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Adaptation Fund Board Project and Programme Review Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROJECT AND PROGRAMME REVIEW COMMITTEE ON READINESS GRANT PROPOSALS CONSIDERED DURING THE INTERSESSIONAL REVIEW CYCLE BETWEEN THE TWENTY-EIGHTH AND TWENTY-NINTH MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

## Background

1. At its twenty-seventh meeting, the Board decided to integrate the Readiness Programme into the Fund's work plan and budget, in a more permanent manner. The Board had also set aside funding for small grants as direct transfers from the resources of the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund, for the fiscal year 2017. At this meeting, the Board <u>decided</u> to:

- a) Take note of the progress report for phase II of the Readiness Programme;
- b) Integrate the Readiness Programme into the Adaptation Fund work plan and budget; and
- c) Approve the proposal for the Readiness Programme for the fiscal year 2017 (FY17), comprising its work programme for FY17 with the funding of US\$ 616,500 to be transferred to the secretariat budget and US\$ 590,000 for direct transfers from the resources of the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund for allocation as small grants.

### (Decision B.27/38)

2. At the twenty-eighth meeting of the Board, the PPRC had recommended to the Board to establish a standing rule following on decision B.26/28 on the intersessional project review cycle for grants under the Readiness Programme to allow for continued review and approval of readiness grant proposals intersessionally each year. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Board <u>decided</u> to:

a) Request the secretariat to continue to review readiness grant proposals annually, during an intersessional period of less than 24 weeks between two consecutive Board meetings;

b) Notwithstanding the request in paragraph (a) above, recognize that any readiness grant proposal can be submitted to regular meetings of the Board;

c) Request the PPRC to consider intersessionally the technical review of such readiness grant proposals as prepared by the secretariat and to make intersessional recommendations to the Board;

d) Consider such intersessionally reviewed proposals for intersessional approval in accordance with the Rules of Procedure; and

e) Request the secretariat to present, in the twentieth meeting of the PPRC, and annually following each intersessional review cycle, an analysis of the intersessional review cycle.

#### (Decision B.28/30)

#### Grant proposals submitted by implementing entities

3. Accredited national implementing entities (NIEs) submitted proposal documents for technical assistance (TA) grants to help them comply with the Fund's environmental and social policy (ESP) and the gender policy and South-South cooperation grants to provide peer support to entities seeking accreditation with the Fund. NIEs could submit a proposal for one of two types of TA grants available, that is, a TA Grant for the ESP and Gender Policy or a TA Grant for the Gender Policy. NIEs eligible to submit proposals for a TA Grant for the ESP and Gender Policy would be those that had not previously received a grant for technical assistance and would be expected to

build capacity on environmental and social safeguards and gender safeguards simultaneously. NIEs eligible to submit proposals for a TA Grant for the Gender Policy would be those that had previously received a technical assistance grant before the gender policy had been approved and would be expected to align their existing environmental and social safeguards and existing rules of procedure with the Fund's gender policy.

4. The Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC) considered, during the intersessional review cycle between the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth meetings of the Board, six proposals for a TA Grant for the ESP and Gender Policy, three proposals for a TA Grant for the Gender Policy, and two proposals for a South-South cooperation grant, as well as the report of the secretariat on the initial screening and technical review, contained in the following documents:

<u>AFB/PPRC.19-20/1</u> Report of the secretariat on initial review of grant proposals under the Readiness Programme and AFB/PPRC.19-20/1/Add.1</u>

AFB/PPRC.19-20/2 TA Grant Proposal for the ESP and Gender Policy for Antigua and Barbuda (DoE)

AFB/PPRC.19-20/3 TA Grant Proposal for the ESP and Gender Policy for India (NABARD)

AFB/PPRC.19-20/4 TA Grant Proposal for the ESP and Gender Policy for Kenya (NEMA)

AFB/PPRC.19-20/5 TA Grant Proposal for the ESP and Gender Policy for Namibia (DRFN)

<u>AFB/PPRC.19-20/6 TA Grant Proposal for the ESP and Gender Policy for Peru</u> (PROFONANPE)

AFB/PPRC.19-20/7 TA Grant Proposal for the ESP and Gender Policy for Rwanda (MINIRENA)

AFB/PPRC.19-20/8 TA Grant Proposal for the Gender Policy for Costa Rica (Fundecooperación)

