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The Adaptation Fund Readiness support

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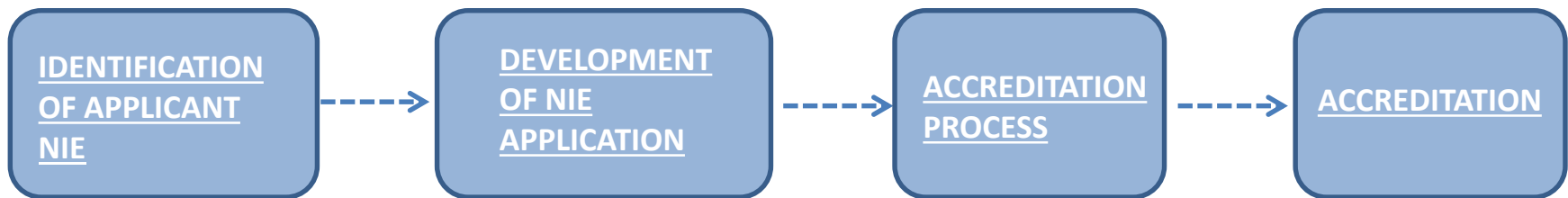
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Readiness for what?



Accreditation process



Project development process



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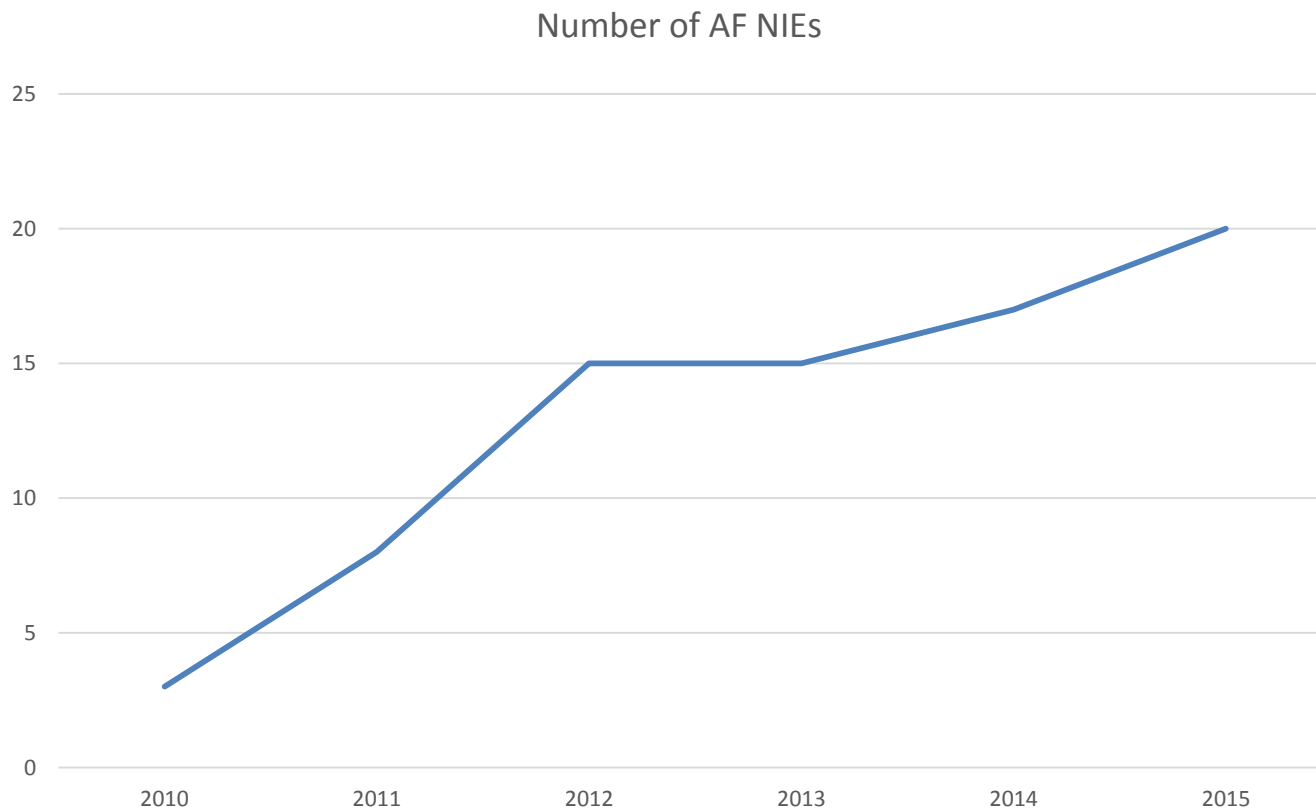


