

Briefing Note Four¹

FinDev Canada Climate-Related Projects (January 2024)

A. Profile of Climate Projects

As of July 2022, FinDev is implementing 14 climate-focused projects. An additional 11 project were considered to be significant purpose climate finance (one climate finance objective).

FinDev reports project commitments in US dollars. The total for climate related investments is Cdn\$402.6 million (US exchange rate is \$1.28 for projects up to August 2021 and \$1.25 for projects to the present).

FinDev Canada has a total portfolio of approximately Cdn\$1,044 million (US\$835 million), with climate projects making up 38%.

Principal Purpose:	\$344.9 million (86%)
Significant Purpose:	\$ 57.8million (14%) (@ 30% of project total commitment)
Total (June 2022):	\$402.6 million
Adaptation:	\$111.5 million (28%)
Mitigation:	\$291.1 million (72%)
Africa	\$114.5 million (28%)
Americas	\$239.4 million (60%)
Global	\$ 48.8 million (12%)
Renewable Energy	\$180.0 million (45%)
SMEs	\$ 18.5 million (5%)
Agriculture	\$107.4 million (26%)
Agroforestry	\$ 25.0 million (6%)
Energy Efficiency	\$ 23.7 million (6%)
Unknown	\$ 48.0 million (12%)

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B. Project Details

1. Principal Purpose Climate Projects

Project objectives focused on climate purposes

FinDev projects are reported in US dollars.

See <https://www.findevcanada.ca/en/what-we-do/our-portfolio> and <https://www.findevcanada.ca/en/what-guides-us/transparency-policy-and-approach>

Millions of Canadian dollars. US dollars are converted at the rate of Cdn\$1.28 up to August 2021 and Cdn\$1.25 for projects after August 2021.

A. Global Projects

Country / Region	Partner / Sector	Description	Commitment (Millions of Cdn \$)
Global Mitigation	Climate Investor One Renewable Energy	An investment facility with the Dutch Development Bank which will focus on renewable energy projects in emerging markets across Africa, Asia and Latin America (solar, wind, geo-thermal, energy from waste), with at least 70% of investments in low-income or lower-middle income countries.	\$24.4M
Global Mitigation	JCM Power Renewable Energy	Support renewable energy projects in Sub Saharan Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. JCM Power plans to develop 10-12 utility-scale renewable projects focusing on solar and wind energy and 1-2 HVDC transmission projects over the next 5 years.	\$24.4M

B. Americas

Country / Region	Partner / Sector	Description	Commitment (Millions of Cdn \$)
Americas Region Mitigation	CIFI (Corporación Interamericana para el Financiamiento de Infraestructura, S.A.) Renewable Energy	Investment in renewable energy projects across Latin America and the Caribbean, specifically building new solar, wind & biomass energy facilities.	\$19.2M

Americas Regional Mitigation / Adaptation	EcoEnterprises III Agriculture	EcoEnterprises Partners III, LP, is an investment fund that targets environmental and social impacts by investing in sustainable business models. It provides loans and equity investments for mainly locally owned and led SMEs in the agriculture, agroforestry, and ecotourism sectors in Colombia, Peru, Costa Rica, Mexico, Nicaragua and Bolivia Encouraging sustainable land management practices: The Fund explicitly targets biodiversity-based SMEs operating (in some cases) in areas of high biological diversity. The Fund's portfolio companies are expected contribute to maintaining or transitioning ~2.5 M hectares of land to sustainable management approaches, including those recommended by international sustainability certifications.	\$16.0M
Ecuador Mitigation	Produbanco SMEs	The third-largest bank in Ecuador, Produbanco targets its financing to SMEs and green loans, contributing to employment growth, sustainable development, and climate change mitigation	\$12.8M
Colombia Mitigation 75% Adaptation 25%	Banco de Bogota SA Renewable Energy - 33% Agriculture - 33% Energy Efficiency -33%	FinDev Canada is joining IDB Invest, International Finance Corporation and Finance in Motion to subscribe to a USD 230 million sustainable bond issued by Banco de Bogotá. This bond issuance will enable Banco de Bogotá to grow its climate finance portfolio to counter the increasing impacts of climate change by investing in green buildings, renewable energy, waste and water management, sustainable agriculture, and energy efficiency projects.	\$62.5
Argentina Mitigation	Genneia S.A. Renewable Energy	FinDev Canada is providing a loan to Genneia, an independent power producer based in Argentina for solar and wind energy	\$50.0
Dominican Republic Mitigation	Maranatha Energy Investments SRL Renewable Energy	The investment will increase the production of renewable energy in the Dominican Republic. The Maranatha project will increase the supply of clean energy to the East grid of the country, contributing to the decrease of fossil fuel use and imports.	\$12.75
Ecuador Adaptation	Banco Bolivariano CA Agriculture / Fisheries	FinDev Canada is joining IDB Invest in an US\$80 million commitment to Banco Bolivariano, Ecuador's fifth-largest bank, to support the launch of the region's second private sector blue bond, which will finance sustainable business practices contributing to the preservation of the oceans. Projects eligible under this Bond include sustainable seafood production; water and wastewater management; and solid waste management and circular economy.	\$50.0

