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## **Background Note**

### **Mobilization of Finance Towards Renewables - Competitive Advantage of ETAF Business Model**

#### **Background**

1. IRENA scaled up its support to Members' energy transition interventions through various products and services. Key among these was the creation of the Project Facilitation and Support Division to spearhead direct engagements with renewable energy projects among IRENA's member countries. The division has built upon earlier successes and lessons from previous initiatives, as is the IRENA Abu Dhabi Fund for Development Facility (ADFD), to assist focused interventions through technical assistance and capacity building together with facilitating access to financing through two flagship initiatives namely:
2. The **Climate Investment Platform (CIP)**: a joint initiative of IRENA, the UN Development Programme (UNDP), and Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) in coordination with the Green Climate Fund (GCF). CIP's mandate is to mobilise capital to accelerate the scale of RE technologies to meet Nationally Determined Contributions and Sustainable Development Goals compliance in developing countries.
3. The platform has over 90 registered financing partners providing debt, equity, grants, guarantees and mezzanine financing products. The CIP has attracted more than 400 projects which to date has led to USD 84 million in financial closure in five different countries, impacting more than 64 thousand households.
4. The **Energy Transition Accelerator Financing (ETAF) Platform**: an inclusive, multi-stakeholder climate finance platform to advance the global energy transition by supporting the realisation of renewable energy projects globally. ETAF aims to accelerate energy transitions by directing USD 4.0 billion (growing to USD 5.0 billion by 2030) into renewable energy projects in developing countries. The platform has attracted projects of over 10GW capacity in its first year of operation. The platform's targets have been revised to USD 5 billion in funding to support 5GW of new projects deployed among IRENA member countries by 2030. Today the ETAF partners are 14 institutions focused on provided different financial and derisking products, with a global geographical coverage.
5. More than 70 project proposals have been submitted to the ETAF Platform, among those, three solar PV projects in Uzbekistan for a total of 897MW, have already benefitted from ETAF partners financial support.

6. In addition, IRENA continues to facilitate on the project follow up, country engagement and coordination for the IRENA ADFD Facility, which has made funding available for 26 projects for which today six have reached completion and one project is close to Commercial Operation Date (COD).
7. Through these platforms, the Agency plays a transformative role in supporting climate action through access to technical assistance, project finance and de-risking instruments for energy transition projects in developing countries. These efforts are augmented by mobilising new partnerships to services offered for IRENA Members whilst widening the geographic coverage targeted through the various.

### **Objective of the session**

- As requested by member countries during previous Council and Informal PSC Meeting, the present session will focus on presenting a detailed report on the modus operandi of the IRENA ADFD Facility, the CIP and ETAF
- The presentation will include lessons learned from each of these initiatives, the evolution of IRENA's Project Facilitation Work, and the current competitive advantage of the ETAF Model
- The main objective is to feedback from Members and guidance on the priority areas for ongoing Agency work on Project Facilitation.

### **Guiding questions**

- What are the main differences between the different Project Facilitation Tools and Initiatives?
- What are the advantages of the current model of work and how is this evolving?
- What is the structure of IRENA's Project Facilitation, how is this addressing the needs of countries, and how can countries make better use of the available tools and services?
- How can IRENA members better support the IRENA's work and effort to mobilize finance towards the realization of renewable energy projects (including project generation, decentralized renewables, e-mobility, green industrialization)?
- How can IRENA support your work in these areas (i.e. project facilitation, policy and regulatory frameworks analysis, work with policy makers, reporting, renewable energy assessments, awareness campaigns, among others)?

### Associated Publications

- [Global Landscape of Renewable Energy Finance \(2023\)](#)
- [World Energy Transitions Outlook 2023: 1.5°C Pathway](#)
- [Scaling Up Renewables in Landlocked Developing Countries](#)
- [Renewable Capacity Statistics 2023](#)
- [Renewable Power Generation Costs in 2022](#)
- [Tripling renewable power by 2030: The role of the G7 in turning targets into action](#)
- [The energy transition in Africa: Opportunities for international collaboration with a focus on the G7](#)
- [IRENA/ADFD Project Facility: Lessons from the selection process](#)