



## ADAPTATION FUND

### **Adaptation Fund Welcomes Two More Partners To Combat Climate Change**

*Accreditation of Antigua & Barbuda Environment Division and UN-Habitat Supports Fund's Actions at National and International Levels*

*(Washington, DC, Aug. 7, 2015)* The Adaptation Fund Board (AFB) has accredited the Environment Division of the Ministry of Health and the Environment—Government of Antigua and Barbuda—as its 20<sup>th</sup> National Implementing Entity (NIE), at the same time welcoming the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) as the Fund's 12<sup>th</sup> Multilateral Implementing Entity (MIE). The two decisions (B.25-26/9 and B.25-26/10 respectively) were taken by the Board on July 31, 2015, reflecting the consensus recommendations of the Fund's Accreditation Panel.

*"We are delighted about the news of our accreditation,"* said Ruleta Camacho Thomas, Antigua & Barbuda Deputy Chief Environment Officer. *"The Environment Division is proud of this accomplishment which will help us in tackling our urgent Climate Change adaptation needs. The ability to have direct access to funds means that our national priorities can be addressed in an integrated and timely manner. We can ensure that projects will reflect the needs of our residents and we can plan long term for the sustainability of these initiatives through the national Sustainable Island Resource Framework Fund. We are grateful for the support of our Minister and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Environment and our Prime Minister in these endeavours. We look forward to continuing our close collaboration with community groups, NGOs and sister agencies within our government."*

Marcus Mayr, Climate Change Planning Unit (UN-Habitat) stated, *"The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) is the UN agency for all urban matters with a mandate to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities, and the achievement of adequate shelter for all. The accreditation to the Adaptation Fund will enable a new partnership to accelerate the ongoing UN-Habitat support to developing countries to build urban resilience and help cities adapt to climate change. It will also support the implementation of the sustainable development goals related to cities and climate change, and to respond to the growing demands by cities and governments ahead of the COP21 and Habitat III conferences."*

The Adaptation Fund finances projects and programmes that help vulnerable communities, countries, and sectors build resilience and adapt to climate change. The Fund supports developing countries Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. It provides simplified and improved access to funding, including direct access, basing its activities on a country-driven approach and encouraging stakeholder involvement, including vulnerable groups, whilst addressing gender aspects.

Since financing for projects began in 2010, 20 NIEs, 12 MIEs, and 4 Regional Implementing Entities (RIEs) have so far been accredited by the AFB. The full list is available on the Fund's website (<https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/implementing-entities/>).

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