



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board
Ethics and Finance Committee
Nineteenth meeting
Bonn, Germany, 4-5 October 2016

Agenda item 7.

**GENDER POLICY: REVISED OPERATIONAL POLICIES AND
GUIDELINES FOR PARTIES TO ACCESS RESOURCES
FROM THE ADAPTATION FUND**

Background information

1. At its twenty-sixth meeting held on 8–9 October 2015, having considered the comments and recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC), the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to: a) recognize the importance of streamlining and strengthening the integration of gender considerations in the policies and procedures of the Fund; b) welcome the draft Adaptation Fund gender policy as contained in Annex I to the document AFB/EFC.17/5; c) request the secretariat to present, at the 27th meeting of the Board (i) 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 ..., (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).

2. At its twenty-seventh meeting held on 17–18 March 2016, the Board approved: (i) the gender policy as contained in annex I to the document AFB/EFC.18/5/Rev.1; (ii) the gender action plan as contained in annex II to document AFB/EFC.18/5/Rev.1; and (iii) the amendments to the main text of the operational policies and guidelines for Parties to access resources from the Adaptation Fund (the OPG) and annex 3 to the OPG, as contained in document AFB/EFC.18/5/Add.1 (Decision B.27/28). The Board also requested the Adaptation Fund Board secretariat (the secretariat) to revise annex 4 to the OPG (Project review criteria and project proposal template)¹ taking into account comments submitted by members of the Board by 30 June 2016 for consideration by the EFC at its nineteenth meeting (Decision B.27/28).

3. Pursuant to the Board Decision B.27/28, the secretariat invited comments on the annex 4 to the OPG from the members of the Board. The secretariat received a total of two responses from the members of the Board as listed below. Unless listed as a quotation, comments are paraphrased and underlined.

(a) (Comment 1) : To include national adaptation plan in part II D;

(b) (Comment 2) :

i. To include the Gender Policy in the endorsement in Part IV.B.

PART IV: ENDORSEMENT BY GOVERNMENT AND CERTIFICATION BY THE IMPLEMENTING ENTITY

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B. Implementing Entity Certification

¹ As the Gender Policy of the Fund approved by the Board was added to the OPG as annex 4 to the OPG, project review criteria and project proposal template is currently the annex 5 to the OPG. In this document, annex 4 to the OPG refers to the project review criteria and project proposal template.

“ . . . subject to the approval by the Adaptation Fund Board, commit to implementing the project/programme in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy and **the Gender Policy** of the Adaptation Fund

- ii. To change from ‘gender sensitive’ to ‘gender responsive’ in Part III. E, if appropriate.

PART III: Implementation Arrangements

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E. Provide a results framework for the project proposal, including milestones, targets and indicators.

“ . . . Whenever possible, the indicators and targets should be **gender sensitive responsive** and disaggregated by sex as appropriate. . . .”

- iii. To change from ‘gender sensitive’ to ‘gender responsive’ in Part III. G, if appropriate.

PART III: Implementation Arrangements

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G. Include a detailed budget with budget notes, . . . ,

“ . . . Examples of **gender-sensitive responsive** budgets include provision for the involvement and capacity-building of women stakeholders as important actors in implementation.”

Recommendation

4. The Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC) may want to consider recommending that the Adaptation Fund Board approves amendments to annex 4 (currently annex 5) to the operational policies and guidelines for Parties to access resources from the Adaptation Fund (the OPG) as contained in document AFB/EFC.19/Add.1.