

Adaptation Fund Project/Programme Review Criteria

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

Review Criteria	
1. Country Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the country party to the Kyoto Protocol? • Is the country a developing country particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change?¹
2. Project Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the government endorsed the project through its Designated Authority?² • Does the project / programme support concrete adaptation actions to assist the country in addressing the adverse effects of climate change and build in climate change resilience? • Does the project / programme provide economic, social and environmental benefits, with particular reference to the most vulnerable communities, including gender considerations? • Is the project / programme cost-effective? • Is the project / programme consistent with national sustainable development strategies, national development plans, poverty reduction strategies, national communications or adaptation programs of action, or other relevant instruments? • Does the project / programme meet the relevant national technical standards, where applicable? • Is there duplication of project with other funding sources? • Does the project / programme have a learning and knowledge management component to capture and feedback lessons? • Has the project / programme provided justification for the funding requested on the basis of the full cost of adaptation? • Does the project / programme align with the AF results framework?

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

² The Designated Authority referred to in paragraph 20 of the OPG.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the sustainability of the project/programme outcomes been taken into account when designing the project?
3. Resource Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the requested project funding within the cap of the country? • Is the Implementing Entity management fee at or below 8.5 per cent of the total project/programme budget before the fee? • Are the project/programme execution costs at or below 9.5 per cent of the total project/programme budget before the fee?
4. Eligibility of NIE/MIE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the project submitted through an eligible NIE/MIE that has been accredited by the Board?
5. Implementation Arrangement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there adequate arrangement for project management? • Are there measures for financial and project risk management? • Are arrangements for monitoring and evaluation clearly defined, including a budgeted M&E plan? • Is a project results framework included? Are relevant targets and indicators disaggregated by sex?

Attached with this note are the following:

Appendix A: Request for Project/Programme Funding from Adaptation Fund

Appendix B: Government Endorsement Letter Template (submitted through NIEs/MIEs)

Appendix C: Adaptation Fund Secretariat Technical Review for Adaptation Fund Projects