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# 2026 Lab Preliminary Application

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# INSTRUCTIONS

All questions are mandatory unless stated otherwise. Questions include guidance to help applicants frame their responses. Responses in bullet point form are encouraged. Please limit your response to the indicated word count. For any questions, please visit the *Call for Ideas* [webpage](#) or reach out to [lab.cpi@cpiglobal.org](mailto:lab.cpi@cpiglobal.org).

## 1. CONTACT INFORMATION

Text field:	If applicable:	If applicable:
Contact #1	Contact #2	Contact #3
Name of Institution	Name of Institution	Name of Institution
Email	Email	Email

## 2. TEAM

2.1 Organization type. *(Single select dropdown menu)*

- Advisory Firm
- Asset manager / Fund manager
- Asset owner
- Commercial Bank
- Corporate
- Consortium
- Insurer
- Microfinance Institutions
- Non-profit
- Project Developer
- Start-up
- Other

If you selected 'Consortium' or 'Other,' please specify:

2.2 Please provide a brief introduction on the organization(s) developing the instrument, including business model, founding year and number of employees). (75 words)

2.3 Has your organization (or at least one of the consortium partners, if relevant) previously raised and deployed investment capital?

- a. Yes

b. No

2.4 Please elaborate on previous experience and track record that would be relevant for the development and execution of your proposed instrument (75 words)

2.5 Describe the role of the applicant team within the organization/consortium and why developing this instrument is relevant to your organization's activities and goals. (100 words)

- Please include in your responses the team's size and expected time allocation for instrument development.

2.6 Are you a women-led or women-owned organization, as defined by the 2X Criteria?

- Yes
- No

*To meet this criterion, women must either own at least 51% of the organization or be a founder of the organization that retains an active role (minimum 50% in case of multiple co-founders). A founder is any individual included in the legal registration of the organization with a substantial decision-making role when the organization was first established. An active role can refer to a key position in the organization's senior executive team (C-suite or equivalent). It may also include acting in an advisory capacity for key decisions and does not necessarily require a full-time role at the organization.*

### 3. VEHICLE DESIGN

#### 3.1 IDEA OVERVIEW

Briefly describe the idea and how it will mobilize finance towards its impact objectives. Please highlight how the idea addresses a market gap in a new or more effective manner than existing solutions on the market. Be as specific as possible. (150 Words)

#### 3.2 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED INSTRUMENT

Please check the options that best describes your idea:

- Alternative investments (e.g., private equity, private debt)
- Asset finance (e.g., project finance, consumer-based finance)
- Credit enhancement (e.g., guarantee, insurance)
- Company with a climate-focused technology product or service (e.g., climate tech startup)

- Project or program using grants to implement climate-focused initiatives (e.g., climate education)
- Results-based finance (e.g., KPI-linked bond, payment for ecosystem services)
- Servitization (e.g., PayGo models)
- Structured product (e.g., securitization, derivatives)
- Other

If you selected other, or checked multiple boxes please specify:

3.3 Please outline the types of capital you will be included in your vehicle (check all that apply):

- Grants
- Concessional equity or debt
- Commercial equity or debt
- Other

If "other", describe:

3.4 Describe how the idea works and the manner in which it would mobilize finance towards its intended purpose by addressing the questions below.

If any aspects of the instrument design are not yet fully defined, this is understandable considering the Lab works with early-stage vehicles; however, kindly indicate such uncertainties in your response.

A. What is the target pipeline for the vehicle? Please describe the pipeline with specific details including sector, size, and other relevant characteristics. (75 words)

B. In what way will the financing be deployed? (ie, will the vehicle deploy debt, equity, mezzanine, and what are supporting characteristics of this offering, including tenor, size, additional features, etc.) (75 words)

C. Please explain how the vehicle's investments will generate returns. What are the revenue sources/revenue model of your vehicle? (75 words)

D. What, if any, de-risking mechanisms (e.g. first-loss capital, guarantees, technical assistance etc.) will be used and what risk(s) will they be addressing? (75 words)

## 4. VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL VEHICLE

4.1 Optional but highly encouraged - Upload a graphic or image that illustrates the idea. Show the source of funds and the use of funds. Please show the envisioned capital structure of the vehicle See sample diagrams on the Lab's website in Portfolio; or [here](#). *(Upload field)*.

