

Generating Ambition for Locally Led Adaptation (GA-LLA)

Context

The Generating Ambition for Locally Led Adaptation (GA-LLA) programme addresses the critical global challenges of rising poverty, inequality, climate change, and nature loss, while meeting the urgent need for Locally led adaptation (LLA) that empowers vulnerable communities in the Global South. Through strategic partnerships and evidence-based action, GA-LLA's vision is to enable more resilient, sustainable, and equitable adaptation efforts that protect vulnerable communities and environments across Southern, Eastern, and Western Africa, as well as South and Southeast Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Pacific.

Project Objectives

The programme seeks to enhance resilience in communities most affected by the climate crisis by supporting the implementation of the Principles for Locally Led Adaptation. GA-LLA focuses on delivering transformative climate resilience by decentralising decision-making, addressing structural inequalities, and influencing global climate finance and policy frameworks to create more accessible, long-term funding.

- GA-LLA's approach is rooted in three pathways to impact:
- Strengthening local capabilities
- Fostering partnerships
- Ensuring accountability

The programme will focus on four interconnected workstreams with 'Tools and Processes' incorporated across the other four workstreams, working at local, national, regional, and global levels:

- Implementing adaptation actions
- Generating evidence and knowledge
- Influencing finance delivery
- Supporting learning and capability strengthening processes

By prioritising local leadership and inclusive decision-making, GA-LLA aims to create effective, sustainable, more equitable long-term changes in climate adaptation practices.

Focus countries



- Southern, Eastern, and Western Africa
- South and Southeast Asia
- Latin America
- The Caribbean
- The Pacific

What does success look like?

Success would mean that LLA becomes a standard approach to building climate resilience in vulnerable communities that involves the effective implementation of adaptation actions by local actors, supported by increased financial and policy backing. This would empower communities, strengthen grassroots capabilities, and shift global climate adaptation finance and governance globally.

Project process

Two Phased Approach

Inception Year 1

During the inception year of the GA-LLA programme, a comprehensive work process was developed with consortium partners, involving regular engagements and co-creation workshops. This work process encompassed the creation of essential components such as the Theory of Change (TOC), results framework, budget and governance structure—establishing a solid foundation for implementation.



Implementation Year 2-5

Operational activities will be executed through four interconnected workstreams—Adaptation Actions, Evidence and Knowledge, Influencing, and Learning and Capability Strengthening Processes—focused on generating context-specific evidence and supporting grassroots initiatives across diverse geographies. By adopting a flexible resource allocation approach and prioritising sustainability, the programme aims to create lasting changes in climate finance flows and decision-making processes, ensuring alignment with the LLA Principles throughout its implementation phase.

Project details

The GA-LLA programme is funded by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands Government (MoFA). SouthSouthNorth (SSN) will leverage expertise to enhance the Learning and Capability Strengthening Processes workstream by integrating activities across four key areas: Adaptation Actions, Evidence and Knowledge, Influencing, Learning and Capability Strengthening, including the Tools and Processes that are incorporated across the other workstreams. The programme runs from October 2023 to October 2028. This programme is being run in partnership with the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and the consortium below of LLA Partners:

- Centro para la autonomía y desarrollo de los pueblos indígenas (CADPI)
- CANARI (Caribbean Natural Resources Institute)
- ENDA Energie (ENDA)
- Huairou Commission (HC)
- International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD)
- International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)
- Slum Dwellers International (SDI)
- SouthSouthNorth (SSN)
- Save the Children (STC)
- World Resources Institute (WRI)

Stakeholders to be engaged

Funding partners:

- MoFA, other donors and philanthropies actively engaged in LLA practices.

Consortium partners:

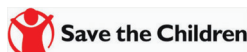
- That bring expertise, technical support and resources.

Local actors and community stakeholders:

- A central focus of the GALLA work, anchored on the assumptions that LLA is there to empower and support grassroots organisations and community representatives.
- Global finance and policy institutions
- Key actors will be engaged to increase support for LLA practices.

Consortium partners:

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