



## ABOUT THE FACILITY

Mobilising finance is one of the greatest challenges for scaling up renewable energy in developing countries. The IRENA/ADFD Project Facility was set up based on the commitment by the United Arab Emirates to provide USD 350 million in concessional loans in seven annual cycles through the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD). The funds will be used for renewable energy projects recommended by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) in developing countries.

**The Facility provides a stable international platform to mobilise public and private investment in the renewable energy sector in developing countries.**

## IRENA'S ROLE

IRENA facilitates a transparent selection process, recommending projects with **technical merit**, **commercial viability** and **socio-economic and environmental benefits**.

### Projects shortlisted must:

- be transformative, replicable, scalable and/or innovative
- improve energy access
- address energy security

### Further criteria include:

- geographic spread
- variety of technologies
- alignment with government priorities

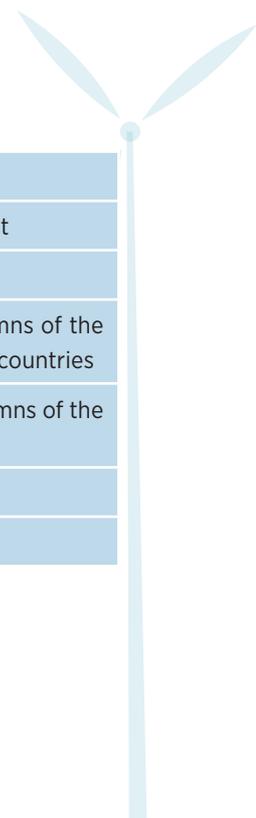
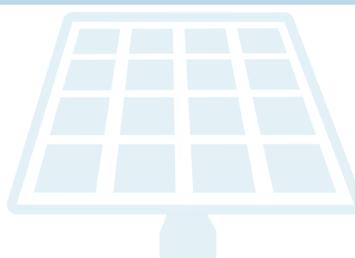
<b>Eligible countries</b>	Members of IRENA, Signatories of the IRENA Statute or States in Accession that are on the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list of Official Development Assistance (ODA) recipients.
<b>Technologies</b>	Projects that deploy renewable energy, including bioenergy, geothermal energy, hydropower, ocean energy, solar energy, and wind energy.

**The Facility will provide models for the scale-up of renewable energy projects and sustainable livelihoods in communities, countries and regions.**

## ADFD FUNDING

**The Facility helps to make renewable energy projects attractive for funding.**

<p>ADFD provides sovereign funding to governments of developing countries in the form of concessional loans to support their development priorities and assist in achieving sustainable economic development.</p> <p>Projects must be economically feasible and have a government guarantee.</p>	• USD 50 million concessional loans committed per annual cycle
	• USD 5 million to USD 15 million concessional loans for each project
	• Up to 50% of total project costs covered
	• <i>Category 1:</i> Interest rate of 1% for countries in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> columns of the DAC list, representing least developed countries and low-income countries
	• <i>Category 2:</i> Interest rate of 2% for countries in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> columns of the DAC list, representing middle-income countries
	• Loan period of 20 years, including 5-year grace period
	• Detailed terms and conditions of loan defined by ADFD



## FIRST FUNDING CYCLE: PROJECTS SELECTED

Several projects are already receiving funding through the Facility, meeting part of the demand and addressing some of the need for renewable energy finance in developing countries.

### » ECUADOR

- 3.4 MW hydro power plant in rural area
- Powering community schools and medical facilities

### » THE MALDIVES

- 2 MW waste-to-energy and desalinated water project
- Public-private partnership aiming to ensure sustainable energy and water access in small-island environment

### » MALI

- 5 MW solar photovoltaic (PV) installations in rural areas, hybridised with diesel-powered mini-grids
- Public-private partnership, reducing costs and extending modern electricity access to 30 villages

### » MAURITANIA

- 1 MW wind-energy project serving four coastal communities
- Providing energy to populations isolated from the national grid, powering their schools and local industries

### » SAMOA

- 3 MW biomass gasification plant and biodiesel production plants
- Supplying sustainable electricity to homes and businesses and replacing expensive imported transport fuel

### » SIERRA LEONE

- 6 MW grid-connected solar PV project on outskirts of Freetown
- Supporting the capital's grid and improving grid stability

## GOVERNANCE AND PROCESS

- **Advisory Committee** appointed by the IRENA Assembly carries out strategic level recommendations
- **Panel of Experts** established by the Advisory Committee carries out technical review and shortlisting of projects
- **IRENA Secretariat** facilitates project selection



For further information or to apply for funding, visit: [www.irena.org/adfd](http://www.irena.org/adfd).

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