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**WORK PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE THE ACCREDITATION
PROCESS OF NATIONAL IMPLEMENTING ENTITIES**

I. Note by the secretariat

1. At the ninth meeting of the Adaptation Fund Board, the Board took note of the presentation of the Manager of the Adaptation Fund Board secretariat on the activities of the secretariat during the intersessional period (document AFB/B.9/3). These included presentations made by the secretariat staff for awareness-raising purposes to the GRULAC group at the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), and to Pacific and Asian countries, respectively, in sub-regional workshops organized by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). In the discussion that followed:

It was suggested that a programme of workshops was required to help non-Annex I Parties to not simply prepare the applications for National Implementing Entities, but also to help the participants to understand how to prioritize projects and how to prepare the necessary dossiers.

2. Further at that meeting, after the discussion under agenda item 8 "Report of the Accreditation Panel" (document AFB/B.9/4),

The Board decided, following the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel, to consider modalities for providing technical support to Implementing Entity applicants, and to request:

(i) The secretariat to prepare a programme of work to help explain to eligible countries the requirements for accreditation as a National Implementing Entity.

3. The present document has been developed upon this request.

II. Awareness raising program

4. The awareness raising programme is developed with a goal towards equitability among regions, and taking into account activities that have already been carried out in some regions.

5. The secretariat has identified the opportunities in different regions, as outlined below. Considering available resources, the secretariat could attend one of the suggested meetings in each of the regions.

Africa

21-25 June 2010: *African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) 13th session* in Bamako, Mali (<http://www.unep.org/roa/amcen/>)

The agenda includes, inter alia, Ministerial policy dialogue on aspects of the implementation of the Rio conventions, including UNFCCC.

Note: This meeting takes place during Fiscal Year 2010, and it is therefore not included in the budget below.

Alternatively:

6-8 July 2010: *International Colloquium "Adaptation to climate change: Strategies for exchange and sharing of information for the benefit of communities"* in Dakar, Senegal (<http://www.cse.sn/seninfoclim/colloque.html>).

The Colloquium is organized by the Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE) of Senegal. The Adaptation Fund Board or its secretariat has been invited to make a keynote plenary presentation and to host a side-event in this meeting. The agenda of the meeting focuses on the role of communities in the management of climate crisis. The colloquium will present a platform for exchanging information and experiences on strategies for information sharing and the implementation of adaptation strategies for climate change.

Jan – Jun 2011: A meeting to be identified. Provisionally:

21-25 January 2011: *The 25th session of the Governing Council / Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)* in Nairobi, Kenya (<http://www.unep.org/resources/gov/overview.asp>)

“The Global Ministerial Environment Forum is convened annually to review important and emerging policy issues in the field of the environment, with the Governing Council constituting the forum either in its regular sessions or special sessions.”

Asia

21-22 October 2010: *Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2010* in Bangkok, Thailand (<http://www.roap.unep.org/>)

A multi-stakeholder meeting arranged by ADB, UNEP, SIDA, etc.

“The Adaptation Forum aims at gathering 200-300 adaptation practitioners at regional, national, and sub-national level. These could include government representatives from various line ministries, researchers, practitioners, NGOs, international organization, regional intergovernmental bodies, media and the private sector.”

Alternatively:

27 Sep – 3 Oct 2010: *The Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific*, in Astana, Kazakhstan (<http://mced6.org/en/>).

“The purpose of MCED-6, through a broad-based and interactive discussion, is to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development, assessing the progress and remaining gaps to date, in the implementation of the international agreed development goals and MCED-5 outcomes, including Green Growth strategy, defining priorities and cooperative actions that should have been implemented by relevant governmental, non-governmental and other partners.”

Eastern Europe

Jul 2010 – Mar 2011: A meeting to be identified.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Jul 2010 – Mar 2011: A meeting to be identified

Small Island Developing States

18-19 Sep 2010: *Five-year review of Strategy for Implementation of Plan of Action for Sustainable Development of Small Island States*, New York, USA, (http://www.sidsnet.org/msi_5/).

“Member States will undertake a 5-year review of the Mauritius Strategy for the Implementation of the Barbados Plan of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island States”

Least Developed Countries

20-22 Sep 2010: *Millennium Development Goals Summit*, New York, USA, (<http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>).

“With only five years left until the 2015 deadline to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has called on world leaders to attend a summit in New York on 20-22 September 2010 to boost progress towards the MDGs.”

6. In addition to the meetings in the regions, the secretariat is making arrangements for a side-event in conjunction with the 6th Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 6) to be held from 29 November to 10 December 2010 in Cancun, Mexico. The secretariat is also prepared to arrange a presentation or side event in conjunction with the meetings of the UNFCCC subsidiary bodies in June 2011.

7. The secretariat has also the opportunity to attend the extended constituency meetings of the GEF that will replace the GEF sub-regional meetings. Such meetings are planned to be held annually during the year for each of the 16 GEF constituencies, and convene governments, Multilateral Environmental Agreement focal points, GEF agencies, NGOs and the civil society. There is an option to attend the extended constituency meetings to reach groups of countries that have not been reached through other meetings.

8. A number of climate change related international events will take place during Fiscal Year 2011 and were considered but excluded because of not reaching the optimal audience.

III. Implementation and budget

9. The Awareness Raising Programme will be implemented by the Adaptation Fund Board secretariat. One representative of the secretariat will participate in each of the selected meetings. The programme will be streamlined with and will draw on the Adaptation Fund communications strategy that the Board has decided to develop (Decision B.9/5). The Programme will also make use of the publications the Adaptation Fund has published, namely the handbook and the brochure.

10. A tentative budget for the Awareness Raising Programme, below, was drafted for four regional meetings, one in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America each, plus two meetings in New York, and a side-event during the CMP 6 in Cancun:

Tentative budget, FY11 (USD)				
Item	Units	Persons	Rate	Total
<i>4 regional meetings, 1 participant:</i>				
Travel and subsistence	1	4	8,500	34,000
Subtotal				34,000
<i>2 global meetings, NYC, 2 participants:</i>				
Travel	1	2	250	500
Subsistence, days	5	2	300	3,000
Subtotal				3,500
<i>Side-event in CMP6, back-to-back with AFB:</i>				
Travel	1	4	n/a	0
Subsistence, days	3	2	300	1,800
Catering	1	100	40	4,000
Subtotal				5,800
Grand total				43,300

VI. Recommendation

11. The Board may wish to consider and approve the proposed Awareness Raising Programme, including its budgetary implications.