Plan to Accelerate
Access to Finance for Agrifood Systems Transformation

Axis: 3. Transforming Agriculture and Food Systems
Key objective: 9. More resilient, adaptive, and sustainable food systems
Solution: Access to Finance for Agrifood Systems Transformation as main climate solution

Host initiative:FAST Partnership
Scope: [Addressed scope, such as specific technologies and geographic/sectoral focus, if any.]

- Geographic: Global
- Sectoral: Agrifood systems, Climate finance
- Other aspects: climate change adaptation and resilience
- **Stakeholders:** Farmers, herders, forest dependant communities, Indigenous Peoples, women, youth, national governments, MDBs, agricultural public development banks (AgriPDBs), farmer organizations, and civil society and all small-scale food actors on the frontline of climate change.
- **Principles:**
    - Empower farmers and food value chain actors and their organizations, as equal and leading partners in the design, implementation, and monitoring of climate finance across agrifood systems.
    - Strengthen national and regional capacities to access and manage finance aligned with NDCs and NAPs.
    - Build systemic linkages between global financial institutions and local delivery channels to ensure resources reach those agriculture and food actors most in need and most at risk.

- **Partners:** Harmoniya Initiative, Resilient Agriculture Investment for Net-Zero Land Degradation (RAIZ), I-CAN, 4x1000 Initiative, CGIAR, YPARD, Ban Ki-moon Centre, AgriPDB Platform, SAFIN Network, World Bank, African Development Bank, EDF, Adaptation of African Agriculture Initiative (AAA),PLACA, League of Arab States, WRF, WFO, Sharm-El-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda (SAA), and The Global Network against Food Crisis.

Levers assessment: *(each lever is described in the guidance document)*

- **Risk-informed decision-making:** High maturity

  - *Rationale:* Comprehensive risk management, including all risks and impacts (with losses and damages) from climate change driving increase of extreme weather and slow onset events, is at the core of resilient, adapted and sustainable agrifood systems. Risk analysis tools exist but are not systematically integrated into agrifood finance. FAST promotes use of open-access tools (e.g. ABC-Map, NDC Toolbox) for the assessment of climate policies and projects related to climate, biodiversity, and carbon risk, as well as comprehensive analysis of Policy documents (NDCs, NAPs) and a continuous analysis of climate-related development finance. Specific Initiatives like RAIZ promote high-level risk analysis on land degradation, and partners such as CGIAR, provide sound technical and scientific rigour.
- **Technology shifts:** Medium maturity
  - *Rationale:* Digital solutions and platforms are advancing but need scaling especially in remote locations to reach those frontline actors. FAST's Initiatives Mapping and Climate Finance Opportunities Mapping digital tools improve transparency, planning, and coordination of finance.FAST also promotes the uptake of tolls to support the development of strong bankable projects such as the ABC Map and NEXT tools.Working with partners such as CGIAR, and national institutions, FAST supports access to technologies through finance facilitation and capacity-building. The FAO–UNFCCC 2024 report on Climate Technologies for Agrifood Systems Transformation highlights the importance of locally adapted technologies and stronger enabling environments—areas where FAST contributes by promoting innovation, knowledge sharing, and investment alignment.
- **Knowledge & Capacity building:** Medium maturity
  - *Rationale:* Knowledge and capacity building is one of the key pillars of the FAST and the heart of accelerating agrifood systems transformation. Leveraging regional platforms such as PLACA, League of Arab States, AAA Initiative, FAST and its Members foster capacity building efforts at different geographical scales. Through the contributions of initiatives such as YPARD, Ban Ki-moon Centre, and I-CAN the solution benefits from contributions from youth and nutrition-focused perspectives, expanding its reach and integrating knowledge exchange across regions on linking food production to consumption for more resilient and adapted agrifood systems. Collaboration with WRF and WFO will ensure the knowledge products are available directly to farmers and farmers organizations as well as other food actors. FAST offers an established platform to move and scale climate and food knowledge and good practices forward.
- **Inclusive decision-making governance & design:** Medium maturity
  - *Rationale:* The FAST Partnership offers a strong established Partnership with strong governance that follows a farmer-food centric principle, with organizations such as the World Farmers' Organization, World Rural Forum, and YPARD ensuring that local priorities inform global dialogues and finance adaptation solutions. This plan to accelerate such solution would leverage the

mutli-stakeeholders, participatory and highly consultative processes established by the FAST Partnership and combine the SAA Agrifood Systems Task Force narrative and annual tracking progress.

