

# Flexible Financing Facility (FFF) Local Currency (LC) Financing Options\*



## About the FFF

The FFF offers financial solutions to further borrowers' risk management capabilities in projects, lending programs and asset-liability management strategies. Sovereign borrowers can choose from a menu of embedded options to tailor financial terms of Ordinary Capital (OC) loans. The FFF also offers stand alone hedges to transform risk characteristics of all IDB obligations. These financial solutions address borrowers' changing needs during the life of IDB loans.

## Local Currency (LC) Financing Options

LC financing enhances the ability to manage currency exposures and better match project cash flows of sovereigns and sub national entities. LC loans and guarantees are negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

Borrowers may access local currency financing at loan approval or through disbursements or OLB conversion of dollar denominated loans. Delivery of LC financing is subject to market availability. Should LC not be available at the time of a request, borrowers have the option to disburse in US dollars and request a conversion at a later date, when available.

Local Currency Financing Options include:

- Approval of loans and guarantees denominated in borrowers' own currency;
- Conversion of LC denominated loans and guarantees into other regional currencies;
- Conversion of US dollar denominated loans and guarantees into regional currencies;
- Hedging through direct currency swaps against existing IDB debt.

Depending on market availability, the IDB may extend LC financing in the LC requested by the Borrower for fully deliverable currencies; alternatively, delivery will be in non deliverable format with settlement in USD.

To accommodate for constraints in local currency markets, borrowers have some flexibility in the number of LC tranches and repayment structures (i.e., bullet repayments, uneven amortization schedules and shorter repayment periods) in a loan. These options are available provided that the Weighted Average Life (WAL) of all loan tranches does not exceed the loan's original WAL and that the loan's final maturity, as approved, is not exceeded. Minimum conversion amounts apply.

## At a Glance

- LC financing can be obtained at approval or through conversions.
- LC Financing Options apply to individual disbursements, and/or to partial or total outstanding loan balances, subject to market availability and minimum amounts.
- Choice of amortization schedule subject to maintaining WAL and original maturity.
- Cost is on a pass-through basis plus applicable lending margin and fees.
- Prepayment of converted amounts is subject to pass through of IDBs cost/gain from redeployment of funds.
- Ability to hedge at a portfolio level via execution of ISDA Master Agreement with the IDB.

Once converted, the loan obligation remains in the converted currency. Prepayments of converted amounts are subject to IDBs ability to unwind its LC funding operations with the market. Costs/gains resulting from IDBs redeployment of funds will be passed on to the borrower.

In the case of direct LC swaps against existing IDB debt, borrowers must have an International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) Master Agreement in place with the IDB.

LC options may be made available to loans approved under prior modalities, i.e. pre-FFF. This may require loan contract modifications and would be subject to market availability.

## Pricing and Transaction Fees for LC Financing

The IDB executes LC financing operations via a match funding approach. LC Financing Options are subject to market availability and pricing is on a cost pass-through basis plus applicable lending margin and fees.

Pricing of LC Financing Options corresponds to the selected currency equivalent of LIBOR +/- the estimated funding margin or actual funding cost at the time of execution.

For applicable Transactions Fees refer, please refer to [www.iadb.org/rates](http://www.iadb.org/rates).

Please consult with us for these and other LC Financing Options.

\* All loans negotiated after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, are approved under the Flexible Financing Facility.

## Flexible Financing Facility (FFF) | Terms and Conditions

Currency of loan approval	- US dollars or regional local currencies (LCs) that the IDB can efficiently intermediate.
Maturity, amortization and WAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investment loans: typically 25 years final maturity, 5.5 years grace period and semiannual straight line amortization thereafter, corresponding to a Weighted Average Life (WAL) of 15.25 years.</li> <li>- Policy Based Loans (PBLs): 20 years final maturity, 5.5 years grace period and semiannual straight line amortization thereafter, corresponding to a WAL of 12.75 years.</li> </ul>
Lending rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For US denominated financing, lending rate is LIBOR base rate plus IDB lending spread: (i) LIBOR base rate is US\$ 3-month LIBOR +/- IDB's funding margin, which are reset on the 15th of January, April, July and October; plus (ii) IDB's Ordinary Capital (OC) lending spread, periodically determined by the Bank.</li> <li>- For Major Currencies (MC)/LC financing, lending rate is (i) the MC/LC equivalent of LIBOR +/- estimated funding margin in US\$ or actual funding cost at the time of execution, plus (ii) IDB lending spread.</li> <li>- For applicable loan charges and conversion option fees, please refer to <a href="http://www.iadb.org/rates">www.iadb.org/rates</a>.</li> </ul>
Loan tranching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refers to sub loans within a single loan, each with different financial structures, such as currency, repayment schedule, and interest rate basis.</li> <li>- For financing in MCs, up to four tranches each of at least \$3 million. For financing in LCs, flexible number of tranches to accommodate for market constraints.</li> <li>- Each tranche can be denominated in a different currency.</li> </ul>
Currency conversion options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conversion options available during the life of the loan for disbursements or outstanding loan balances include: (i) conversion to other MCs; (ii) conversion to regional LCs subject to market availability; and (iii) fixing the exchange rate at a predetermined level on a future date (forward starting swap).</li> <li>- Loan obligation remains in the converted currency.</li> <li>- For non-US dollar conversions, arrears accrue interest at a floating rate of the overdue currency plus 1%. Additional charges assessed, if necessary, consistent with a full cost pass through. This applies for currency in which the IDB does not have treasury operations.</li> <li>- Please consult with us for these and other currency options.</li> </ul>
Flexible repayment options	- Standard FFF loans carry a semiannual straight line amortization schedule. Other repayment options include bullet repayment structures, extended grace periods, uneven amortization schedules, and shorter repayment periods subject to: (i) the cumulative WAL of all tranches cannot exceed the loan's original WAL, and (ii) the loan's original final maturity date, which cannot be exceeded.
Interest rate conversion options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Options available during the life of the loan for partial or full loan conversions include: (i) fixing both or either one of the LIBOR base rate components (3-month LIBOR and/or funding margin); (ii) floating the fixed rate; (iii) converting to an inflation-linked rate; (iv) contracting an option to fix the LIBOR base rate at a predetermined level on a future date (forward starting swap); (v) purchasing a interest rate cap and/or collar.</li> <li>- Minimum amounts apply based on operational and market considerations.</li> </ul>
Commodity conversions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commodity conversion options are embedded in FFF loans and are linked to outstanding loan balances.</li> <li>- Conversion options available during the life of the loan include: (i) buying a call option to protect from commodity price increases; and (ii) buying a put option to protect from commodity price decreases.</li> <li>- Option types include: (i) European; (ii) fixed-strike arithmetic Asian; and (iii) binary options.</li> <li>- Conversions will be structured on a case-by-case basis, are settled in cash only, and are subject to market availability, operational and risk management considerations; minimum conversion amounts apply.</li> <li>- Conversion cost is on a pass-through basis.</li> </ul>
Other risk management options	- Please consult with us for availability.
Prepayment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Full or partial loan prepayments are subject to IDBs ability to unwind its funding operations with the market.</li> <li>- Converted loan amounts under any of the options offered by the FFF are subject to pass through of IDB's cost/gain from redeployment of funds.</li> </ul>
Conversion fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fees for currency, interest rate and/or commodity conversions apply, except for the initial rate fixings up to the net approved loan amount.</li> <li>- For a complete list of transaction fees, please refer to <a href="http://www.iadb.org/rates">www.iadb.org/rates</a>.</li> </ul>