



## ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board  
Project and Programme Review Committee  
Fourteenth meeting  
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Agenda Item 6 d)

### **PROJECT FORMULATION GRANT FOR MOROCCO**

## I. Background

1. The Board at its eleventh meeting discussed the document “Funding for Project Formulation Costs” (AFB/11/6) and agreed, in its Decision B.11/18, that:

- i. project formulation grants (PFG) should be given once a project concept has been approved*
- ii. consideration should be given in terms of differentiating between NIEs and MIEs, since some NIEs might have financial difficulties in trying to formulate project or programme proposals;*
- iii. a flat rate should be given for project formulation costs;*
- iv. a list of eligible activities and items still needed to be prepared;*
- v. the grant should be additional to the project cost; and*
- vi. the fate of funds if the final project document was rejected should be determined.*

2. There was consensus that a three tiered system should be considered for project formulation grants: endorse a project concept with a PFG amount, endorse a project concept without a PFG amount, or reject the project concept.

3. Following the discussion, the Board decided:

*To request the secretariat to reformulate the document, to include a comparison of eligible activities provided by other funds for project formulation grants, to take into account guidance provided by the Board at the present meeting, and to submit the document to the Board at its twelfth meeting, through the EFC. The EFC should review and finalize the process and policy of the project formulation grant focusing, in particular, on: the issue of unspent project funds; the procedures followed by other funds in that regard; and the determination of a flat-rate.*

4. A document was prepared by the secretariat in response to the above mandate and presented at the third EFC meeting, which made specific recommendations to the Board at its twelfth meeting. Having considered the recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee, the Board, in its Decision B.12/28, decided that :

- (a) Project Formulation Grants (PFGs) will only be made available for projects submitted through NIEs. The Board would continue reviewing the question of PFGs for projects submitted through MIEs and would solicit comments from members and alternate members by February 14, 2011; the views would be compiled by the secretariat for presentation to the Board at its March 2011 meeting;
- (b) If a country required a project formulation grant, a request should be made at the same time as the submission of a project concept to the secretariat. The secretariat will review and forward it to the PPRC for a final recommendation to the Board. A PFG could only be awarded when a project concept was presented and endorsed;
- (c) A PFG form, reproduced in Annex V, should be submitted;
- (d) Only activities related to country costs would be eligible for PFG funding;

- (e) A flat rate of up to US\$30,000 shall be provided, inclusive of the management fee, which cannot exceed 8.5 per cent of the grant amount. The flat fee would be reviewed by the Board at its thirteenth and all subsequent meetings;
- (f) If the final project document is rejected, any unused funds shall be returned to the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund;
- (g) Once a project/programme formulation grant is disbursed, a fully developed project document should come to the Board for approval within 12 months. No additional grants for project preparation can be received by a country until the fully developed project/programme document has been submitted to the Board; and
- (h) The Trustee was instructed to remove the set-aside of US\$100,000 for project preparation that had been decided at the June 2010 meeting, as project preparation would be approved on a project-by-project basis.

## **II. The Project Formulation Grant Request**

5. This addendum to the document AFB/PPRC.14/7 "Proposal for Morocco" includes the Project formulation grant, requesting a budget of US\$30,000, which was received by the secretariat along with the concept for the project MAR/NIE/Agri/2013/1 "Climate changes adaptation project in oasis zones". This proposal was submitted on time by the *Agence pour le Développement Agricole* (ADA), the National Implementing Entity for Morocco, for its consideration by the Adaptation Fund Board at its twenty-third meeting.

6. In accordance with Decision B.12/28 paragraph (b), the secretariat carried out an initial review of the PFG request and found that the document did not provide detailed information on the use of the requested funds. Following the comments from the secretariat, a revised document was subsequently submitted by ADA and the secretariat found that the proposed activities were aligned with the goal of the project and would help collecting key additional information, undertake the necessary consultations and organize the final validation workshop, to formulate a fully-developed project in a participatory manner.

7. Therefore, the PPRC may want to consider and recommend to the Board to approve the PFG Request provided that the related concept proposal is endorsed.



## Project Formulation Grant (PFG)

Submission Date: **February 10, 2014**

Adaptation Fund Project ID: **MAR/NIE/Agri/2013/1**

Country/ies: **Morocco**

Title of Project/Programme: **Climate changes adaptation project in oasis zones**

Type of IE (NIE/MIE): **NIE**

Implementing Entity: **Agency for Agricultural Development**

Executing Entity/ies: **National Agency for Development of Oases Zones and Argan Trees**

### A. Project Preparation Timeframe

Start date of PFG	June 1, 2014
Completion date of PFG	July 31, 2014


### B. Proposed Project Preparation Activities (\$)

Describe the PFG activities and justifications:

List of Proposed Project Preparation Activities	Output of the PFG Activities	USD Amount
1. Meetings with the the project implementing entity at central, local and regional levels and other relevant departments to generate knowledge and capitalize on relevant similar projects and get baseline information as a support for the Monitoring and Evaluation of project.	- Project components, detailed activities and relevant assigned entities. - Lessons from relevant projects leaned	2 500
2. Meetings and focus groups with target audience in pilot, ensuring the participation of all, including NGOs, local community entities, the private sector ...	- Establish a participatory framework for sharing and discussion of the planned project - Exchange of traditional knowledge made by local population regarding climate change - Seek support and commitment of local people to participate in the implementation of the project components	3 500
3. Conduct a rural appraisal, gather and analyse secondary data from official offices relevant to target areas	- Most vulnerable groups and communities within the target area identified	10 000
4. Preparation of draft project Appraisal document (PAD)	- Draft PAD	6 000
5. Organize a workshop to all stakeholders to present the draft PAD and seek feedback	- A workshop conducted and feedback from stakeholders	4 000
6. Prepare final PAD	- Final PAD	4 000
<b>Total Project Formulation Grant</b>		<b>30 000</b>

### C. Implementing Entity

This request has been prepared in accordance with the Adaptation Fund Board's procedures and meets the Adaptation Fund's criteria for project identification and formulation

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