- **Standards & Taxonomies:** Low maturity
  - *Rationale:* FAST contributes to developing harmonized frameworks for agrifood climate finance tracking, aligned with OECD-DAC and UNFCCC systems. In collaboration with the Agri PDB Platform, SAFIN Network, and technical partners like CGIAR, it supports common definitions and metrics for adaptation, mitigation, and biodiversity co-benefits. Links with initiatives such as RAIZ and 4 per 1000 further advance shared indicators for soil health, carbon storage, and resilience measurement.
- **Supply:** Medium maturity
  - *Rationale:* The supply of climate finance for agrifood systems is expanding but remains unevenly distributed. Finance in fragile and conflict affected or food crisis situations is particularly low. FAST connects multilateral development banks (MDBs) and agricultural public development banks (AgriPDBs) through structured dialogues and capacity-building to strengthen finance pipelines. Collaboration with SAFIN Network and Environment Defence Fund enhances coordination among development finance institutions to better align investments with smallholder and food actor needs.
- **Demand:** High maturity
  - *Rationale:* Demand for climate finance from countries, farmers, food actors and local organizations continues to rise, as highlighted in the FAO/ CPI report on Triple Gaps. The FAST will continue support analysis to identify and aggregate these demands into scalable pipelines, building on regional platforms and especially for most vulnerable and impacted countries.
- **Public/private finance:** Medium maturity
  - *Rationale:* FAST promotes innovative blended finance mechanisms that de-risk investments and mobilize private capital for agrifood transformation. Collaboration with the AgriPDB Platform, SAFIN, and MDBs supports the design of instruments suited to local realities. These efforts are complemented by RAIZ, which pilots incentive models linking land restoration, adaptation, and finance delivery.
- **Partnerships and collaboration:** High maturity
  - *Rationale:* FAST functions as a coordination hub connecting governments, financial institutions, and global initiatives. Key partners, including Harmoniya, I-CAN, SAFIN, and CGIAR are contributing expertise across finance, data, policy and knowledge and practice. This multi-stakeholder model enables knowledge exchange, coherent planning, and joint implementation that sustain momentum between COP Presidencies.
- **Policy & regulatory:** Medium maturity

   - *Rationale:* Countries integrate agriculture and food sectors into NDCs and NAPs but need improved inter-ministerial coordination. FAST Partnership promotes coherence through joint policy dialogues and partnerships (e.g., FAST–FSIP collaboration) Engagement with the SAA and RAIZ reinforces the integration of land restoration and agrifood systems resilience targets into policy instruments driving more coherence and converge for scaling implementation.
- **Public opinion:** Medium maturity
   - *Rationale:* Public awareness of farmers and food actors as main climate actors is growing, supported by advocacy from Harmoniya, YPARD, and I-CAN. Through campaigns, media engagement, and global events, these initiatives elevate the visibility of smallholders, food actors, including women and youth in the climate dialogue. FAST leverages these platforms to build collective recognition of farmers' and food systems actors central role in achieving global adaptation and food security goals.

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Expected impact of this plan on the 2030 targets (if any): High
[Details on the expected impact of this plan, including which levers it focus and target/KPIs from the 2030 Climate Solutions, GST, SDGs or other processes]

By 2028, the Access to Finance for Agrifood Systems Transformation approach will ensure that climate finance reaches farmers and food actors, especially those most vulnerable and affected, more effectively, strengthening their adaptation and resilience and enabling sustainable transformation of agrifood systems.

