• EFD, MDBs and Private Sector
16:30 - 17:00	Closing Remarks	Facilitator

Day 3: Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Subject: Meeting with Civil Societies and NGOs/CBOs, and Discussion on IPPG and IP Development Guideline

Time	Activities / Issues to be Discussion	Responsible Organization	
09:00-9:10	Opening Introduction	• Facilitator	

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9:10 - 9:20	GoE Present the EoI	• EFD
9:20 - 9: 40	Presentation of MDBs	• AfDB, WB, and IFC
9:40-11:00	Presentation of Civil Societies and NGOs	Civil Societies and NGOs
11:00 - 12:00	Brainstorming	
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 14:00	 Discussion: Scope of IP Identification of the studies and consultancies needed for the preparation of the IP Agree on timelines for IP preparation 	• CIF/MDBs
14:00 – 15:30	Working on NPC documents to Prepare: -Draft Template for requesting IPPG -Draft ToRs for follow-up Joint Mission	• CIF/MDBs
15:30 - 16:30	Debriefing session: -Review of conclusions, goals, and agreements -Inputs for the Aid-Memoire - Final comments	• CIF/MDBs
16:30 - 17:00	Closing of the Mission	

Day 4: Thursday, June 8, 2023 Subject: Continued Discussion on IPPG and IP Development Guideline - EFD/CIF/MDBs

Time	Activities / Issues to be Discussion	Responsible Organization
09:00-9:10	Recap on Discussion on IPPG and IP Development Guideline	• Facilitator
9:10 - 10:10	Continued Discussion: - Identification of the studies and consultancies needed for the preparation of the IP - Agree on timelines for IP preparation	• EFD/CIF/MDBs
10:10 - 12:00	Working on NPC documents to Prepare:	• EFD/CIF/MDBs

12:00 - 13:00	 Draft Template for requesting IPPG Draft ToRs for follow-up Joint Mission Lunch 	
13:00 – 14:00	 Identify the requirements and timelines for the consultation and endorsement of the IP Agree on the timelines and dates for quality assessment, internal and final submission of Ethiopia IP to the GCAP Sub-Committee. 	• CIF/MDBs
14:00 - 15:30	• Develop the terms of reference for the subsequent Joint mission.	• CIF/MDBs
15:30 - 16:30	• Refine inputs in the finalization of Aid-Memoire	• CIF/MDBs
16:30 - 17:00	Closing of the Mission	

Day 5: Friday, June 9, 2023

Subject: Continued Discussion on IPPG and IP Development Guideline - EFD/CIF/MDBs and one-on-one meetings with stakeholders

Time	Activities / Issues to be Discussion	Responsible Organization
09:00-9:10	Recap on Discussion on IPPG and IP Development Guideline	• Facilitator
9:10 - 12:00	Inputs for the Aid-Memoire One-on-one meeting with stakeholders, as needed.	EFD/CIF/MDBs
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 - 16:30	Refine inputs in the finalization of Aid-Memoire	CIF/MDBs
16:30 - 17:00	Closing of the Mission	

Annex 3: Ethiopia's Priorities/Components Submitted to the CIF

Component 1: Halting deforestation and forest/biodiversity degradation

The major activities of component 1 shall include:

- Promoting innovative Participatory Forest Management (PFM) and buffer zone establishment
- Piloting biosphere approach to protect critical ecosystems,
- Reconnecting chains of degraded forests and mountains using assisted natural regeneration schemes,
- Promoting afforestation and reforestation to minimize pressure on natural forests
- Promoting good governance and strengthening institutions managing forests and natural resources,
- Empowering local communities to plan and implement nature-based solutions, and,

Component 2: Integrated landscape and ecosystem services restoration

The major activities and targets include:

- Restore 32,000 ha degraded land by afforestation and reforestation (AR)
- Restore 250,000 ha of land by Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR),
- Establish 5,000 ha commercial forests
- Establish 200 ha urban forests and urban green areas.
- Establish climate smart agriculture zones such as through promoting commercial agroforestry at 10 climate vulnerable villages/watersheds.
- Recover 5,000 ha of land invaded by the invasive *Prosopis juliflora*,
- Develop two water points for drought prone communities, mainly in pastoral areas.

Component 3: Creating resilient communities and livelihoods

The major activities include, but not limited to

- Identify, pilot and promote 3 resilient alternative livelihood strategies.
- Develop value chains for 5 selected tree-based products (forest and non-forest, timber, gums and resins, species, honey, coffee, medicinal plant, fodder, fruits).
- Create 5,000 green jobs (nursery management, urban re-greening, value chain development and marketing, commercial forest development, small scale agribusinesses).
- Establish two community-based ecotourism sites (one in Dry Afromontane forests and one at pastoral areas).