C. Africa

Country / Region	Partner / Sector	Description	Commitment (millions of Cdn \$)
Kenya Mitigation	M-KOPA Renewable Energy	A supplier of "pay-as-you-go" ("PAYG") off-grid solar home systems and consumer products for low-income households that have historically relied on kerosene and other traditional fuels.	\$12.8M
Sub-Saharan Africa Mitigation	Africa Forestry Fund II (AIF II) Agroforestry	A growth equity fund focused on acquiring and developing environmentally-friendly forestry value chain assets across Sub-Saharan Africa. FinDev Canada's investment will contribute to significant CO2 sequestration, both through the natural carbon capture from trees and the replacement of fossil fuels with biomass and steam energy.	\$9.6M
Ghana / Sierra Leone Mitigation	MIRO Forestry Agroforestry	Miro Forestry is a West African leading integrated forestry and timber enterprise. Miro operates over 17,000 hectares of sustainable plantations in Ghana and Sierra Leone, planting a mix of fast-growing trees and processing the wood flow into products including sawn timber, utility poles, plywood, and energy biomass from fast-growing, high-yield, FSC-certified trees for both local and international markets.	\$15.4M
Sub-Saharan Africa Mitigation	Energy Enterprises Growth Fund Renewable Energy	EEGF is an innovative investment fund that provides financing to early and growth stage companies operating in the access to energy ecosystem in Sub Saharan Africa. EEGF invests in companies in Sub Saharan Africa offering renewable energy (typically, solar powered) solutions to meet the electricity needs of households and businesses. This contributes to climate change mitigation by helping to displace fossil fuel-based energy sources, such as diesel or kerosene.	\$10
Eastern and Southern Africa Mitigation / Adaptation	Trade and Development Bank Unknown	Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank (TDB) is a multilateral, treaty-based, investment-grade development finance institution, with a special mandate to benefit its member states, the majority of which are low-income countries. TDB is the financial arm of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa. The funding will help to support inter- and intra-regional trade in the region that TDB serves, strengthen micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), and help finance climate change adaptation and mitigation initiatives aiming to enhance energy security and access to clean electricity, job creation, and reduced greenhouse gas (GHG)	\$25.0

		emissions – in line with the Paris Agreement, SDGs and Agenda 2063.	
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2. Significant Purpose Projects

Climate objectives one among other project objectives.

Climate Budget Commitment at 30% of Project Budget

Country / Region	Partner / Sector	Description	Commitment (Millions of Cdn \$)
Sub-Saharan Africa Adaptation	Phatisa Food Fund 2 Agriculture	PFF 2 PARALLEL LLC (PFF 2 Parallel LLC ou PFF 2) is a pan-African private equity fund seeking to service the African consumer, around a mandate to “feed Africa” with the expansion of local food production and distribution. PFF 2 will contribute to food security in Sub-Saharan Africa by making responsible investments across the African food value chain. The Fund will invest in companies that deploy climate-smart agricultural solutions such as drip-irrigation, high-yield seeds, drought resistant crops, GPS satellite navigation, precision agriculture, zero- or low-tillage farming, water and energy management systems, intercropping and soil fertility.	Included at 30% of \$12.5 \$3.75
Sub-Saharan Africa Adaptation	Export Trade Group Agriculture	Export Trading Group (“ETG”), the parent company of AGRI Commodities & Finance FZE FZLLC (“ACF”), manages a vertically integrated agriculture supply chain including origination, procurement, processing, warehousing, transport, distribution and merchandising across more than 50 countries, centered around Sub-Saharan Africa. ETG has a team of agronomists in SSA who advise farmers on climate-smart agricultural and irrigation practices, thereby improving the use of agricultural inputs and water during the cropping cycle	Included at 30% of \$31.3 \$9.4

