CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Prosperous farmers, resilient ecosystems, self-reliant communities

A fund invests in transformative, high-impact projects that empower smallholder farmers and strengthen the communities they support. Its objective is to combine commercial success, environmental regeneration, and social inclusion. by enabling farmers to access high value markets, adopt climate-friendly practices, create local value and protect biodiversity.

The Fund envisions value chains where technology empowers individuals, where SMEs thrive, and where the prosperity they generate benefits smallholder farmers, workers, and their communities equitably. The growth of local businesses should be accompanied by improved incomes, dignity, and resilience for those who cultivate the land and protect our shared ecosystems.

The fund accepts funding requests from its 101 member countries.

Who should apply?

The Fund invites SMEs, cooperatives, social enterprises, NGOs, and public or private sector entities established or operating in one of the 101 countries to submit applications for projects aimed at improving the livelihoods of smallholder farmers and fostering inclusive local development. Projects must be financially viable, and applicants must demonstrate at least three years of activity, showing relevant experience and skills.

Domain's priorities general:

- Trade finance for businesses - Connecting smallholder farmers to global markets.
- Regenerative agriculture and protection of biodiversity.
- Local valorization with low environmental impact.
- Agtech and digital tools for inclusive, sustainable and transparent value chains.
- Improve access to finance for smallholder farmers.
- Women's entrepreneurship and business solutions from a gender perspective.

The Fund particularly encourages applications for:

- Projects focused on the sustainable use and conservation of forest resources in the Congo Basin region (Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and Republic of Congo).
- Funding proposals originating from or relating to least developed countries (LDCs), landlocked developing countries (LDDCs) and small island developing countries (SIDCs) are given priority.

The maximum amount is **US$2 million** for standard projects and **US$300,000** under the accelerated procedure.t

Deadline: October 1, 2026.

Building value chains that respect and support smallholder farmers, increase local incomes, restore land, strengthen communities and make biodiversity a source of shared value.

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