Accreditation criteria

- CMP set strict **fiduciary standards** that are internationally recognized:
 - i. Financial integrity and management
 - ii. Institutional capacity
 - iii. Transparency and self-investigative powers
- 2013: Environmental and Social Policy



Accreditation of NIEs since 2010



Challenges in accreditation: country/NIE point of view



1. The political process of choosing the right entity
2. The accreditation process is time consuming and highly demanding
3. Lack of appropriate documentation of certain operations or policies
4. When English is not the working language, translation is costly and time consuming

Challenges in accreditation:

Accreditation Panel experience



1. Lack of in depth understanding of the fiduciary standards and their requirements
2. Limited competencies in some areas of the fiduciary standards
3. Human resource constraints (competencies and management time to build capabilities)
4. Experience limited to handling small projects (systems and processes not adequate to meet standard)



Common Areas for Improvement

1. Independent and effective Internal Audit Function
2. Internal Control Framework with documented roles and responsibilities
3. Appropriate Procurement policies and procedures
4. Project appraisals prepared by the agency itself
5. System for project risk assessment
6. System for project implementation planning
7. M&E framework
8. Policies against mismanagement and corruption



Capacity Building

- A few applicant entities have developed requisite capacities through interaction with the Accreditation Panel
- In several other cases the support from the Panel has not led to adequate capacity building
- The Adaptation Fund and Accreditation Panel do not have the mandate to provide intensive support to applicant entities for Capacity Building

Capacity Building – Outside Agency Support



Support from for capacity building can take several forms

- Provide an in depth/better understanding of the Fiduciary Standards to the key people at the applicant entity
- Provide access to resources or outsourced resources to develop policies/processes/procedures and templates as a part of the capacity building exercise
- Provide information on best practices in other organisations which may be relevant to the entity
- Provide support as the entity develops required competencies to implement the new policies/processes/procedures and templates

Capacity Building – Ownership must be the goal



- Sometimes application merely states that we follow a multilateral's processes. This does not meet Fund's fiduciary standards because
 - Processes are built around an organization's own structures
 - Processes require certain competencies and should be tailored to each organization
 - There is no demonstration of the ability of the entity or experience in carrying out the processes
 - Outside Agency support can help develop appropriate systems/processes/ procedures which are simple and suited to the requirements including size and operations of the applicant entity

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November 2013: Environmental and Social Policy



Compliance with applicable domestic and international law

Avoidance of involuntary resettlement

Fair and equitable access to benefits

Protection of natural habitats

Avoid disproportionate impact on marginalized and vulnerable groups

Conservation of biological diversity and soil productivity

Respect for and promotion of international human rights

No significant increase in GHG emissions/other climate change drivers

Gender equality and women's empowerment

Pollution prevention and resource efficiency

Respect for core labor rights

Avoidance of significant negative impacts on public health

Respect for UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Protecting physical and cultural heritage

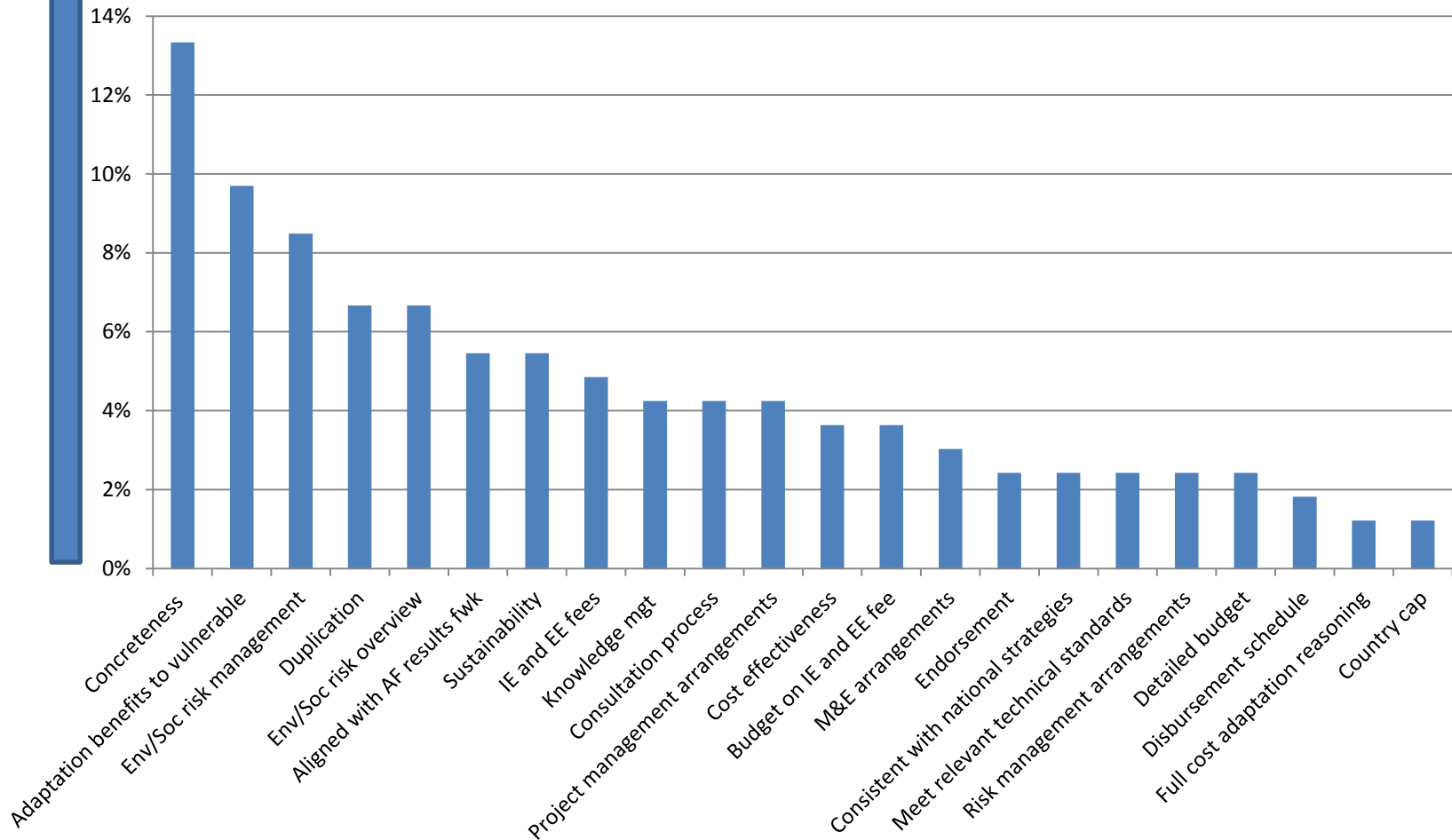
Environmental and Social Assessment for Accreditation