<p>Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Dominican Republic, and Colombia</p> <p>Mitigation</p>	<p>CASEIF IV</p> <p>Energy Efficiency</p>	<p>CASEIF IV LP (the “Fund” or “CASEIF IV”) is a regional private equity fund managed by LAFISE Investment Management Ltd. (“LIM”), a team fully represented by national staff from the region. The Fund will provide growth capital and structured financing to expansion-stage companies in Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Dominican Republic, and Colombia. LIM’s experts will support portfolio companies with the measurement of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) following international standards, and with the implementation of GHG reduction measures, such as energy efficiency solutions</p>	<p>Included at 30% of \$10.</p> <p>\$3</p>
<p>South Africa</p> <p>Mitigation</p>	<p>First Rand</p> <p>SMEs</p>	<p>FirstRand Bank is one of the five largest banks in South Africa and it offers products and services that support thousands of SMEs, women clients and green infrastructure. Contribute to the transition to a low-carbon economy: FirstRand Bank has made investments to mitigate the impact of climate change by supporting companies bidding for renewable energy projects.</p>	<p>Included at 30% of \$25</p> <p>\$7.5</p>
<p>Costa Rica and Central America</p> <p>Mitigation / Adaptation</p>	<p>Promerica Costa Rica</p> <p>SMEs</p>	<p>Promerica Costa Rica, part of the Promerica Financial Network, is a pioneer and leader in green credit and sustainable development financing in Costa Rica. The bank supports its clients through a wide range of financial services, benefiting the productive sector through its broad portfolio of small and medium sized enterprises (“SMEs”) and women-owned or led SMEs (“WSMEs”).</p>	<p>Included at 30% of \$18.8</p> <p>\$5.6</p>
<p>Latin America and Caribbean</p> <p>Mitigation / Adaptation</p>	<p>Latin America Agribusiness Development Corporation</p> <p>Agriculture / SMEs</p>	<p>Latin American Agribusiness Development Corporation S.A. (LAAD) is a private investment and development company whose mission is to finance small and medium-size agribusiness projects. FinDev Canada is contributing to a loan facility of USD 72 million syndicated by FMO, the Dutch entrepreneurial development bank, to help expand agricultural financing to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in over 15 countries across most of rural Latin America and the Caribbean. LAAD supports agribusinesses in adapting to climate change, leveraging its internal know-how and financing climate adaptation projects such as drip irrigation, drought resistant seeds and high-yield seeds. LAAD encourages sustainable agricultural operations and supports clients in obtaining standards or certification, such as the Rain Forest Alliance, Fair Trade, Organic and UTZ.</p>	<p>Included at 30% of \$25</p> <p>\$7.5</p>

<p>Sub-Saharan Africa</p> <p>Mitigation</p>	<p>Africa Infrastructure Investment Fund for Partnership</p> <p>Renewable Energy</p>	<p>The Fund targets investments behind three key themes: digital infrastructure, energy transition and mobility & logistics across sub-Saharan Africa.</p>	<p>Included at 30% of \$32.5</p> <p>\$9.75</p>
<p>Sub-Saharan Africa</p> <p>Mitigation and Adaptation</p>	<p>Adenia Capital V</p> <p>Unknown</p>	<p>Adenia Capital (V) L.P. (the "Fund" or "Adenia V") is a Pan-African private equity fund which will provide financing and professional support for the inclusive and sustainable growth of African mid-cap businesses. Adenia will support each portfolio company in reducing its carbon intensity and vulnerability to climate change through the implementation of climate mitigation and adaptation strategies</p>	<p>Included at 30% of \$37.5</p> <p>\$11.25</p>