Component 4: Building capacity and knowledge management system both at operational and strategic levels

This component focuses cross-cutting interventions that enable the effective planning and implementation of the previous three components and beyond. Some of the key activities include building capacity:

- Build capacity of the research and training system (skill, knowledge, practice, institution).
- Establish functioning knowledge management system (strong M&E and MRV system, databases, ICT).
- Establish community-level multi-stakeholders' platforms
- Establish Steering Committee that will give guidance to the implementation of the program.

Annex 4: List of Ethiopia's Strategic Climate Resilience Documents

- 1. Climate Resilient Green Economy strategy (the CRGE strategy) (2011)
- 2. Green Legacy Initiative (GLI) (2019)
- 3. The Ethiopian Strategic Investment Framework for Sustainable Land Managements –SLM: A path to the Great Green Wall initiatives, Climate Change adaptation and mitigation
- 4. National Potential and Priority Maps for Tree-Based Landscape Restoration Technical Report (Version 0.0)
- 5. National Forest Sector Development Program, Ethiopia, Volume II: Program Pillars, Action Areas and Targets
- 6. National REDD+ Strategy (First Draft) (2014)
- 7. National REDD+ strategy (2016 2030) (2018)
- 8. Evaluation of Wood and Bamboo Resources for the Development of Enterprise Opportunities, and Assessment of Options for Securing Land for Commercial Plantation Development in Amhara and Oromia (2021)
- 9. The contribution of forests to national income in Ethiopia and linkages with REDD+ (2016)
- 10. Ethiopia country food and agriculture delivery compact (Dakara II)
- 11. Ten Year Development Plan A Path to Prosperity (2021 2030)
- 12. Ethiopian National Drylands Restoration Strategy (2022)
- 13. National Adaptation Plan of Action (2007)
- Ethiopian Program of Adaptation on Climate Change and Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (2010)
- 15. Ethiopia country food and agriculture delivery compact (Dakara II)
- 16. Updated nationally determined contributions (NDC) (2021)
- 17. Third National Communications to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (2022)

Annex 5: Roles and Responsibilities (Government and MDBs)

1. The Government, through Ethiopian Forestry Development (EFD), shall retain the primary role of leading and ensuring the smooth conduct and maximum outputs from the IP preparation process. The EFD will be assisted by the team of MDBs (African Development Bank/AfDB, World Bank, and International Finance Corporation/IFC) to develop the national IP and subsequent programming, strengthen country ownership and mobilize co-financing and harmonize policy support. The role of MDBs will be to assist in preparatory work as requested by Government. The partnership of Government and MDBs shall generate the following outcomes:

- Identify government ministries, other development partners, and other key stakeholders who should participate in the Joint Mission; and
- Consolidate documentation available on existing and planned activities relevant to the NPC program.

2. As lead MDB, AfDB is expected to (i) provide overall oversight on the process of developing and submission of the IP for the GCAP Committee endorsement, (ii) facilitate the efficient collaboration among ll relevant parties for a high-quality and timely delivery of the IP, (iii) maintain effective communication with the country government, CIF Administrative Unit (AU), collaborating MDBs, and all other relevant stakeholders, (iv) ensure information sharing with the CIF AU and the GCAP Committee, (v) prior to missions, prepare ToRs, mission announcements letters for scoping and IP preparation missions; (vi) upon mission completion, prepare Joint MDB Aide Memoires, (vii) lead the resolution of any issues or conflicts, and provide necessary guidance to all stakeholders, and support in mobilization of co and additional financial resources to implement NBS.

3. As collaborating MDBs, the World Bank and IFC shall actively contribute and support the lead MDB in the above-mentioned roles and responsibilities. More specifically, the World Bank and IFC are expected to (i) support the preparation and participate in the scoping and IP preparation missions, (ii) support the development of MDB Aide Memoires (iii) support in mobilizing co-financing for program investments, (iv) support the identification of activities of other development partners that could contribute to the objectives of the NPC programme, (v) support in promoting complementarity with on-going projects and programmes, and (vi) in addition to co-financing provide support mobilizing more resources to implement NbS.

