

# Technical Assistance (TA) Tool Guide

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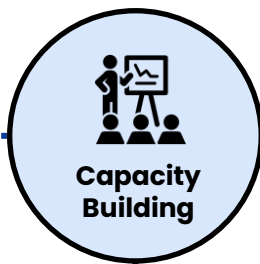


# What is TA and Why It Is Important For Projects?

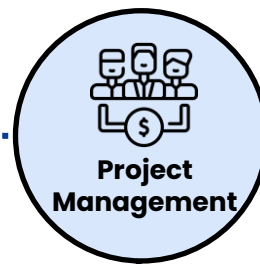
Technical Assistance (TA) is defined as “the provision of resources aimed at the transfer of technical and managerial skills for the purpose of building up capacity” (OECD 2022). It can be divided into 4 macro categories



Delivery of **financial TA** for projects development and implementation



Provide **training sessions** to build in-house skills and capacity, covering different areas (i.e. from risk management to technical project design)



Delivery **project management sessions** (or manage the project itself) to guarantee the right development of its activities



Provide **sector-focused technical support** to carry out specific project-related activities

# Potential Types of TA Activities for Projects

## Financial Support



Definition of cash assets, borrowing capacity, and liquidity planning to ensure that the project will not have any cash flow problem



Calculation of the potential effect of different financial and financial-related risks, as well as the related project's degree of exposure



Improvement of the project's risk-return profile to meet investors' criteria and can secure financing



Estimation of the financial performance of the project by taking into account all relevant factors

## Capacity Building



Delivery of training session to build internal capacity among project members, spacing from financial to sector-focused technical sessions



Improvement of the network of relevant stakeholders (policy makers, NGOs, business partners, etc.) of the project

## Project Management



Planning of project's phases, timeline, and key activities



Establishment of internal governance process for efficiency improvement

## Technical Support



Delivery of sector-focused technical activities



Support over strategic decision making and future development of the project

# TA Facilities vs. Ad-hoc TA Providers

TA Facilities – support normally provided alongside an investment  
Ad-hoc Providers – support provided regardless of investment



## TA Facility

A facility is a **formal financial and/or TA program** offered by a public/private institution. Usually provided alongside a public/private investment

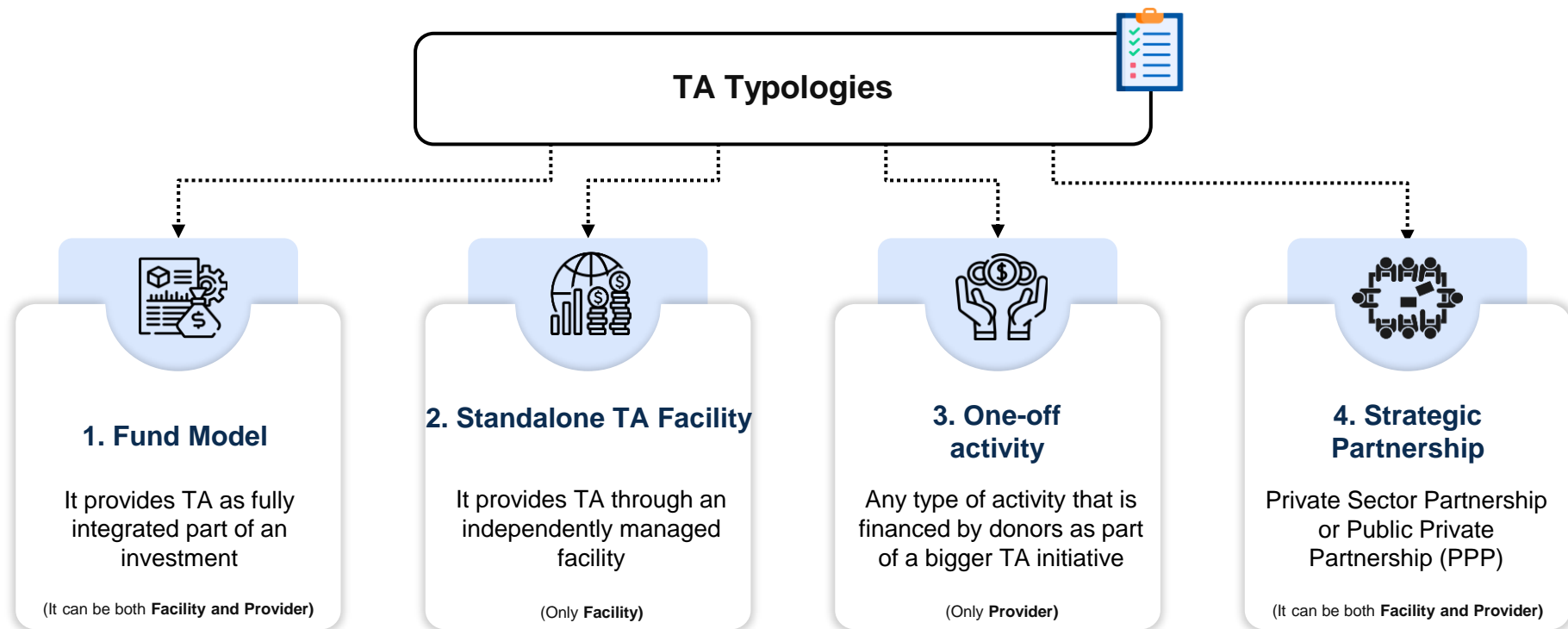


## Ad-hoc Provider

Ad-hoc providers do not have a formal facility but they can provide **technical/financial assistance based on requests and needs**

