What next after accreditation?
Adaptation Fund project identification and project cycle

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What does the AF finance?

- AF finances projects/programmes whose principal and explicit aim is to **adapt and increase climate resilience**

- Projects/programmes have to be **concrete** with “visible and tangible impacts”

- **No co-financing** requirement

- Accommodation of different country circumstances: there are **no prescribed sectors or approaches**

- **All developing countries** that are parties to the Kyoto Protocol are eligible: cap of **US$ 10 million per country**

- Total allocation for projects/programmes submitted by MIEs **cannot exceed 50%** of cumulative resources available in the trust fund

- All projects/programmes must include a **knowledge component**
How to identify projects?

- Different NIEs have followed different approaches, e.g.:
  - NIE, together with Designated Authority, identifies key national adaptation projects for development
  - NIE opens a call for proposals, and best ideas are selected for developing proposals to the AF as individual projects
  - NIE opens a call for proposals, and best ideas are selected for developing a programme to the AF

- Regardless of approach:
  - Consultation is mandatory
  - Project idea has to align with national priorities
  - Some NIEs have piloted different sectors, areas
Since 2010 the Fund has approved US$ 318 million for 48 adaptation projects in vulnerable developing countries

- 34 implemented by MIEs
- 14 implemented by NIEs
The project portfolio covers a diverse range of sectors that reflect the range of local needs and priorities. The Fund gives freedom to country governments to decide on the priority sectors and regions.

For example:

- **Pakistan**
  - Disaster Risk Reduction
  - GLACIAL LAKE OUTBURST WARNING SYSTEMS
  - 90% OF HOUSEHOLDS ABLE TO RESPOND TO EWS (90%)

- **Papua New Guinea**
  - Coastal Zone Management
  - COMMUNITY-LED MANGROVE RESTORATION PROJECTS
  - 300 HECTARES COASTAL CLIMATE-PROOFING

- **Madagascar**
  - Agriculture/Food Security
  - RESILIENT RICE FARMING METHODS
  - 8,500 HECTARES PROTECTED ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

- **Georgia**
  - Water Management
  - IMPROVED FLOOD MANAGEMENT
  - COVERS 200,000 PEOPLE IN 8,400KM²
Project review criteria

Consistent with national sustainable development strategies

Benefits to economy, society, and environment

Meets national technical standards

Gender Issues Considered in Project Design

Stakeholder Consultation: Incorporation of Community Views

Avoiding duplication with other funding sources

Cost-Effectiveness & sustainability

Arrangements for management, financial and risk management, M&E, and impact assessment.
What is the project cycle?

- All projects:
  - Annual status reports and terminal evaluation reports
  - Project implementation and monitoring by the Implementing Entity
  - Contracting by the AFB. Disbursement of funds by the Trustee upon written instruction by the AFB
  - Decision-making by the AFB
  - Screening for consistency and technical review by the Secretariat
  - Review by the Project and Programme Review Committee. Can use services of independent experts
  - Submission of the project or programme to the AFB Secretariat using templates provided by the AFB
Proposals are reviewed by the Board

- **The Secretariat**
  - Screens all proposals for consistency and provides a technical review. It will then forward the proposals with the technical reviews to the PPRC

- **The Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC)**
  - Considers and reviews projects and programmes submitted to the Board, and makes recommendation

- **The Board**
  - Takes decision on projects, following recommendation by the PPRC
Timeline of the review process

- Submission of the proposal to the AFB Secretariat by proponents at deadline **9 weeks before AFB meeting**
- Transmission of Initial Technical Review findings to the proponent: **3 weeks**
- Review of the proposal: **1-1.5 weeks**
- Revision by proponents: **1.5 weeks**
- Submission of Revised proposal by proponents: **2 weeks**
- Screening and initial technical review: **3 weeks**
- Document preparation for PPRC: **2 weeks**
- Document with technical review submitted to the PPRC

**AFB Makes final decision on proposal at the AFB meeting:** **1 day**

**PPRC makes recommendation on each proposal at its meeting:** **1 week**
Intersessional project review

- Fewer AFB meetings annually meant fewer opportunities to submit proposals:
  - 2010-11: 4 meetings / year
  - 2012-13: 3 meetings / year
  - 2014- : 2 meetings / year

- Intersessional review allows certain proposals to be submitted 3 times a year:
  - Resubmissions of concepts + formulation grant requests
  - Resubmissions of full proposals
  - Delay avoided by proponents with intersessional review: 3 months
AF process of approving proposals

- For **projects/programmes larger than USD 1M**, a choice of a **one step** (full proposal) or **two step** process (concept approval and project/programme document)

- For **small-scale** projects (below USD 1M) **one-step** process
Consultation and participatory monitoring throughout the project cycle

Consultation with vulnerable communities & all stakeholders

Comments/input from civil society

Grievance Mechanism
IE identifies mechanism to facilitate resolving complaints from affected people

APPRAISAL
IE designs proposal accordingly

Proposal submission

TECHNICAL REVIEW
Secretariat and PPRC review proposal

Board approval

IMPLEMENTATION
Secretariat monitors project implementation through annual PPRs
Reporting process

- **Project Performance Reports**: on an annual basis
- **Project completion report**, including any specific Project implementation information, within six (6) months after Project completion
- **Mid-term review or evaluation report**, for projects of 4 year duration or more
- **Final evaluation report**, prepared by an independent evaluator. Shall be submitted within 9 months after Project completion. Copies of these reports shall be forwarded by the IE to the Designated Authority for information; and
- **Final audited financial statement**, prepared by an independent auditor or evaluation body, within 6 months of the end of the IE’s financial year during which the Project is completed
- The reporting process fits into a broaden Results Based Management scheme at Fund’s level
Policy: Pilot Programme for Regional Activities (1)

- Launched in May 2015
  - Follows usual AF project deadlines
  - First deadline 4 August 2015.
- Open to RIEs and MIEs, partnering with NIEs, national agencies
- Up to 4 regional projects/programmes
  - Total value USD 30 million
  - One project/programme: up to USD 14 million
  - Three projects/programmes: up to USD 5 million each
  - Up to 10 project formulation grants: up to USD 100,000 each
- Funding is outside of country/MIE caps
Policy: Pilot Programme for Regional Activities (2)

- Themes:
  - Food security
  - DRR & EWS
  - Transboundary water management
  - Innovation in adaptation finance

- Three-tiered proposal process
  - Pre-concept (voluntary step) → USD 20,000 PFG after endorsement
  - Concept → USD 80-100,000 after endorsement
  - Fully-developed proposal

- Some modified/additional review criteria for regional dimension

- Huge immediate interest: 16 proposals received
AF process of approving proposals

- For regional projects/programmes, additional choice of a **three step** process (pre-concept, concept endorsement and project/programme document)

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- **Regional**
  - Pre-concept
    - 3-step
    - 2-step
    - 1-step

- Under Implementation
  - Funded
Support available to support project development

- **The AFB secretariat:**
  - helps clarify review criteria and process: [afbsec@adaptation-fund.org](mailto:afbsec@adaptation-fund.org) (the secretariat cannot pre-screen proposals before submission)
  - “Instructions to proponents” and other guidance documents

- **Project formulation grants:** meant to cover part of costs related to consultations, E&S impact studies and proposal development
  - For 1-country projects, US$30,000 at concept endorsement
  - For regional projects, up to US$100,000, of which US$20,000 can be accessed at pre-concept endorsement

- **Technical assistance grants:** meant to improve IE’s E&S risk management systems
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