

Taking Adaptation to the Ground

A Community Adaptation Small Grants Facility piloting ‘enhanced direct access’ in South Africa

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1. Background

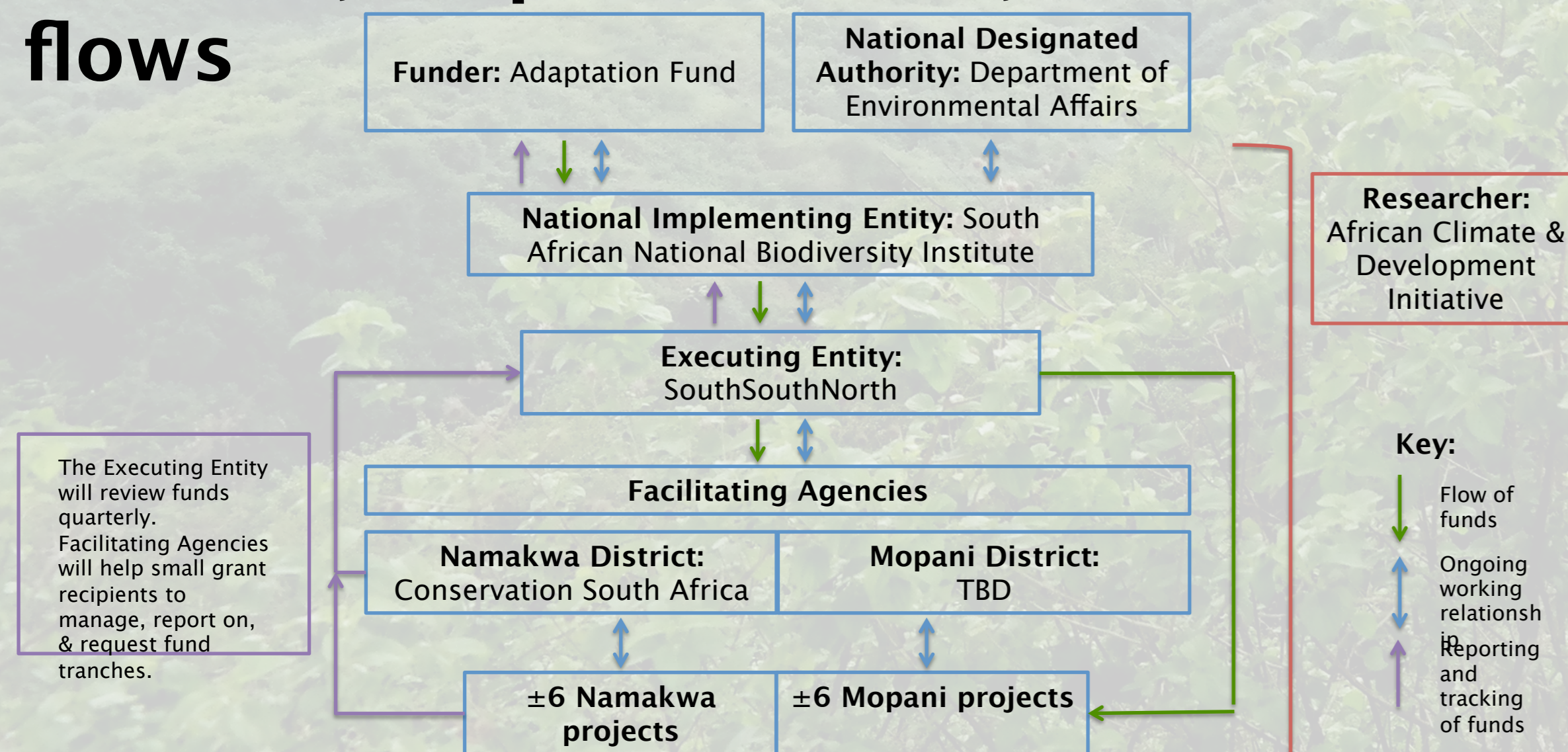
‘Taking Adaptation to the Ground’ is a Community Adaptation Small Grants Facility (SGF), funded by the Adaptation Fund, designed specifically to pilot an ‘**Enhanced Direct Access**’ modality for climate finance.

The project will **empower communities** to own, design & drive local level adaptation, ensuring the integration of science and local knowledge.

2. Project objectives

- I. Provide small grants to vulnerable communities for projects that deliver tangible & sustainable adaptation benefits;
- II. Empower local institutions to identify & implement adaptation actions;
- III. Compile & share lessons for up-scaling & replicating enhanced direct access modalities.

