

The experience of the Unit for Rural Change as the Argentinean NIE

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Unit for Rural Change as NIE

- The UCAR is the agency of the Ministry of Agriculture, Farming and Fishing that coordinates programs and projects financed by external resources devoted to reduce poverty and contribute to the production of sustainable agriculture.
- UCAR projects' main financial institutions include: World Bank (WB), Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Global Environmental Fund (GEF), Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) as well as bilateral donors, such as the European Union.
- UCAR is responsible for the formulation, execution and monitoring of these projects and programs, and this is performed by applying the standards of the financial institutions.
- UCAR Portfolio comprises 46 implemented projects, 55 in execution and 47 in formulation stage, having disbursed in 2012 148 million dollars.
- The UCAR participates in the developing of the National Strategy for Climate Change with other local institutions.

Reasons for Argentina to accredit a NIE

- The decision is consistent with the Argentine position regarding the importance of prioritizing climate change adaptation agenda in the multilateral negotiations.
- Argentina has national institutions that have met the high accreditation standards required to handle the funds.
- Compared to MIE, local institutions have better knowledge of and close links to stakeholders, civil society and other local institutions.
- We understand the accreditation process as an opportunity to support capacity building in local institutions.
- We understand that the experience could facilitate in the future the direct access to other funds (GEF, Green Fund).

Lessons Learned from the accreditation and project formulation process

- Fast formulation and approval project process compared to similar experiences with MIE (Multilateral Implementing Agencies).
- UCAR's accreditation as a NIE prioritized and strengthened Argentina's adaptation agenda by mobilizing new resources and initiatives in other projects and local institutions.
- The collaborative work with other local institutions creates channels for cooperation that translate into the generation of new projects and initiatives among institutions.
- The use of a NIE consolidates commitment, a sense of responsibility and a sense of owning the project, both by the implementing institutions as by the beneficiaries.

What we expect as NIE

- Motorization of National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy in others Programs and Projects.
- Passing on the experience and the capacity to other local and regional institutions, encouraging them to take part in an accreditation process.
- To prove the capacity of local institutions of development countries to access directly to other international funding sources (GEF, Green Fund, etc.).

THANK YOU

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