# Different Types of TA Typologies (1)

There are 4 key TA typologies that should be taken into account



# Different Types of TA Typologies (2)

## 1. Fund Model



- TA funds are managed by fund manager as part of regular portfolio management
- Services can be covered by management fees or by a grant pool
- Services are solely related to investee companies
- Used with small portfolio of companies and can be considered as a risk defeasance tool

## 2. Standalone Facility



- Managed independently from the fund
- Specific development objectives beyond financial concerns
- Funds projects related to investment activities when fund management fees are insufficient to cover services as part of business as usual
- Services can be provided on a cost-sharing or pure grant basis

## 3. One-off activity



- TA support not connected to any public/private investment
- No facility is set up

## 4. Strategic Partnership



- Actors with common objectives coordinate to leverage capabilities
- Models can vary and more common in well-developed market economies. Usually take the form of PPPs

# Overview of the Technical Assistance Tool

The Technical Assistance Tool provides signposting to TA providers and facilities in the marketplace for used by climate project developers, as at March 2024

Information you can find the tool



Typology & Description of TA Facility/Provider



Sector Focus



Services Provided



Geographical Area



Organization in charge



Webpage Link

Which will allow us....



1. Bridge TA and Project Owners



To put in contact the Forums projects with relevant TA facilities/providers to scale up their activities and receive support



2. Better understand the market



Have a clear mapping of how the TA market is moving and which sector/geographical area is gaining momentum



3. Leverage for other internal activities



Have a useful tool that can be re-used for other sustainable finance researching pieces



# Information in the Tool



## Typology & Description of Facility/Provider

Definition of the TA typology (see slide 6) and description of its key features



## Sector Focus

Sector where the facility/provider delivery support and assistance



## Geographic Area

Countries where the facility/provider delivery support and assistance



## Organization in charge

Organization that manages the facility (not applicable to providers)



## Service Provided

Type of TA delivered by the facility/provider (see slide 4)



## Webpage Link

Link to the webpage of reference for the facility/provider

# Interface of the Tool: What you will find?

Technical Assistance Facilities for Carbon							
Name of the Technical Facility	Geographic Area	Organization in charge	Typology	Description	Services Provided	Link	Comment
BioCarbon Fund Technical Assistance	Africa	<b>1</b> World Bank	Fund Model	The BioCFplus Technical Assistance (TA) and Capacity Building Trust Fund is funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) - now part of the Department of Global Affairs, Canada.	The facility provides the following supporting activities: capacity building for project development, methodologies and tools for carbon accounting of afforestation/reforestation projects, and disseminating lessons learned regarding the pioneering role of the BioCarbon Fund and to highlight the development benefits of carbon sequestration projects.	<a href="https://www.biocarbonfund.org/node/39">https://www.biocarbonfund.org/node/39</a>	//
Technical Support Facility under the Carbon Market Initiative	Asia	ADB	Standalone Technical Facility	<b>2</b> The TA will contribute to low carbon economic growth in Asia and the Pacific. The expected outcome of the TA is to increase the number of clean energy projects with greenhouse gas abatement benefits across Asia and the Pacific.	The TA is expected to: (i) enhance the technical knowledge of project developers and sponsors in the DMCs in relation to conceptualizing clean energy projects for possible ADB financing; (ii) build the pipeline of clean energy projects suitable for ADB financing and eligible for the CDM, with special focus on expanding the geographical and sectoral coverage of such projects (iii) oversee the implementation of CDM components during the project execution and operations phases, and (iv) assist with the issuance and transfer of Certified Emissions Reductions or carbon credits, including credits contracted with CMI's Asia Pacific Carbon Fund.	<a href="https://www.adb.org/projects/41138-zp/main">https://www.adb.org/projects/41138-zp/main</a>	//
Technical Assistance to Support Carbon Farming –Timor Leste (TASCF)	Timor Leste	EU	Standalone Technical Facility	The TASCF Project's specific objective is to develop the capacities of the Secretariat of State for Environment and other stakeholders to access the international carbon market to increase the climate resilience and income of smallholder farmers in Timor-Leste.	The Technical Assistance to Support Carbon Farming –Timor Leste (TASCF) Project focuses on establishing the enabling environment within Timor-Leste through the development of regulatory, institutional and policy framework, to allow carbon farming to prosper.	<a href="https://www.eea.europa.eu/eea/projects/timor-leste/technical-assistance-support-carbon-farming/621680931/mo-leste_en">https://www.eea.europa.eu/eea/projects/timor-leste/technical-assistance-support-carbon-farming/621680931/mo-leste_en</a>	<b>3</b> //
African Carbon Asset Development (ACAD) Facility	Africa	UNEP	Standalone Technical Facility	The African Carbon Asset Development (ACAD) Facility was originally established in 2009 at the height of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project development to address the widespread concern that CDM evaded the African continent.	This facility collaborates with local project developers to enhance their awareness, expertise, and investment willingness in the African carbon market, but also with African financial institutions in order to raise awareness and knowledge of potential revenue streams from the carbon market.	<a href="https://www.unep.org/projects/african-carbon-asset-development-acad-facility/en/">https://www.unep.org/projects/african-carbon-asset-development-acad-facility/en/</a>	closed?
Mitigation Action Facility	Central and South America	KW Entwicklungsbank / Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH	Standalone Technical Facility	The Mitigation Action Facility – an agile, grant-based multi-donor fund – drives sectoral decarbonisation, and evolved from the NAMA Facility in 2023	As a go-to platform for providing technical support and climate finance for ambitious mitigation projects with an aim of decarbonising key sectors of the economy and society.	<a href="https://mitigation.action.org/about/">https://mitigation.action.org/about/</a>	//