Annex 6: Terms of Reference for the MDB Joint Mission

1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

The Climate Investment Funds' Nature, People and Climate Investment Program (NPC) was conceived to promote and protect natural environments known to be integral in addressing climate change. Specifically, it aims to scale up nature-based solutions (NbS), sustain food supply, and build resilient coastal systems across the developing world. The NPC also aims to mobilize finance to empower Indigenous peoples and local communities to lead climate action. Ethiopia's submission of an Expression of Interest for NPC in August 2022 was selected by the CIF Global Climate Action Programs (GCAP) Sub-Committee in October 2022, together with those from eight other countries and alongside that for the Zambezi River Basin Regional Program covering Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, and Tanzania. The Sub-Committee also agreed that each selected country and the regional program could receive up to USD 500,000 as an Investment Plan Preparation Grant (IPPG) to enable them to take a leadership role in developing the IP. In December 2022, Ethiopia was subsequently invited to prepare an Investment Plan (IP) under the program with close collaboration of relevant multilateral development banks (MDBs), namely, the African Development Bank (AfDB), the International Finance Corporation (IFC), and the World Bank (WB). The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia nominated AfDB to act as lead MDB, on behalf of the joint MDB group, and facilitate collaborative efforts between MDBs and other stakeholders in supporting the IP preparation process for Ethiopia. The IP is supposed to be submitted to the GCAP Sub-Committee for endorsement within 18 months from the date NPC pilot countries were selected, that is, by April 2024.

2. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

The NPC Investment Program will tackle in an integrated manner, the multiple drivers and impacts of climate change resulting from human activities on land resources and ecosystems services. By working with MDBs as implementing agencies, fostering strategic partnerships, and deploying scaled-up and flexible concessional capital, the program aims to support multi-sectoral solutions, including the creation of enabling environment and direct investments for improved use of land, coastal and other natural resources. The general steps to launch the IP process for the NPC program includes scoping and MDB joint missions, use of approved IP preparation grants, IP development and finalization, as outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1.	Key	' Step	s in IP	^o Prepa	ration
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Step	Action
1	Expression of Interest submitted by Government
2	Selection of countries by GCAP Sub-Committee
3	MDB Scoping Mission at invitation of Government
4	IPPG (<i>if requested</i>) to be approved by MDB Committee
5	MDB Joint Mission(s)
6	Develop Investment Plan
7	Endorsement of Investment Plan by the GCAP Sub-Committee

The selected countries and regional program were invited by CIF to commence developing the IP, guided by the relevant MDBs, which will work with designated country focal points (either persons or institutions) serving as the main contacts during the development processes of the

IPs. Focal Point Persons have been designated within the EFD, Ministry of Finance and with whom several meetings were held with AfDB to prepare for the pre-scoping and scoping missions.

The Ethiopia's NPC IP preparation process has commenced, and the virtual Pre-Scoping meeting was held virtually on 18 April 2023 during which the following key areas were discussed:

- 1. Affirmations from the AfDB in terms of systems and structures put in place to support Ethiopia prepare its IP;
- 2. Suggested focus areas and developed a detailed programme for the Scoping mission;
- 3. Developed Terms of Reference for the Scoping Mission; and
- 4. Agreed to bring other MDBs (World Bank and International Finance Corporation) on board and solicit their active participation in subsequent planning activities.

MDB Scoping Mission

The scoping mission was held at the invitation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the MDBs (AfDB, World Bank and IFC) from 5 to 9 June 2023 and achieved the following:

- i. Assisted Government to plan and kickstart the initial consultative and planning processes for the Ethiopia NPC Investment Plan.
- ii. Affirmed the systems and structures to support Ethiopia prepare its Investment Plan.
- iii. Engaged with key line ministries development partners and stakeholders the Ethiopia's NPC and its possible alignment with their ongoing and planned operations.
- iv. Agreed on criteria and selection of target provinces and districts, target beneficiaries and components and indicative activities for support through the IP, which shall be based on the CIF criteria and climate vulnerability both in highlands and lowlands.
- v. Agreed to harmonise the parallel preparation of the national with the regional NPC programme.
- vi. Identified the list of policy and strategic documents required to prepare the IP.
- vii. Agreed to pursue dialogue with other relevant bilateral and multilateral partners on collaboration, alignments and mobilisation of co-financing for the investment projects arising from the IP.
- viii. Agreed on timelines for the consultation and endorsement of IP by relevant national stakeholders, including workplan, budget for the preparation of the IP and the need to access the CIF project preparation grant.
- ix. Agreed on timeframe for submission of a gender-responsive and socially inclusive national IP, in line with CIF NPC IP format.
- x. Developed Terms of Reference and agreed on timing for the Joint Mission.