- Commitment to apply AF E&S Policy by potential applicant
- Demonstration of actual capacity to implement AF E&S Policy
- Availability of grievance mechanism at the national, regional, or institutional level
- Tiered approach for already accredited IE

Areas of project proponents that most often require follow-up

#1 : Compliance with ESP !!



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Lesson: Support for direct access readiness is needed

- Readiness Programme launched in May 2014

Convening actors working on direct access (accreditation, project development, capacity building)

Designing improved materials on AF processes



Developing a knowledge exchange platform:
climatefinanceready.org

Small grants:

- South-south cooperation
- Environmental and Social technical assistance

Readiness grants

- South-South cooperation grants for accreditation 2014:
 - CSE (Senegal) to support entities from Cabo Verde, Chad and Niger
 - MINIRENA (Rwanda) to support entity from Burundi
- South-South cooperation grants for accreditation 2015:
 - Call for proposals open – deadline is 28 September 2015
 - Up to 3 cooperation grants à US\$ 50,000
- Technical Assistance grants for E&S risk management:
 - Call for proposals open – deadline is 28 September 2015
 - Up to 5 TA grants à US\$ 20,000
 - Roster opened for interested experts: use is voluntary





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Knowledge Exchange for Climate Finance Readiness

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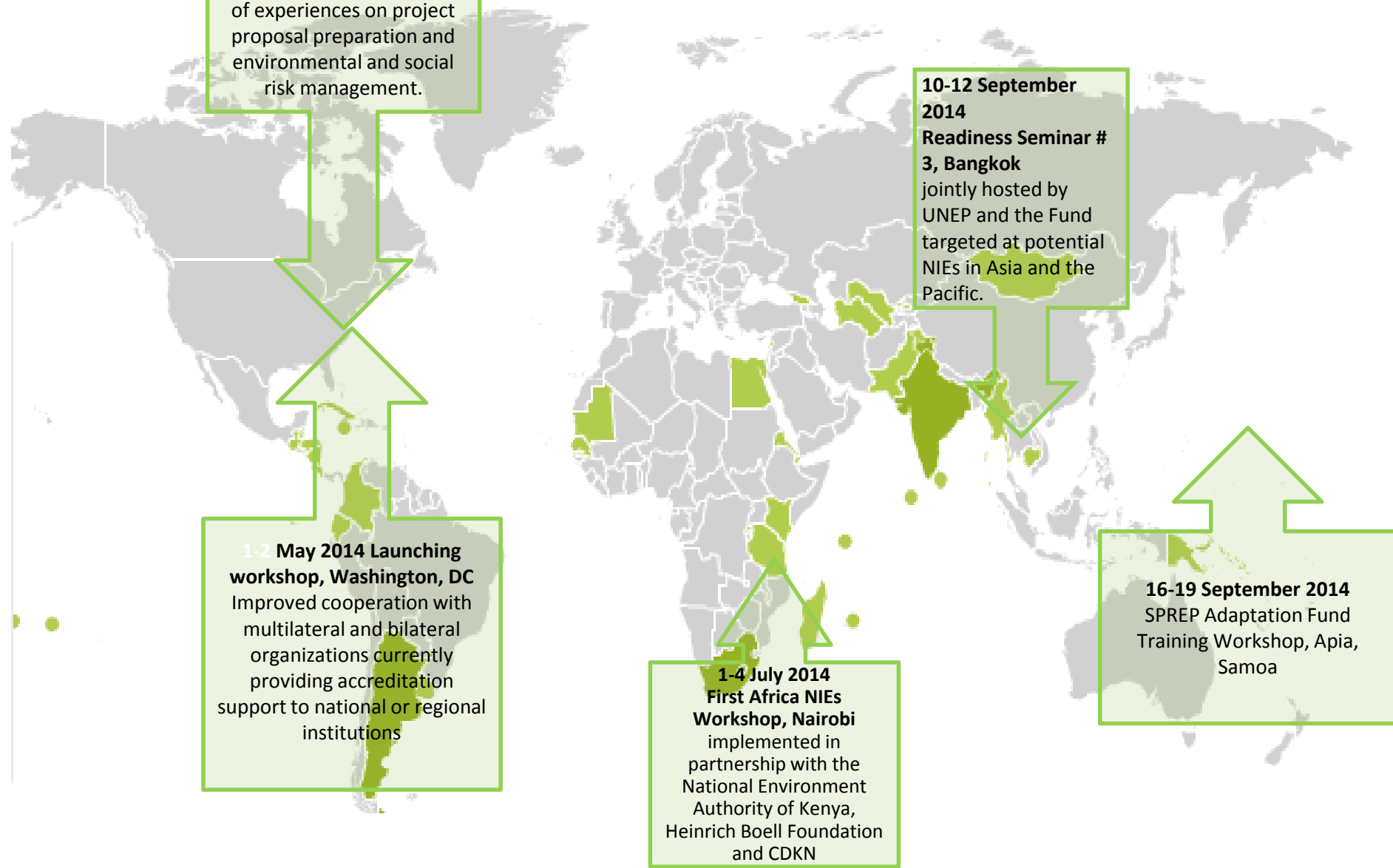
Accreditation lessons from Jamaica

Video interview with Clare Bernard





Readiness workshops in 2014



15-17 July 2014
Readiness Seminar # 2,
Washington, DC
A seminar for all accredited
IE: training and exchange
of experiences on project
proposal preparation and
environmental and social
risk management.

1-2 May 2014 Launching
workshop, Washington, DC
Improved cooperation with
multilateral and bilateral
organizations currently
providing accreditation
