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To stakeholders of the Adaptation Fund

Re: Public call for comments on the proposal of the Adaptation Fund gender policy

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to the Adaptation Fund Board Decision B.26/32 made at the 26th Board meeting on 8-9 October 2015, as attached in Annex of this letter, the secretariat is launching a public call for comments on the proposal of the Adaptation Fund gender policy contained in Annex I to document AFB/EFC.17/5, "Compilation and Analysis of Gender-related Policies and Procedures of the Fund". Accordingly, the secretariat will prepare a revised proposal for the 27th meeting of the Board scheduled on 17-18 March 2016.

The above-mentioned document of *Compilation and analysis of gender-related policies and procedures of the Fund* is available at: <u>http://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/AFB.EFC_.17.5-Gender-Analysis_AF_Documents.pdf</u>.

The secretariat encourages the public to submit comments relevant to the proposal of the Adaptation Fund gender policy. Please e-mail your comments to <u>afbsec@adaptation-fund.org</u> by **31 December 2015**. If you are providing comments on behalf of an organization, please include the organization's name and your contact information. If you are commenting as an individual, submit identifying or contact information.

Should you have any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Sincerely,

Marcia Levaggi Man'ager Adaptation Fund Board secretariat

Annex

Gender-related policies and procedures of the Fund

1. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC), the Adaptation Fund Board <u>decided</u> to:

a) Recognize the importance of streamlining and strengthening the integration of gender considerations in the policies and procedures of the Adaptation Fund;

b) Welcome the draft Adaptation Fund gender policy as contained in Annex I of document AFB/EFC.17/5;

c) Launch a public call for comments on the aforementioned policy with a deadline of 31 December 2015; and

- d) Request the secretariat to present, at the 27th meeting of the Board:
 - A revised proposal for an Adaptation Fund gender policy incorporating the inputs received from Board members and interested stakeholders through the public call for comments;

(ii) An action plan to operationalize an Adaptation Fund gender policy, including any necessary changes to the relevant Adaptation Fund policies and procedures;

- (iii) A compilation of the comments received through the public call for comments; and
- (iv) An estimate of the costs related to operationalizing the policy.

(Decision B. 26/32)