3. <u>SCOPE OF WORK</u>

The following activities shall be undertaken during the Joint Mission to assist with the development of the IP and subsequent programming, strengthen country ownership and mobilize co-financing & harmonize policy support:

- i. Consolidate documentation available on existing and planned activities relevant to the NPC program that could be done before the joint mission.
- ii. Agree with the government on the key priority interventions to be supported by the NPC resources.
- iii. Discuss financing needs and each MDB's level of commitment and indicative investment projects to be covered under the IP.

- iv. Dialogue with other key development partners, bilateral and multilateral and UN agencies on possible collaboration and co-financing of the IP.
- v. Engage private sector players on their requirements for possible participation in the financing and implementation of the IP.
- vi. Engage civil society organizations, youth organizations, and other key stakeholders and indicate their needs and requirements to participate in the IP.
- vii. Reach final consensus on the scope, scale and final selection of target zones, districts and areas for project interventions.
- viii. Identify the need and develop Terms of Reference for technical assistance needs to prepare key compliance documentations for the IP.
- ix. Agree on the schedule of any other follow up MDB Joint Mission(s).

Joint Mission Composition

The Joint Mission shall be organized in collaboration with the three relevant MDBs, i.e., AfDB, World Bank, IFC, and the CIF Administrative Unit, working closely with a Government constituted team of technical experts.

Joint Mission Schedule

Two joint missions are scheduled, one during the diagnostics analysis and the finalization and the draft IP and presentation.

Joint Mission Budget

The Government shall mobilise and provide a budget to facilitate the Joint Mission activities. These funds will be reimbursed from the IPPG. The MDBs shall finance themselves.

Reporting and Joint Mission Outputs

The Joint Mission shall ensure that the final IP includes:

- Multi-year proposal with programmatic goals responding to existing country sector strategies.
- Proposed uses for CIF resources and proposed activities of other Development Partners that contribute to achieving Government-owned goals.
- Concept briefs for proposed investments and requests.
- The IP shall be in line with CIF AU Gender Policy, gender analysis, activities, Just Transition (Social inclusion) and indicators should be included in the plan.
- Adopts the CIF guideline

A suggested structure for the IP is in Annex 8, below, as extracted from the CIF NPC Investment Plan Preparation Guidelines.

Particular attention shall be paid to the Dedicated Grand Mechanism (DGM) as CIF's concerted effort to provide a greater voice and role to Indigenous People and Local Communities (IPLCs) in the management of natural resources.

An **Aide Memoire** will be drafted and signed based on key agreements and timelines reached between the MDBs and Government. The signed AM will be posted on CIF website.

Annex 7: Indicative NPC IP Budget Preparation Items for Consideration⁶

Items	Comments	Timeline for Execution
1. CONSULTANCIES ⁷		
Landscape Management Diagnosis Assessment / Stocktaking Assessment	Consultancy	August – December 2023
Characterization and Mapping of the Most Vulnerable Communities ⁸	Consultancy	August – December 2023
Development of an Integrated NbS Investment Plan		August – December 2023
Private Sector Engagement Analysis	Consultancy	August – December 2023
Gender Mainstreaming Analysis	Consultancy	August – December 2023
Sub-total Consultancies		
2. WORKSHOP AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION		
Regional, district and community level consultation during the diagnostics and stocktaking assessment study in selected regions	Selected vulnerable communities	August 2023
Stakeholder consultation to discuss and validate priority projects, gaps and provide guidance on the development of the IP based on diagnostics analysis / stocktaking assessment results	One national workshop	September 2023
First MDB Joint Mission to discuss the outcome of the diagnostics analysis	At least a visit to 1 district in target area	11-15 December, 2023
Consultations with stakeholders in three potential project areas	At least in 2 workshops in target areas	January 2024
Validation national workshop (after the submission of the IP report)	01 national validation workshop	19 th – 26 th February, 2024
Second MDB Joint Missions	To participate at the validation workshop and provide guidance	4 th – 8 th March, 2024
Admin/operational costs	EFD admin costs	August 2023 – April 2024
IP steering committee meetings	Monthly meetings	August 2023 – April 2024
Sub-total operational costs		

⁶ Detailed budget breakdown shall be prepared in the IPPG document.

⁷ Detailed TOR shall be developed that include expertise in landscape management, livelihood, gender, private sector, forestry, agriculture, and climate change adaptation. The MDBs shall develop ToRs in their respective field of expertise for the successful development of the NbS IP. It should be noted that the experts of the consultancy/consultants demonstrate their capability to undertake diagnostics analysis, theory of change, integrated results framework, just transition and an undertaking in investment plan oriented bankable project development, among others.