support to national or regional
institutions

1-4 July 2014
First Africa NIEs
Workshop, Nairobi
implemented in
partnership with the
National Environment
Authority of Kenya,
Heinrich Boell Foundation
and CDKN

10-12 September
2014
Readiness Seminar #
3, Bangkok
jointly hosted by
UNEP and the Fund
targeted at potential
NIEs in Asia and the
Pacific.

16-19 September 2014
SPREP Adaptation Fund
Training Workshop, Apia,
Samoa

Readiness workshops in 2015



28-30 July 2015
Readiness Seminar # 3,
Washington, DC

A seminar for accredited IEs: training and exchange of experiences on project proposal preparation and environmental and social risk management.

Regional workshop,
Middle East and Northern
Africa and Eastern Europe
Details to be confirmed

Regional workshop, Asia
Details to be confirmed

24-26 March 2015
Adaptation Fund –
CAF CF Readiness
Workshop, Panama
City

jointly hosted by GoP and CAF. Goals: better understanding of AF project cycle, NIE requirements, support available.

21-23 September 2015
AF HBS Regional
workshop, Abuja,
Nigeria

Jointly hosted by ECCOWAS, HBF and AF. Goals: better understanding of AF project cycle, NIE requirements, support available.

19-21 May 2015
Regional Climate Finance
Workshop, Windhoek, Namibia
jointly hosted by DRFN, AF and HBF. Goals: better understanding of AF project cycle, NIE requirements, support available.

Phase II: Readiness Programme Activities (Approved April 2015)



**Support to accredited
Implementing Entities (AF
introduction seminar, peer-to-
peer learning, ESP, Project
Formulation assistance)**

**Cooperation/ Partnership with
Climate Finance Readiness
Providers (Community of
practice and training, support
country level M&E, joint
seminars)**



**Support to countries seeking
accreditation (south-south
grants, seminars on climate
readiness, tools and guidance
documents)**

Knowledge Management:

- Lessons learned/case studies
- Knowledge microsite
- Media outreach

Thank you!



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