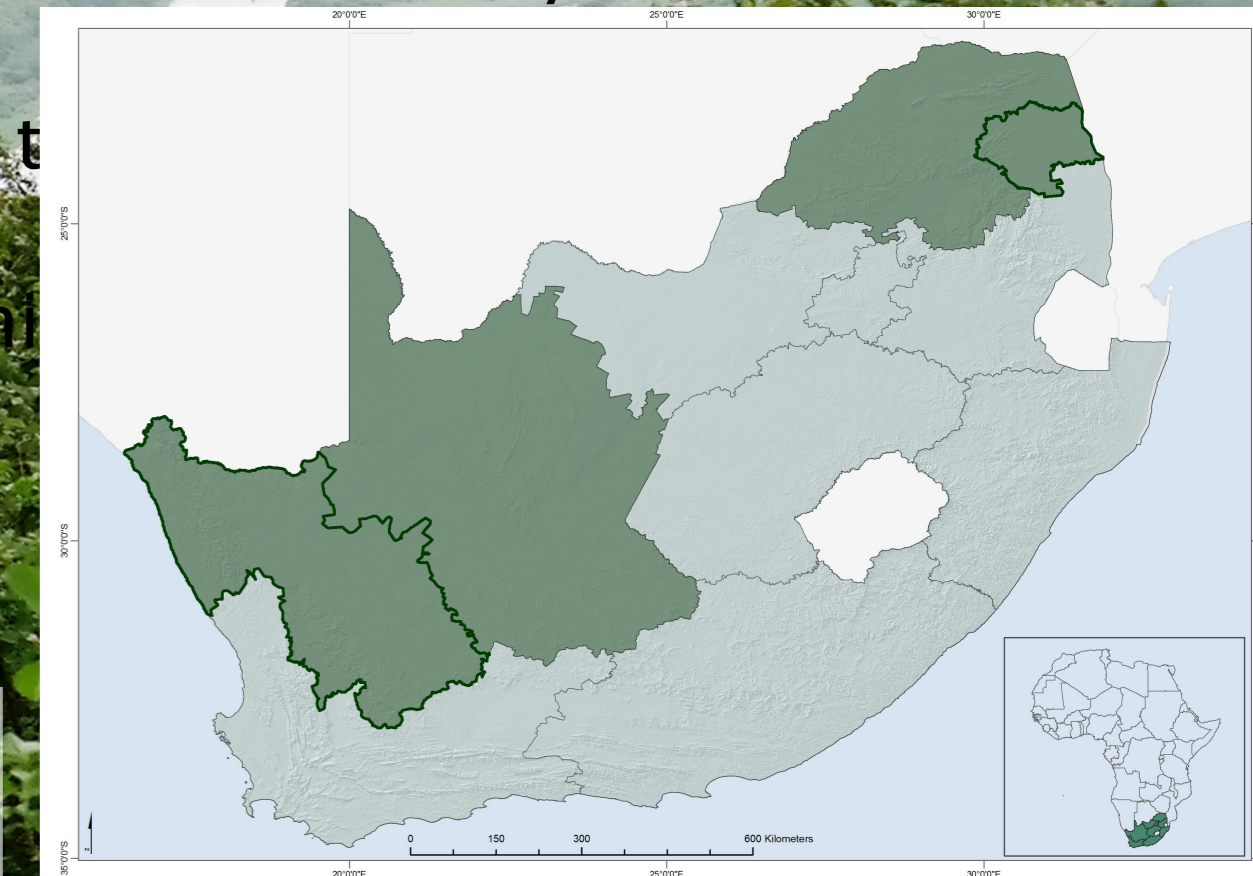
3. Roles, responsibilities, and finance flows



4. Why is enhanced direct access innovative?

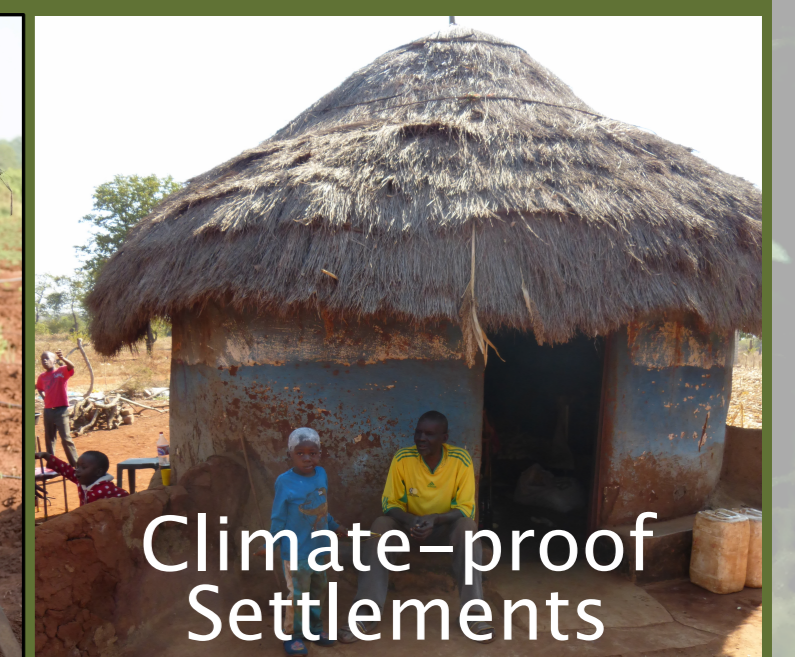
‘Enhanced direct access’ builds on the Adaptation Fund’s innovative direct access approach by increasing local influence over climate finance. This

- Ensures “ownership” of adaptation actions by local institutions;
- Empowers rural communities to access adaptation finance;
- Provides for bottom-up planning of adaptation projects.



5. ‘Taking adaptation to the ground’ aims to achieve:

Adaptation actions through 3 Investment



12 small grants in 2 target areas valued at US\$ 1.5 million

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