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## NEWS RELEASE

### CIFAR Alliance Joins ANDE

# ANDE Strengthens Climate Adaptation Finance Through CIFAR Alliance Integration

*Beginning in the third quarter of 2026, the CIFAR Alliance will operate within ANDE's global network, bringing climate finance expertise to ANDE's work across emerging markets.*

**[WASHINGTON, DC], [June 25, 2026]** — The Climate Innovation for Adaptation and Resilience (CIFAR) Alliance is joining the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE), one of the largest networks supporting small and growing businesses in emerging markets. The move brings CIFAR's specialization in climate adaptation and resilience finance into a network with the scale to put it to work.

“Adaptation is no longer optional for climate vulnerable communities — it’s a question of economic survival. By integrating with the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs, the CIFAR Alliance is scaling a powerful ecosystem connecting capital, innovation, and communities on the frontlines of climate change,” said Graham Wright, group managing director of MicroSave Consulting and co-chair of the CIFAR Alliance.

“Climate adaptation is, at its core, an enterprise and livelihoods challenge, and many ANDE members are already addressing these challenges with businesses across 150 countries. CIFAR’s integration into

ANDE brings our members deeper expertise in resilience finance and a clearer route to the capital these businesses need,” said Peggy Clark, Vice President of the Aspen Institute.

Founded in 2021 and incubated by BFA Global, CIFAR has grown into a member-driven platform comprising 22 institutions. Through its Co-Labs, the alliance has produced more than 15 practical knowledge products and brought together over 100 organizations and 2,500-plus participants across Regional Climate Weeks and recent COP convenings. ANDE extends the reach of that work. Its network includes more than 200 member organizations in 150 countries, supporting over 200,000 small and growing businesses each year. Eight regional chapters anchor that work across Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The combined network aims to build a stronger pipeline of climate-resilient businesses and move more early-stage and growth capital toward the communities most exposed to climate change.

#### *About the CIFAR Alliance*

The CIFAR Alliance is a global, member-driven community working at the intersection of climate and finance to advance adaptation, resilience, and inclusive climate finance for vulnerable communities and enterprises. It was founded and incubated by BFA Global, with early member partners including PayPal, the World Resources Institute, CGAP, the Better Than Cash Alliance, and the UN Race to Resilience. [www.cifaralliance.org](http://www.cifaralliance.org)

#### *About ANDE*

The Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE), hosted at the Aspen Institute, is a global network of entrepreneur support organizations that believes that small and growing businesses (SGBs) are central to sustainable and inclusive development. ANDE’s work focuses on two pathways: building the capacity of its members to support entrepreneurs, and strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystems that help businesses grow. ANDE is a program of the Aspen Institute. [www.andeglobal.org](http://www.andeglobal.org)

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