## 5. PROGRESS TO DATE

### 5.1 STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

What is the idea's current stage of development? *\*Select one from the list below. Most past Lab ideas were accepted into the program in stages 2-4.*

1. **Basic Idea:** The idea is in an early-stage concept. Preliminary research has been done, but instrument structure, target market, and/or implementing partners have not been identified or defined.
2. **Initial development:** The idea is undergoing research and testing but is not yet at a point which they can reasonably be deemed 'feasible'. Concept has been shown potential to work in practice, yet details on instrument structure and pathway to market are still unclear.
3. **Proof of Concept:** The idea has been developed and tested to the point that it is in theory feasible, with further activity required to make the next commercial steps (pilot, product development, required agreements, etc) happen. Instrument has developed a viable product, with few details to still be developed.
4. **Pilot Instrument:** A pilot has been tested and financial vehicle development is nearly (or fully) complete.
5. **Expansion:** Instrument is active and heading towards full scale-up version , refining model, seeking out additional funding or operational partners.
6. **Scale-up:** Instrument is already active and in scale-up mode, looking for replication in new sectors or regions.
7. **Replication:** The instrument has been shown to work and is being replicated in sectors and/or geographies.

5.2 Briefly summarize the activities completed to date towards the design and implementation of the idea. *(100 words)*:

## 6. TARGET ECONOMIES

6.1 Please select which of the following markets your solution will invest in:

1. Emerging markets and developing economies (EMDEs) only
2. Developed markets only

### 3. Both EMDEs and developed markets

List of eligible countries [here](#).

6.2 What region(s) does the proposed instrument primarily target? *(Single select dropdown menu)*

- Africa
- Asia-Pacific
- Caribbean
- Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- Latin America
- North America
- Western Europe

6.3 List the 1-3 developing country(ies) target markets in order of priority. Please make a distinction between primary and secondary targets.

Primary Target

Secondary Target

Tertiary Target

6.4 The Lab has 8 open streams for this call for ideas. Details [here](#). Please rank the top 2 Lab stream(s) you are applying for in order of preference. *Please only include the stream(s) that are applicable to your idea. If only one stream is applicable, rank only one stream. If your idea is globally-structured, select one region to target initial work.*

*\* If your primary target is Brazil or India please select only the Brazil or India streams and not LAC or APAC as well.*

- Africa - Agriculture and Food Systems
- Africa- Mitigation
- Asia-Pacific - Mitigation
- Brazil – Adaptation and/or Mitigation
- India – Adaptation and/or Mitigation
- Latin America and the Caribbean – Adaptation
- Latin America and the Caribbean - Mitigation
- The Philippines – Adaptation

## 7. TARGET SECTORS

7.1 What sector, sub-sector, and climate action does your idea target? *(Single select dropdown menus)*

<p>Sector <i>(dropdown)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy</li> <li>• Industrials</li> <li>• Land Use/AFOLU</li> <li>• Multi-sector</li> <li>• Sustainable Cities</li> <li>• Water/WASH</li> </ul>	<p>Sub-Sector <i>(dropdown)(multiple-select)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cement</li> <li>• Buildings</li> <li>• Energy Access</li> <li>• Energy Efficiency</li> <li>• Forestry</li> <li>• Renewable Energy</li> <li>• Sanitation</li> <li>• Sustainable Agriculture</li> <li>• Steel</li> <li>• Textile</li> <li>• Urban Infrastructure</li> <li>• Urban Transport</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>	<p>Climate Action <i>(dropdown)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adaptation</li> <li>• Mitigation</li> <li>• Cross-cutting</li> </ul>
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If you selected Multi-sector, please specify:

If you selected Other, please specify

## 8. LAB FIT

Have you applied to the Lab before?

- Yes
- No

If yes, what progress have you made since your last submission? *(75 words):*

## OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR THE LAB