AFB/PPRC.19-20/9 TA Grant Proposal for the Gender Policy for the Federated States of Micronesia (MCT)

AFB/PPRC.19-20/10 TA Grant Proposal for the Gender Policy for Senegal (CSE)

AFB/PPRC.19-20/11 S-S Cooperation Grant Proposal for Burundi (CSE)

AFB/PPRC.19-20/12 S-S Cooperation Grant Proposal for Togo (CSE)

5. The summary information on the proposals is contained in Tables 1, 2 and 3 below

<u>Table 1</u>: Technical Assistance grant proposals for the ESP and Gender Policy submitted to the intersessional review cycle between the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth Adaptation Fund Board meetings

Country	IE	Financing Requested (USD)
Antigua and Barbuda	DoE	25,000

India	NABARD	25,000
Kenya	NEMA	25,000
Namibia	DRFN	20,000
Peru	PROFONANPE	25,000
Rwanda	MINIRENA	25,000
Total		145,000

# <u>Table 2</u>: Technical Assistance grant proposals for the Gender Policy submitted to the intersessional review cycle between the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth Adaptation Fund Board meetings

Country	IE	Financing Requested (USD)
Costa Rica	Fundecooperación	10,000
Federated States of Micronesia	MCT	10,000
Senegal	CSE	10,000
Total		30,000

# <u>Table 3</u>: South-South cooperation grant proposals submitted to the intersessional review cycle between the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth Adaptation Fund Board meetings

Country	IE providing support	Initial Financing Requested (USD), (current period)	Final Financing Requested <sup>1</sup> (USD), (current period)
Burundi <sup>2</sup>	CSE	50,000	50,000
Togo	CSE	50,000	50,000
Total		100,000	100,000

# Technical Assistance Grant proposals for the ESP and Gender Policy

Proposal for a TA Grant for the ESP and Gender Policy submitted by the Department of Environment (DoE) of Antigua and Barbuda; (US\$ 25,000)

6. The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to <u>recommend</u> that the Adaptation Fund Board:

(a) Approve the application for a grant for technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the Department of Environment (DoE) of Antigua and Barbuda to comply with the Adaptation Fund's environmental and social policy and gender policy as requested by DoE;

(b) Approve the funding of US\$ 25,000 for the implementation of the technical support as requested by DoE; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Final S-S cooperation grant financing requested after the secretariat's initial technical review and request for further clarification to the applicant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Board, through decision B.24-25/7 had previously approved a S-S cooperation grant to MINIRENA on behalf of the government of Burundi. However, the grant had later been cancelled through Board decision B.28/31.

(c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with DoE as the National Implementing Entity for the requested technical support.

#### (Recommendation PPRC.19-20/1)

Proposal for a TA Grant for the ESP and Gender Policy submitted by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) of India: (US\$25,000).

7. The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to <u>recommend</u> that the Adaptation Fund Board:

(a) Approve the application for a grant for technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to comply with the Adaptation Fund's environmental and social policy and gender policy as requested by NABARD;

(b) Approve the funding of US\$ 25,000 for the implementation of the technical support as requested by NABARD; and

(c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with NABARD as the National Implementing Entity for the requested technical support.

#### (Recommendation PPRC.19-20/2)

Proposal for a TA Grant for the ESP and Gender Policy submitted by the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) of Kenya: (US\$25,000).

8. The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to <u>recommend</u> that the Adaptation Fund Board:

(a) Approve the application for a grant for technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) to comply with the Adaptation Fund's environmental and social policy and gender policy as requested by NEMA;

(b) Approve the funding of US\$ 25,000 for the implementation of the technical support as requested by NEMA; and

(c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with NEMA as the National Implementing Entity for the requested technical support.

#### (Recommendation PPRC.19-20/3)

Proposal for a TA Grant for the ESP and Gender Policy submitted by the Desert Research Foundation of Namibia (DRFN): (US\$20,000).

9. The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to <u>recommend</u> that the Adaptation Fund Board:

(a) Approve the application for a grant for technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the Desert Research Foundation of Namibia (DRFN) to comply with the Adaptation Fund's environmental and social policy and gender policy as requested by DRFN;

(b) Approve the funding of US\$ 20,000 for the implementation of the technical support as requested by DRFN; and

(c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with DRFN as the National Implementing Entity for the requested technical support.

