

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND FORESTS



As the greatest reservoir of terrestrial biodiversity, land and forests are a powerful tool for climate regulation. Today, urbanisation and unsustainable agricultural practices have considerably diminished their ability to support biodiversity and store carbon. Agriculture is the primary cause of deforestation and land degradation. The FFEM addresses forestry and agricultural issues together, as they are closely linked. Our goal is to simultaneously protect biodiversity, take climate action, and fight against desertification and land degradation.

Colombia, Ecuador, Peru Promoting sustainable opportunities in the premium cocoa value chain



Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru are responsible for 10% of global cocoa production. To improve the premium cocoa value chain in the Amazon region, Alliance Bioversity-CIAT, the Kaoka Foundation, and Conservation International are working to establish sustainable production methods to boost income for producers and protect the forest. With the FFEM's support, this project offers an innovative demonstration of a "zero deforestation" cocoa sector using solutions that are integrated across the region and create a sustainable value chain while also protecting forest ecosystems and soils.

- The FFEM's contribution: **€2,650,000**
- Total project budget: **€8,900,000**
- Beneficiary: **Alliance Bioversity-CIAT**
- Cofinanciers: Biocacao, Conservation International, Kaoka Foundation, World Agroforestry (ICRAF)
- Supporting member institution: Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion

PRIORITIES

- **Produce information** on the performance of agroecological, agroforestry, and forestry systems
- **Implement models** to restore land, agricultural soils and forests
- **Promote zero-deforestation approaches** at the regional or sectoral level
- **Use geospatial data** to monitor ecosystems and measure the impact of practices in place



ADAPTATION AND LOW-CARBON TRANSITION IN CITIES AND TERRITORIES



Cities and inhabited territories contribute to climate change, the loss of biodiversity, land degradation, and pollution caused by the concentration of human activity. In return, they are strongly affected by the consequences of all these impacts. The FFEM therefore addresses the energy transition and adaptation of cities and territories at the same time to promote low-carbon development and enhance climate resilience. We support projects in the fields of urban and territorial planning and development that include green and blue infrastructure, urban agriculture, access to energy, or the energy transition that incorporate the convergence of climate-biodiversity-pollution issues.

PRIORITIES

- **Green and blue infrastructure** in cities
- **Sustainable practices** for urban and peri-urban agriculture
- **Decarbonisation models** with environmental and social co-benefits
- **Eco-design approaches** to construction and bioclimatic buildings
- **Soft solutions** for urban mobility;
- **Integrated approaches** to decarbonisation and territorial development
- **New sustainable models** for access to electricity

Senegal

Promoting affordable, resilient and sustainable housing for populations excluded from the social housing market



As an economically fragile country with high population growth in urban areas, Senegal is facing a housing shortage for the poorest households. Building decent housing for all is a key to the country's urban planning. The FFEM supports this project to promote affordable, resilient and sustainable housing for populations excluded from the social housing market. How? Through an alternative and innovative model to produce housing with high environmental added value that also helps improve urban and peri-urban neighborhoods.

- The FFEM's contribution: **€1,400,000**
- Total project budget: **€3,200,000**
- Beneficiaries: **Architecture & Développement (A&D), Coopimmo, Géométrie Structure Architexture, CSFP-BTP, Réseau Habitat Francophonie, YCF Group**
- Cofinanciers: Home buyers, the French Agency for Ecological Transition (ADEME), Fondation Setec, the Ministry of Urban Planning, Housing and Public Hygiene of Senegal (MULHP), Société d'aménagement foncier et de rénovation urbaine (SAFRU)
- Supporting member institution: French Ministry of Ecological Transition



CIRCULAR SOLUTIONS AND THE FIGHT

AGAINST POLLUTION



Given that humans cause most waste and pollution, with devastating consequences on the health of terrestrial and marine ecosystems, wildlife, and human populations, the FFEM encourages projects that tackle these problems in conjunction with our other priority themes. In particular, the FFEM promotes an integrated approach to sustainable consumption and production, and encourages the transition from a linear economic model to a sustainable circular model that includes source reduction.

Guyana, French Guiana, Suriname

Supporting the gradual phasing out of mercury in the Guianas



With almost 90% of its forests still intact, the Guianas are home to nearly 8,000 species, playing a vital role in the conservation of Amazonian ecosystems. In the region, small-scale gold mining is the greatest contributor to environmental destruction, representing almost 37% of mercury emissions on a global scale. To protect humans, animals, and ecosystems from this pollutant, the FFEM is supporting a WWF-led project to eliminate mercury in the gold-mining sector. Mercury-free gold extraction is an innovative technique that could be promoted through the creation of a “responsible gold mining” certification.

- The FFEM's contribution: **€1,037,500**
- Total project budget: **€3,498,000**
- Beneficiary: **WWF France**
- Cofinanciers: ARM, a UNDP environmental funding unit in Suriname; the Global Environment Facility; Conservation International; the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD); Université du Québec à Montréal; WWF
- Supporting member institution: French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs



PRIORITIES

- **Solutions to reduce** waste and pollution at the source
- **Eco-design**, circular economy, and industrial and territorial ecology approaches
- **Sustainable**, viable and lasting waste management systems
- **Protecting** at-risk populations and those exposed to chemical products
- Integrating informal sectors
- Solutions to address emerging risks, including waste from the energy and digital transition

Working with the FFEM

The FFEM always provides minority financing for development projects in the form of grants. We fund projects **for three to five years**. The FFEM's contributions range from **€500,000 to €2,000,000** per project. This funding complements cofinancing from the beneficiaries leading the project, other beneficiaries, or any other financial partners. The FFEM's cofinancing rate is:

- **a maximum of 50%** for NGOs, local public stakeholders, research institutions, and social economy firms (which does not include mission-based companies),
- **a maximum of 30%** for for-profit companies and international organisations.

Operational costs are shared, and local financial resources must be found to encourage and demonstrate ownership of the project by its initiators and beneficiaries, helping ensure activities continue once funding ends.

Project eligibility criteria

To receive FFEM funding, a project must meet nine eligibility criteria:

- contributes to global environmental protection,
- contributes to local sustainable development in one or more developing countries,
- is innovative,
- has demonstrative value and replicability,
- is economically and financially sustainable once funding ends,
- is ecologically and environmentally viable;
- is socially and culturally acceptable, with local buy-in,
- has an appropriate institutional framework,
- has a monitoring and evaluation mechanism.

THE PROJECT CYCLE



COMMUNICATION

Communication throughout the project



PRE-IDENTIFICATION

→ Drafting of a project opportunity note (NOP)



IDENTIFICATION

→ Drafting of a project identification note (NIP).



FEASIBILITY

→ Drafting of a project engagement note (NEP)



CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

→ Signature of the financing agreement

Presenting a project to the FFEM

Each project cofinanced by the FFEM is presented to the Steering Committee with the support of one or several of the six member institutions and the assistance of the Secretariat. To submit a project to the FFEM, project initiators must receive official support from one of the six member institutions.

→ **Updated contact details for each of these institutions are listed on the FFEM's website:**

<https://www.ffem.fr/en/our-governance>.

The Secretariat and Scientific and Technical Committee both examine and give their opinion on the project, while the Steering Committee approves the project and makes the final decision regarding FFEM funding.

→ **Updated supporting documents for each stage of the project cycle (NOP, NIP, NEP) are available on our website: <https://www.ffem.fr/en/submit-project>.**



IMPLEMENTATION/SUPERVISION

→ Monitoring and payments, monitoring-evaluation, and implementation reports



CAPITALISATION

→ Completion report and ex-post evaluation

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