Expected impacts include:

- Enhanced access to finance for small-scale farmers and food actors, and rural communities through inclusive, bottom-up mechanisms.
- Stronger institutional capacity among farmer and food organizations, MDBs and AgriPDBs to prepare and manage climate-resilient investments.
- Improved policy coherence and alignment between national plans (NDCs, NAPs) and finance flows related to climate sensitive agriculture and food sectors.
- More efficient coordination and knowledge sharing through digital mapping tools and the Harmoniya framework.
- Increased visibility and participation of women, youth, and Indigenous Peoples in decision-making and finance delivery.

Contribution to global processes:

- Global Stocktake (GST): Supports means of implementation for adaptation and finance.
- 2030 Climate Solutions: Advances equitable, inclusive and resilient, food systems in alignment with SAA outcomes and targets

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- SDGs: Direct contribution to SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 17 (Partnerships).

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Output	Action Scope	Action	Type of action	Implementation Lever	Responsible	Time horizon	Stakeholder engagement[1]	Committed Stakeholders
Operationalize the farmer-centric finance model	Global	Implement the *Baku Harmoniya Climate Initiative for Farmers* under FAST Partnership, linking global partnerships and national delivery mechanisms.	Existing a…	Partnerships …	FAST Partnership	June 20…	Multi-stakehol…	FAO, Harmoniya Initiative, COP Presidencies
Strengthen AgriPDB–MDB coordination	Global	Facilitate collaboration between MDBs and AgriPDBs to scale investments in climate-resilient agrifood systems.	New action	Public/private …	FAST Partnership, AgriPDB Platform, IFAD	Novemb…	MDBs	World Bank, AFD, IFAD,SAFIN Network
Enhance data and mapping tools	Global	Expand and maintain two open-access tools: Initiatives Mapping and Climate Finance Opportunities Mapping.	Existing a…	Risk-informed…	FAST Partnership TaskForce	Novemb…	Multi-stakehol…	FAST Secretariat, SAFIN, I-CAN, CGIAR
Build finance readiness and capacity	Global	Deliver training for farmer,food organizations and financial institutions using the ABC-Map tool and national pilots (e.g. Ecuador).	New action	Knowledge & …	FAST Partnership, FAO	Novemb…	Farmers' orgs…	WFO, WRF, AFA, YPARD, AAI
Promote inclusive and gender-responsive finance	Global	Support actions under the 2026 International Year of Women Farmers to enhance gender-responsive finance access.	New action	Inclusive deci…	FAST Partnership, Baku Harmoniya Initiative	Novemb…	Civil society, f…	Harmoniya, YPARD, I-CAN
Advocate and communicate results	Global	Showcase progress through COP-to-COP dialogues, FAST	Existing a…	Partnerships …	FAST Partnership	Novemb…	Multi-stakehol…	COP Presidencies,

[1] Such as national governments, companies, investors, cities and local governments, technical institutions, MDBs, regulators & public agencies, utilities & system operators, youth, women & indigenous peoples groups, multi-stakeholders platform (non-exhaustive)

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		reports, and stories of change to build visibility and commitment						FAST Members, SAA
Develop multi-country proposal on adaptation finance	Multi-country	Advance outcomes of the FAST climate finance consultation series to build a joint multi-country proposal targeting adaptation and resilience.	New action	Partnerships …	FAST Partnership Members	Novemb…	Countries	Germany, Brazil, Azerbaijan, Egypt
Strengthen soil and land-based finance linkages	Global	Integrate approaches from RAIZ and 4 per 1000 Initiative to channel finance toward soil restoration, carbon sequestration, and land-based adaptation.	New action	Standards & T…	FAST PArtnership, RAIZ	Novemb…	MDBs, nation…	RAIZ, 4 per 1000, CGIAR, SAFIN