



Evaluation and Learning Initiative Options Paper (FY23-27)

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Background

- The E&L Initiative was formed to generate evidence and stimulate learning
- The last 6 years have seen development of 2 business plans
- The Joint CTF-SCF TFC asked the Initiative to raise ambition going forward
- The Options paper lays out three future resource options
- FY23-27 Business plan will guide the development of specific outcomes and activities

Select Highlights

- Transformational Change Learning Partnership's (TCLP) conceptual work and the **Just Transition Initiative's** framework is influencing conversations and decisions globally
- Guidance to the **development and operationalization of new programs** and other policies and procedures at CIF
- E&L studies are informing MDB and other institutions' **programming and investment decisions**
- Key ongoing evaluations: Evaluation of SREP; Evaluation of Developmental Impacts of Climate Finance



6 YEARS

50+ PUBLICATIONS

60+ EVENT ENGAGEMENTS



Five Priority Outcome Areas for Action

1. EVALUATIONS AND RESEARCH



2. DEEPENED AND EXPANDED FACILITATED LEARNING



3. TOOLS & GUIDANCE TO DRIVE OPERATIONAL USE



4. CONTEXT SPECIFIC APPLICATION OF LEARNING



5. STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIPS

Proposed Options (FY23-27)

Option A
Past Ambition

3 million/year

Option B
Increased Ambition

4 million/year

Option C
High Ambition

5 million/year



Option A: Past Ambition

USD 3 mn/year (15 million for 5 years)

- Maintain past intentions with **some realignment** to reflect the needs of the **new programs**
- Continues **deep facilitated learning** for two themes and **select strategic studies**
- **Limited ability to respond** to new knowledge needs and learning demands from the programs



Option B: Increased Ambition

USD 4 mn/year (20 million for 5 years)

- *Option A plus...*
- Increased scope and depth in high priority areas
- **Expanded efforts** across outcome areas
- Enhanced **contextualized learning, practical tools, new partnerships** etc.
- **Mid-term evaluations** for all new programs
- Increased focus on uptake of existing knowledge



Option C: High Ambition











USD 5 mn/year (25 million for 5 years)

Significant increase in CIF's goals as a learning laboratory to support transformative climate action

- *Option B plus...*
- Greater number, depth and complexity of studies, along with associated learning processes
- Deeper facilitated learning associated with new programs, and new facilitated learning pillar
- Greater ambition of real-time evaluations
- Added focus on piloting contextualized tools in recipient countries
- Greater emphasis on partnerships

Scope of Activities by Outcomes Under Each Option

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Outcome area	Option A (USD15 million)	Option B (USD20 million)	Option C (USD25 million)
Evaluations and research for a stronger evidence base			
Deepened and expanded facilitated learning			
Tools and guidance to drive operational use			
Contextualized country- and institutional-level uptake			
Strengthened partnerships for knowledge generation and collaborative learning			

Illustrative Outputs Under Each Option in 5 years 10

Outcome Area	Option A	Option B	Option C
Evaluations and research	~6 major evaluations	~9 major evaluations	~12 major evaluations
	~12 other studies	~14 other studies	~18 other studies
Facilitated learning	2 themes	2 themes	3 themes
Tools and guidance	~3	~5	~7
		Focus on localized tools	Curated central repository of tools
Contextualized country- and institutional-level uptake	~5 country/regional engagements	~11 country/regional engagements	~11 country/regional engagements
Strengthened Partnerships	Some expansion	Deepen; Climate funds partnership	Co-create knowledge; Joint Pilots

Illustrative Budget by Outcome Under Each Option

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Outcome Area	Option A (USD'000)	Option B (USD'000)	Option C (USD'000)
Evaluations and research for a stronger evidence base	5,800	7,400	8,800
Deepened and expanded facilitated learning	3,800	4,900	6,800
Tools and guidance to drive operational use	2,500	3,200	3,800
Contextualized country- and institutional-level uptake	2,000	2,600	2,800
Strengthened partnerships for knowledge generation and collaborative learning	900	1,900	2,800
Total for five years	15,000	20,000	25,000

In Conclusion

- Strategic **resource decision** will guide next phase of the E&L Initiative
- Extensive consultations for **business plan** will determine specific activities



A man in a light-colored, vertically striped short-sleeved shirt and dark trousers is crouching in a tea plantation. He is looking down at the tea bushes, with his hands near the plants. The background is a lush green tea field with some blurred figures of other people in the distance. The lighting is natural, suggesting an outdoor setting.

Views from the E&L Advisory Group

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