

FAMILY FARMERS RESILIENCY AND EMPOWERMENT FINANCE

IN RESPONSE TO...

- Continued exclusion of family farmers and their organizations in the design, implementation, and governance of climate finance facilities;
- Limited finance actually reaching family farmers organisations and their members for delivering the grassroot solutions that address climate change challenges (0.3% of climate finance reaches family farmers);
- Barriers that prevent farmers and their organisations accessing finance;
- Complexities of process and lengthy time frame for project submissions through to implementation.

NATURE OF THE FUND

A direct access funding mechanism that pools existing and new finance from a range of public, private and philanthropic sources.

It will be initiated and managed by family farmers organisations themselves and based on their institutional anchoring and political and technical capacity, for the development of diversified and resilient food systems.

A permanent mechanism, housed by a recognised body, that delivers efficient, resilient and sustainable finance to farmers organisations at the scale needed.

GOVERNANCE

- **Self-managed by the farmers organisations** themselves (financially, technically, decision making), whilst exploring options of appropriate fiscal structure and support (fund manager).
- Governance mechanisms based on the **ownership and leadership of FOs** to ensure their active and effective participation in the identification of priorities, the allocation of resources, and the planning and evaluation processes.
- Supported by **simple, quick, less costly, yet credible procedures** for accessing funds and reporting on expenditures and delivery.



KEY ELEMENTS

- **Geographic, regional and/or potential national envelopes** (Africa, Asia, Pacific, Latin America, Caribbean, etc)
- **Thematic and sectoral envelopes supporting multi-sector and multi-stakeholder initiatives in rural areas** (agroecology; youth, women, pastoralists, fishers, forest food gatherers, Indigenous communities, etc) such as:
 - prioritising territories and populations that are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change;
 - the scalability of sustainable, fair and resilient production systems that mitigate the impacts of climate change, such as agroecology, agroforestry, etc.;
 - training and technical assistance for the transition to sustainable, fair just and resilient production systems;
 - disseminating and multiplying successful experiences of adaptation and resilience to climate change through family farming;
 - the promotion of the design and implementation of specific public policies and programmes, and
 - farmer-led platforms for dialogues with policy makers and technical experts at various government levels to enhance the successful experiences of adaptation, with coherent policies in place.
- **Non-grant finance to unlock other climate finances held by accredited financial institutions**, aimed at leveraging complementing and de-risking national and global finance public and private finance streams.
- **Grant for catalytic / non-income generating initiatives** e.g., policy advocacy, representation, organizing, capacity strengthening.
- A **range of donor funding mechanisms** such as, donor grants (replenishment), or potential long-term donor concessional financing, generating income by itself, such as endowment funds.

RATIONALE

- The idea of such a dedicated fund is based on **family farmer organisation's legitimacy, territorial roots and proven capacity** to manage and provide finance and other services to their members.
- Providing direct finance not only builds their capacity as the local agent for delivering catalytic local solutions to global challenges, but **ensures local ownership and enhances empowerment needed for a just transition**, whilst building biodiverse and climate resilient farming systems.
- It is a proven cost effective and efficient way of ensuring climate solutions are locally co-designed and co-developed by those who know best on-the-ground realities.
- **As farmer-led and farmer-driven organisations collaboration and decision-making processes** are at the heart of their structures and delivery mechanisms.



FUND DESIGN

Organised and facilitated between farmers organisations and decisions based on consensus.

Knowledge exchange with IPLCs to bring in local experiences and expertise from other direct funds to help build key elements of fund concept for wider consultations, whilst highlighting value and cost effectiveness of direct financing.

Regional and global consultations to answer governance (a farmer majority board), hosting organisation (flexible and responsive to working with FO set parameters), distribution systems, aims of the fund (programmatic framing), and how to respond to regional contexts.

Build partnerships with potential “fund managers” linked to donor collaboration and feedback from the FOs – to further understand options as to where the fund may be best placed to be housed.

WHO WE ARE

An alliance between the Asian Farmers Association for sustainable rural development (**AFA**), Confederation of Family Farmers' Organizations represents family farmers, peasants, and Indigenous Peoples in Mercosur (**COPROFAM**), Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (**EAFF**), Eastern and Southern Africa Small-Scale Farmers Forum (**ESAFF**), Pacific Farmer Organisations (**PIFO**),

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Pan African Farmers Organisations (**PAFO**), Regional Platform of Farmers' Organizations in Central Africa (**PROPAC**), Network of Peasant and Producers' Organizations in West Africa (**ROPPA**), Maghreb and North African Farmers Union (**UMNAGRI**), Intercontinental Network of Organic Farmer Organisations (**INOFO**), and the World Rural Forum (**WRF**) representing all together more than 95 million family farmers.



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