

## Adaptation Fund Project Review Criteria

1. The following review criteria for adaptation fund projects are applicable to both the small-size projects and regular projects under the single-approval process. For regular projects using the two-step approval process, only the first four criteria will be applied when reviewing the 1<sup>st</sup> step for regular project concept. In addition, the information provided in the 1<sup>st</sup> step approval process with respect to the review criteria for the regular project concept could be less detailed than the information in the request for approval template submitted at the 2<sup>nd</sup> step approval process. Furthermore, a final project document is required for regular projects for the 2<sup>nd</sup> step approval, in addition to the approval template.

Review Criteria	
1. Country Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the country party to the Kyoto Protocol?</li> <li>• Is the country a developing country particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change?<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>
2. Project Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has the government endorsed the project?<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Does the project / programme support concrete adaptation actions to assist the country in addressing the adverse effects of climate change?</li> <li>• Does the project provide economic, social and environmental benefits, with particular reference to the most vulnerable communities?</li> <li>• Is the project cost-effective?</li> <li>• Is the project consistent with national sustainable development strategies, national development plans, poverty reduction strategies, national communications or adaptation programs of action, or other relevant instruments?</li> <li>• Does the project meet the relevant national technical standards, where applicable?</li> <li>• Is there duplication of project with other funding sources?</li> <li>• Does the project have a learning and knowledge management component to capture and feedback lessons?</li> <li>• Has the project provided justification for the funding requested on the basis of the full cost of adaptation?</li> </ul>
3. Resource Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the requested project funding in accordance with the funding allocation decisions of the Adaptation Fund Board per country/project?</li> </ul>
4. Eligibility of NIE/MIE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the project submitted through an eligible NIE/MIE that has been accredited by the Board?</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Further reference to the eligibility of country can be found in the document: “*Strategic Priorities, Policies, and Guidelines of the Adaptation Fund*”

<sup>2</sup> Each Party shall designate and communicate to the Secretariat the authority that will endorse on behalf of the national government the projects and programmes proposed by the implementing entities.



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5. Implementation Arrangement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is there adequate arrangement for project management?</li><li>• Are there measures for financial and project risk management?</li><li>• Are arrangements for monitoring and evaluation clearly defined, including a budgeted M&amp;E plan?</li><li>• Is a project results framework included?</li></ul>
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