



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board

Accreditation Panel recommendation on re-accreditation of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) as Multilateral Implementing Entity

Having reviewed the re-accreditation application of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the Accreditation Panel recommends that WMO be re-accredited as a Multilateral Implementing Entity (MIE) of the Adaptation Fund.

A summary of the review can be found in Annex I.

Re-accreditation Decision:

Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to re-accredit the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) as a Multilateral Implementing Entity (MIE) of the Adaptation Fund for five years, as per paragraph 38 of the operational policies and guidelines for Parties to access resources from the Adaptation Fund (OPGs). The re-accreditation expiration date is 21 September 2021.

Decision B.27-28/27

ANNEX ONE

REPORT OF THE ACCREDITATION PANEL ON AN ASSESSMENT OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO) FOR RE-ACCREDITATION AS A MULTILATERAL IMPLEMENTING ENTITY (MIE) OF THE ADAPTATION FUND

Background

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) was first accredited in 2010 as a Multilateral Implementing Entity (MIE) of the Adaptation Fund. Since accreditation, the entity has not submitted any projects for funding by the Adaptation Fund. This was partly due to a decision by the AF Board to suspend financing of projects proposed by MIEs in order to give priority to projects propose by NIEs under the direct access funding modality. However, if re-accredited, the entity will submit a fully developed proposal for the "Agricultural Climate Resilience Enhancement Initiative (ACREI) Project", which will cover Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda.

Assessment

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has applied for re-accreditation. The application was reviewed on the basis of the following three parameters:

1. **Assessment of whether WMO continues to meet the Adaptation Fund's Fiduciary Standards**

The applicant has indicated that there has been no changes, since accreditation, in its institutional capabilities and as such, continues to meet the requirements of the Fund's Fiduciary Standards. An assessment of the information provided on its legal status, its policies and procedures relating to financial management, internal control framework, procurement and project cycle management supports this assertion.

2. **Assessment of whether WMO meets the Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy**

By letter dated June 2, 2016, from the WMO Secretary-General, the entity has confirmed its commitment to apply the Adaptation Fund's environmental and social policy. The entity recently formulated an approach to "Environmental and Social Risk and Impact Management" based on the Green Climate Fund's Interim Performance Standards. A copy of the related document shows that:

- (i) The 8 Environmental & Social Performance Standards used by the entity are similar to some of the Adaptation Fund's E&S Policy Principles; and
- (ii) WMO's approach to E&S risks and impact management is also largely similar to the Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Management System.

Based on the information provided, the entity meets the requirements of the Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy.

3. Assessment of whether WMO meets the Adaptation Fund's requirements on transparency, self-investigative powers, anti-corruption measures and mechanism to address complaints about environmental or social harms caused by projects

Based on the information provided, the applicant meets the Fund's requirements relating to transparency, self-investigative powers, anti-corruption measures and mechanism to address complaints about environmental or social harms caused by projects:

- (i) The entity's public website has a provision for the public to report cases of fraud, corruption or abuse;
- (ii) The entity provided a copy of its procedures for dealing with financial mismanagement which shows that the entity continues to have capacity and procedures to deal with financial mismanagement and other forms of malpractice;
- (iii) Through its Internal Oversight Office, the entity has objective investigation function for allegations of fraud, corruption and other forms of misconduct; and
- (iv) The entity has an accessible, transparent, fair and effective mechanism for receiving and handling complaints about environmental and social harms caused by projects/programmes. It is indicated that the entity has not received any public complaints in the past five years.

Recommendation

The Accreditation Panel recommends that the World Meteorological Organization be re-accredited as an MIE of the Adaptation Fund.