



Proposal readiness and quality assurance criteria

A. Climate Rationale and Problem Definition

- ☐ Is the climate problem clearly defined and supported by data?
- ☐ Are observed and projected climate trends clearly presented?
- ☐ Is there a clear link between climate risks and sector impacts?
- ☐ Does the proposal demonstrate why intervention is needed now?

B. Theory of Change and Results Logic

- ☐ Is there a clear Theory of Change linking problem → solution → results?
- ☐ Are outputs, outcomes, and impact logically connected?
- ☐ Are assumptions clearly identified and realistic?
- ☐ Are key barriers addressed within the project design?

C. Results Framework (Logframe, MEL, MRV)

- ☐ Are outputs and outcomes clearly defined?
- ☐ Are indicators specific, measurable, and relevant?
- ☐ Are baselines and targets defined or planned?
- ☐ Is there a clear MEL system for tracking progress?
- ☐ Are climate results (adaptation/mitigation) measurable





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D. Financial Structure and Budget

- ☐ Is the budget complete, realistic, and linked to activities?
- ☐ Are major cost drivers justified?
- ☐ Is co-financing clearly defined (amount, source, type)?
- ☐ Is the financial structure appropriate (grants, loans, blended finance)?
- ☐ Does the proposal demonstrate value for money?

E. Business Model and Private Sector Engagement (if applicable)

- ☐ Are there clearly defined investable components?
- ☐ Is there a viable business model (who pays, how revenue flows)?
- ☐ Are private sector roles and incentives clearly defined?
- ☐ Is public finance used strategically to de-risk and enable investment?
- ☐ Is there potential for scale or replication?





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F. Institutional and Implementation Readiness

- ☐ Are roles and responsibilities clearly defined?
- ☐ Are implementing entities identified and capable?
- ☐ Is there evidence of stakeholder engagement and buy-in?
- ☐ Are implementation arrangements realistic and feasible?

G. Risk Assessment and Safeguards

- ☐ Are key risks (technical, financial, institutional) identified?
- ☐ Are mitigation measures clearly defined and practical?
- ☐ Are environmental and social safeguards integrated into design?
- ☐ Is there a mechanism for monitoring and managing risks?





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H. Gender and Social Inclusion

- ☐ Is a gender assessment conducted and reflected in design?
- ☐ Are barriers to participation identified and addressed?
- ☐ Are activities and outputs inclusive and accessible?
- ☐ Are gender-responsive indicators included?

I. Alignment with Fund Requirements

- ☐ Does the proposal clearly respond to fund investment criteria?
- ☐ Is the structure aligned with the fund's template?
- ☐ Are all required sections and annexes included?
- ☐ Is alignment with national priorities clearly demonstrated?





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J. Overall Coherence and Quality

- ☐ Is the proposal internally consistent across all sections?
- ☐ Is the narrative clear, concise, and easy to follow?
- ☐ Are all claims supported by evidence or data?
- ☐ Are there no major gaps or unresolved components?

Final Decision Check

- ☐ Is the project ready for submission, or does it require refinement?