⁸ This studies shall include preliminary livelihood diversification, capacity building and other components, as needed.

Annex 8: Proposed Structure of the IP (based on the CIF Guidelines)

I. Proposal Summary (2 pages)

- Objectives
- Expected outcomes
- Program criteria, priorities, and budget

II. Country Context (3-4 pages)

- Current state of environmentally sustainability in forest, agriculture land and coastal management, as relevant
- Assessment of sensitivity to climate change and its impacts of the natural resources base and communities most closely associated with it.
- Summary of national and international climate strategies and plans, including status of Nationally Determined Contributions, National Adaptation Plans, SDG-related plans, and other institutional and/or policy frameworks of relevance
- Gap/Barrier analysis, needs assessment

III. Nature-based Solutions Context (3-4 pages)

• Overview of country efforts to engage NbS in landscape-level planning and management to i) avoid GHG emissions stemming from the changing use of land and erosion of natural resources and systems; ii) build the climate-resilience of lands and communities; and iii) support livelihoods of rural communities and indigenous peoples, empowerment of women, and the management of biodiversity.

• Analysis of the gaps in access to resources, services and markets that women and men face in the context of NbS

• Institutional framework and capacity supportive of NbS, including national green growth plans or policies, jurisdictional approaches, relevant laws, policies, ministries or state agencies, regulations, or standards

• Role of private sector, innovation, and leverage of resources

• Any complementary activities coordinated with other development partners

IV. Program Description (5-6 pages)

Clear and concise overview of proposed interventions to protect, sustainably manage, and restore forest/agricultural and coastal ecosystems (as relevant) and strengthen resilience, including how they will complement each other and lead to integrated landscape management
Investment preparation activities, including technical assistance/capacity building and advisory services

• Types of innovative NbS models, and/or systems level approaches and operation enhancement activities (examples listed in NPC Design Document) that will be deployed to generate mitigation, resilience strengthening, social and biodiversity outcomes

Activities designed to address gender gaps identified in the analysis

V. Financing Plan and Instruments (3-4 pages)

• Requested budget envelope for investments

- Costs and sources of funding
- Types of financing to be requested (grant, concessional debt, etc.)
- Recipients of funding
- Anticipated co-financing

VI. Additional Development Activities (1-2 pages)

• Parallel activities to be funded by other development partners (e.g. private sector, bilateral financiers, NGOs, IGOs etc.) and how these activities will be complementary

VII. Implementation Potential with Risk Assessment (2-3 pages)

- Country/regional risks institutional, technology, environmental, social, financial
- Absorptive capacity for NPC Program and associated investments

VIII. Monitoring and Evaluation (2-3 pages)

- Whole of analysis (see NPC Integrated Results Framework document)
- Anticipated program-level impacts
- Integrated results framework table

• Proposed approaches for tracking and evaluating transformational change, just transition, and inclusivity aspects of IP

Annexes - Information should be included in annexes on the following areas:

- Assessment of country's absorptive capacity for integration activities
- Stakeholder consultations
- Development co-benefits
- Existing activities around nature-based solutions for climate mitigation and resilience strengthening of lands and communities, particularly activities of other development partners For each Investment Plan component, an investment concept brief (maximum two pages) should be provided that includes:
- Problem statement (1-2 paragraphs)
- Proposed contribution to initiating transformation (1-2 paragraphs)
- Implementation readiness (1-2 paragrphs)
- Rationale for NPC financing (1-2 paragraphs)
- Results indicators, including indicators that will be disaggregated by gender or directly
- measure the impact of activities targeting gender gaps
- Financing plan, including financial instruments
- Project preparation timetable
- Requests, if any, for investment preparation funding.

Annex 9: CIF's NbS Climate Investment Criteria

CIF's climate investment financing criteria, as indicated in the Climate Investment Fund's NATURE PEOPLE & CLIMATE PROGRAM⁹.

- a) Potential for transformational change
 - Relevance (strategic alignment)
 - Systemic change
 - Speed to achieve the outcomes
 - Scale
 - Adaptive sustainability
- b) Potential to enhance resilience to climate risks contributes to loweremission and climate resilient development
- c) Potential to significantly contribute to the principles of a just transition towards lower-emission and climate resilient development
- d) Financial effectiveness
 - Value for Money
 - Mobilization Potential
- e) Implementation potential
- f) Gender equality and social inclusion impact
- g) Development impact potential

⁹ <u>https://www.cif.org/nature-people-climate-program</u>