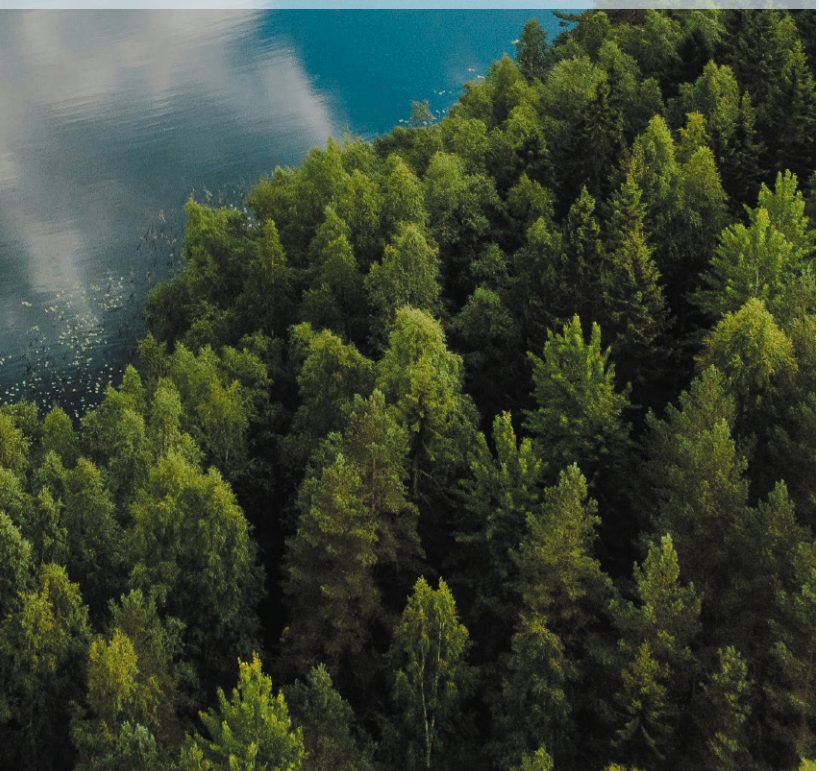
NBSAP ACCELERATOR ACTION ACCOUNT

NBSAP Multi-Partner Trust Fund

The NBSAP Accelerator Action Account (AAA) Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) is a dedicated funding mechanism that support countries implement high-priority actions in their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) aligned with the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). Designed to complement the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership (NBSAP AP), the AAA functions as a strategic last resort funding mechanism for the NBSAP AP's MatchMaking Mechanism (MMM) by supporting nationally identified priorities that remain unmatched and require additional backing to advance to implementation.

A purpose-built last-resort Multi-Partner Trust Fund focused on closing strategic, verified implementation gaps by supporting high-priority, country-identified NBSAP actions that remain unmatched through the MatchMaking Mechanism (MMM).



WHY THE AAA?

Through the MMM, countries identify and request support to accelerate NBSAP implementation. While most MMM requests are matched with technical and financial partners, some high-priority, implementation-ready requests fall into areas where no existing channel is positioned to respond. These verified gaps represent clear and unique opportunities to advance progress towards the GBF targets.

The AAA offers a dedicated pathway for implementation-ready actions that require an alternative means to move forward. It strengthens the NBSAP AP's mission by supporting nationally identified priorities through eligible UN or non-UN organizations when no other channel is positioned to respond.

HOW THE AAA WORKS

The NBSAP AP's MMM and AAA operate as a complementary, coordinated system:

1. Countries that are members of the NBSAP AP submit requests for support through the MMM.
2. The MMM circulates the requests to its network of partners.
3. If no match is found after two matchmaking cycles, the request becomes eligible for consideration by the AAA.
4. The Global Coordination Unit (GCU) of the NBSAP AP reviews eligible requests against AAA criteria, prioritizes specific requests, aligns with verified gaps.
5. Once verified gaps are identified and prioritized, the country, supported by the GCU, brings on board an eligible UN or non-UN implementing partner (PUNO/NUNO) to support further development of the request.
6. The GCU submits the prioritized requests to the AAA Secretariat.
7. The AAA Secretariat conducts an initial review to ensure completeness, alignment with AAA criteria and readiness for consideration.
8. The AAA Board reviews prioritized requests, ensuring they are country-led, aligned with NBSAPs and GBF targets, technically sound and strategic.
9. If endorsed by the AAA Board, the country is informed and asked to develop a full project proposal with an eligible UN or non-UN implementing partner. These partners must be onboarded before the proposal is submitted to AAA, but no earlier than step 3.
10. The AAA Secretariat conducts a final review and approves the project proposal. Following approval, funds are disbursed through the selected implementing partner.

AAA projects typically receive USD 250,000 to 750,000 and must be implemented within 24 months, emphasizing readiness, rapid delivery, and tangible results.

WHAT MAKES THE AAA UNIQUE?

- **Addresses high-priority needs through a purpose-built, last-resort mechanism with rigorous multi-stage prioritization:** The AAA receives proposals filtered through multiple layers of review and prioritization. This ensures that the highest-priority, nationally validated gaps are bridged with strategic support.
- **Targets verified implementation gaps with no other viable alternative support:** The AAA finances only those priority actions that remain unmatched after the two MMM cycles, during which multiple potential support avenues have already been explored. This ensures resources target needs that no existing technical or financial channel is positioned to address.
- **Builds a curated portfolio of high-quality, high-priority, implementation-ready actions:** Proposals reaching the AAA have been refined and strengthened through successive reviews, resulting in a focused set of high-quality, technically sound, implementation-ready actions with strong national ownership.
- **Unlocks progress for future actions:** AAA support helps countries move forward on essential NBSAP implementation steps. By supporting verified gaps, the AAA can enable the development of larger programmes, strengthen enabling conditions and positioning countries to access additional technical or financial support.
- **Supports country-driven requests that are aligned with GBF targets:** Countries identify their single highest-priority action from among the requests eligible for AAA support that are tied directly to the KMGBF targets.
- **Ensures high accountability with reliable delivery:** As a MPTF, the AAA provides strong safeguards, accurate oversight and transparent reporting combined with short implementation timelines to ensure timely, tangible results.