#### (Recommendation PPRC.19-20/4)

Proposal for a TA Grant for the ESP and Gender Policy submitted by the the Peruvian Trust Fund for National Parks and Protected Areas (PROFONANPE): (US\$25,000).

10. The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to <u>recommend</u> that the Adaptation Fund Board:

(a) Approve the application for a grant for technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the Peruvian Trust Fund for National Parks and Protected Areas (PROFONANPE) to comply with the Adaptation Fund's environmental and social policy and gender policy as requested by PROFONANPE;

(b) Approve the funding of US\$ 25,000 for the implementation of the technical support as requested by PROFONANPE; and

(c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with PROFONANPE as the National Implementing Entity for the requested technical support.

#### (Recommendation PPRC.19-20/5)

Proposal for a TA Grant for the ESP and Gender Policy submitted by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MINIRENA) of Rwanda: (US\$25,000).

11. The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to <u>recommend</u> that the Adaptation Fund Board:

(a) Approve the application for a grant for technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MINIRENA) to comply with the Adaptation Fund's environmental and social policy and gender policy as requested by MINIRENA;

(b) Approve the funding of US\$ 25,000 for the implementation of the technical support as requested by MINIRENA; and

(c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with MINIRENA as the National Implementing Entity for the requested technical support.

#### (Recommendation PPRC.19-20/6)

#### Technical Assistance Grant proposals for the Gender Policy

Proposal for a TA Grant for the Gender Policy submitted by the Fundecooperación para el Desarrollo Sostenible (Fundecooperación) of Costa Rica: (US\$10,000).

12. The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to <u>recommend</u> that the Adaptation Fund Board:

(a) Approve the application for a grant for technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of *Fundecooperación para el Desarrollo Sostenible (Fundecooperación)* to comply with the Adaptation Fund's gender policy as requested by *Fundecooperación;* 

(b) Approve the funding of US\$ 10,000 for the implementation of the technical support as requested by *Fundecooperación*; and

(c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with *Fundecooperación* as the National Implementing Entity for the requested technical support.

#### (Recommendation PPRC.19-20/7)

<u>Proposal for a TA Grant for the Gender Policy submitted by the Micronesia Conservation Trust</u> (MCT) of the Federated States of Micronesia: (US\$10,000).

13. The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to <u>recommend</u> that the Adaptation Fund Board:

(d) Approve the application for a grant for technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) to comply with the Adaptation Fund's gender policy as requested by MCT;

(e) Approve the funding of US\$ 10,000 for the implementation of the technical support as requested by MCT; and

(f) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with MCT as the National Implementing Entity for the requested technical support.

#### (Recommendation PPRC.19-20/8)

Proposal for a TA Grant for the Gender Policy submitted by the *Centre de Suivi Ecologique* (CSE) of Senegal: (US\$10,000).

14. The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to <u>recommend</u> that the Adaptation Fund Board:

(d) Approve the application for a grant for technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the *Centre de Suivi Ecologique* (CSE) to comply with the Adaptation Fund's gender policy as requested by CSE;

(e) Approve the funding of US\$ 10,000 for the implementation of the technical support as requested by CSE; and

(f) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with CSE as the National Implementing Entity for the requested technical support.

#### (Recommendation PPRC.19-20/9)

#### South-South Cooperation Grant proposals

Proposal for a South-South cooperation grant for the *Centre de Suivi Ecologique* (CSE) on behalf of the Government of Burundi: (US\$50,000).

15. The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to <u>recommend</u> that the Adaptation Fund Board:

a) Approve the application for a grant to support the accreditation of Burundi's National Implementing Entity as requested by the Government of Burundi through the *Centre de Suivi Ecologique* (CSE);

b) Approve the funding of US\$ 50,000 for the implementation of the support, as requested by CSE; and

c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with CSE as the National Implementing Entity for the accreditation support.

# (Recommendation PPRC.19-20/10)

<u>Proposal for a South-South cooperation grant for the Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE) on behalf</u> of the Government of Togo: (US\$50,000).

16. The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to <u>recommend</u> that the Adaptation Fund Board:

a) Approve the application for a grant to support the accreditation of Togo's National Implementing Entity as requested by the Government of Togo through the *Centre de Suivi Ecologique* (CSE);

b) Approve the funding of US\$ 50,000 for the implementation of the support, as requested by CSE; and

c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with CSE as the National Implementing Entity for the accreditation support.

#### (Recommendation PPRC.19-20/11)