

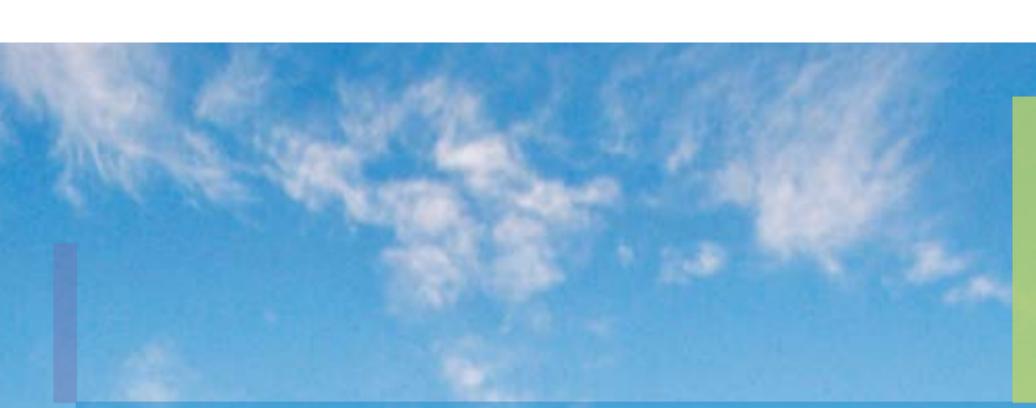


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Environment, Nature Conservation  
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# The International Climate Initiative

Innovative Financing for Climate Protection





## INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

Experts from international finance institutions, the public sector, academia, civil society and the private sector meet in IKI's international advisory group to discuss strategic orientation, types of project and fields of action, best practices, synergy potential and opportunities for cooperation.

## SELECTION PROCEDURE

The IKI is open to a range of different applicants from Germany and abroad. It funds projects conducted by federal implementing organisations, multilateral organisations, development banks, NGOs, universities, research institutes and private-sector companies.

New projects are selected through a two-stage procedure that takes place once a year. Priority is given to innovative and transferable solutions that have an impact beyond the individual project. The IKI cooperates closely with partner countries and supports consensus building for a comprehensive international climate agreement which aims to limit global warming to a maximum of two degrees Celsius. Moreover, it is the goal of the IKI to create as many synergies as possible between climate protection and biodiversity conservation. Since 2011 IKI's selection process also identifies projects that focus on the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2011–2020 of the CBD, the 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas. Further information can be found at:

[www.international-climate-initiative.com](http://www.international-climate-initiative.com)



## THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE INITIATIVE

A new, global climate agreement needs an international climate finance architecture that funds measures to help developing countries reduce emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. Germany is taking a leading role here: since 2008, the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) has been financing climate and biodiversity projects in developing and newly industrialising countries, as well as in countries in transition. Based on a decision taken by the German parliament (Bundestag), a sum of 120 million euros is available for use by the initiative annually. The IKI is a key element of Germany's fast-start financing. The Energy and Climate Fund launched by the German Government in 2011 is a further source of finance for international climate projects, and for activities to conserve biological diversity. Part of that funding is deployed through the IKI. The Energy and Climate Fund is replenished from the auctioning of emission allowances. This innovative source makes Germany well prepared to deliver long-term financing. IKI funds are eligible as Official Development Assistance (ODA).

The initiative supports projects on greenhouse gas reduction, forest and biodiversity conservation and adaptation to climate change.

## FOCAL THEMES

### **Building a climate-friendly economy**

- Development and implementation of national emissions reduction targets (main focus: energy efficiency/renewable energies); promotion of national and regional climate change mitigation strategies
- Development and implementation of innovative financing mechanisms for climate change mitigation
- Development and trialling of carbon markets/emissions trading systems, sectoral approaches, and programmes of activities (PoAs)

### **Adaptation to climate change**

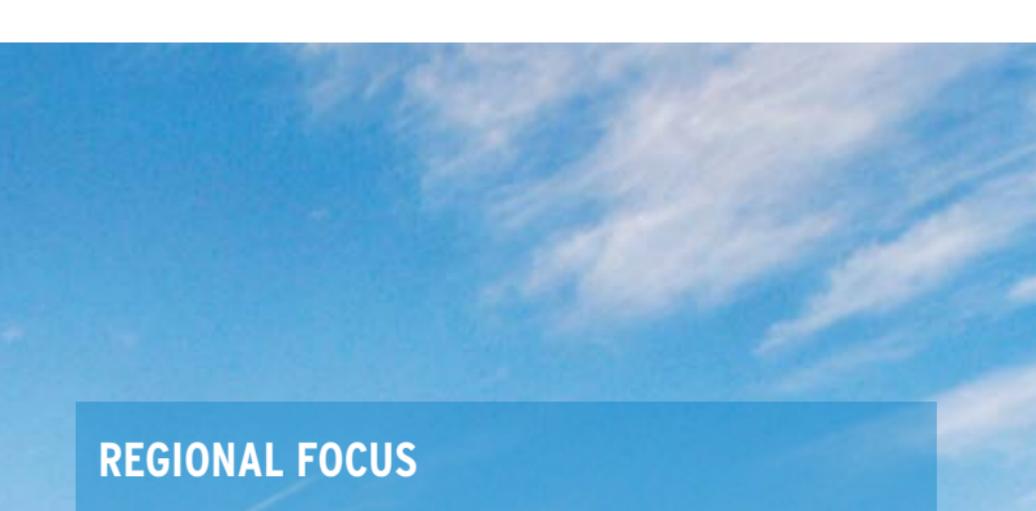
- Implementation of selected parts of national and regional programmes on adaptation to climate change
- Financial safeguards against the effects of climate change

### **Conservation and sustainable use of natural carbon reservoirs/reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+)**

- Use, protection and restoration of globally significant carbon reservoirs, habitats and climate-relevant biodiversity
- Ensuring safeguards and maximising co-benefits in REDD+

### **Biodiversity**

- Implementation of the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and its Aichi Targets (including capacity-building for the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; National Studies on The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity)



## REGIONAL FOCUS

In its work to promote a climate-friendly economy, the IKI focuses on newly industrialising countries which, due to their fast-growing economies, have a high potential for cutting greenhouse gases.

The projects funded in the field of adaptation concentrate on countries and regions that are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

The carbon reservoirs/REDD+ work prioritises countries and regions that have a high potential to reduce emissions from deforestation and store carbon, such as the Amazon region or Indonesian rainforest, for example.

In the field of biodiversity, the IKI contributes mainly in countries and regions that are home to high levels of biological diversity ('hot-spots') and that are particularly active partners in the implementation of the CBD.

## MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The effectiveness of measures funded by the IKI as well as the initiative itself are reviewed systematically. Project monitoring and independent evaluation on completion of projects provide important insights into the individual projects which are also valuable for the initiative's further development. Greenhouse gas monitoring, for instance, measures the effect individual IKI projects have on climate change mitigation both in qualitative and quantitative terms.

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