1. Key Information on the TA Facility
2. Description and Services provided by the Facility
3. Website links

# Use Example: Oando Clean Energy Limited

## 1<sup>st</sup> Step: identification of the project and its key features

Theme	Sponsor	Location	High level description	Funding
E-mobility	venture* Oando Clean Energy Limited	Nigeria	Renewable energy company procuring e-buses and 192 charging infrastructure in Nigeria	\$192Mn to cover pilot + roll-out (debt to equity 70/30); focus on debt for roll out - \$25Mn, min invest. 1/3 of funding need
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Sector		Geographic Area		

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Step: identification of the right TA Facility/Provider based on its services and features

Technical Assistance Providers in Transport						
Name of the Technical Facility	Geographic Area	Typology	Description	Services Provided	Link	Comment
SUTP	Global	One-off activity	Sustainable Urban Transport Project developed by GIZ and on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).	The main objective is to assist developing world cities achieve their sustainable transport goals through the dissemination of information about international experience, policy advice, training and capacity building and targeted work on sustainable transport projects within cities.	<a href="https://suto.eu/">https://suto.eu/</a>	
UN Habitat	Global	One-off activity	UN-Habitat is the United Nations program working towards a better urban future. Its mission is to promote socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements development and the achievement of adequate shelter for all.	UN-Habitat works in over 90 countries to promote transformative change in cities and human settlements through knowledge, policy advice, technical assistance and collaborative action. UN-Habitat offers a comprehensive package of knowledge, advocacy, and technical assistance to support national governments and local authorities in the development and implementation of sustainable urban mobility plans and investment strategies.	<a href="https://unhabitat.org/">https://unhabitat.org/</a>	//
ICLE – Local Governments for Sustainability	Global	One-off activity	ICLE – Local Governments for Sustainability (or simply ICLE) is an international non-governmental organization that promotes sustainable development.	ICLE provides technical consulting to local governments to meet sustainability objectives. Its members and experts work together through peer exchange, partnerships and capacity building to create systemic change for urban sustainability.	<a href="https://icle.net/">https://icle.net/</a>	
MobiliseYourCity	Global	One-off activity	Launched at COP21 in Paris, the MobiliseYourCity Partnership is a leading global Partnership for sustainable mobility of nearly 100 partners, including 63 member cities and 15 member countries.	The MobiliseYourCity Partnership offers support to 100 cities and 20 countries to improve urban mobility for their citizens and decarbonise transport to fight the global climate crisis.	<a href="https://www.mobiliseyourcity.net/">https://www.mobiliseyourcity.net/</a>	
Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SuoCAT)	Asia, Latin America and Africa	One-off activity	The Sustainable Low Carbon Transport (SuoCAT) multi-stakeholder partnership comprises over 90 organizations representing UN organizations, Multilateral and bilateral development organizations, NGOs and Foundations, Academe and the Business Sector.	The thematic scope of the partnership includes all modes of transport, including freight and passenger transport. Both motorized and non-motorized transport are included. The policies proposed by SuoCAT are universal but the geographical scope of the Partnership is mainly for developing countries.	<a href="https://sucat.net/">https://sucat.net/</a>	

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Step: Matchmaking between project owners and TA facility/providers

E-mobility Venture



“Sustainable Low Carbon Transport” or “SUTP”