Accessing other sources of readiness support

The Africa Climate Change Fund

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The Africa Climate Change Fund (ACCF)

- Established in 2014 as a bank-managed bilateral thematic fund with Germany (EUR 4.725m)

- Converted to a multi-donor trust fund in March 2017 with the joining of Italy (EUR4.7m) and Flanders (EUR2m)

- Provides small grants to support RMCs in their transition to climate resilient and low carbon development, in line with their Nationally Developed Contributions (NDCs) and to enable the Bank to scale up its climate change activities.
ACCF objectives

- Building capacity of African stakeholders on climate change, climate finance and green growth
- Scaling up access to climate finance by African countries
- Integrating climate change into development strategies and policies
- Developing and co-financing projects and programs to advance climate resilient and low carbon development
- Supporting African countries to effectively engage in the UNFCCC
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Eligible beneficiaries:
- African governments
- NGOs
- Research institutions
- Regional institutions
- Funds
- Bank departments

Eligible activities:
- Consultant and expert time
- Trainings, workshops, meetings
- Communication, outreach, advocacy, translation
- Studies, strategies, analytical work
- Office equipment and transport
- Administrative costs
ACCF Review and Approval Process

**STEP 1**

*Origination:* call for proposals open to all eligible beneficiaries

**STEP 2**

*Selection:* pre-screening and shortlisting by Secretariat against agreed criteria

**STEP 3**

*Appraisal:* Reviewing and refining the technical and fiduciary aspects of proposal (Secretariat and proponent with input from relevant departments)

**STEP 4**

*Peer Review:* by internal Bank experts

**STEP 5**

*Approval:* ACCF Technical Committee: grants <USD500,000; Oversight Committee: 500,000< Grants< USD1 million; Board: grants> USD 1 million

**STEP 6**

*Grant agreement and effectiveness:* legal signed agreement between the Bank and the executing entity
ACCF Governance and Administration

ACCF Fund:
- Hosted in Climate Change and Green Growth (CC & GG) Department, with separate governance structure
- Task Managers from operational departments; project support from all non-operational departments (PGCL, SNFI, FIFC, etc) – covered by 5% admin fee

ACCF Secretariat
- Hosted in CC & GG Dept and coordinated by a Climate Change Specialist
- Staffed by consultants (currently 2 full time)
- Responsible for the smooth and effective functioning of the ACCF

Technical Committee
- Comprises relevant Bank departments
- Approves projects up to USD500,000, reviews projects >USD500,000
- Reviews other documents

Oversight Committee
- Comprises the Bank and each of the donors, chaired by Bank
- Provides policy guidance, approves Fund’s operational guidelines and results management framework, annual reports, annual work programmes; initiates discussions for replenishment of funds
- Approves funding proposals >USD500,000 and clears proposals >USD1m
ACCF readiness activities to date

- Eight projects for a total of USD3.3 million

- Climate finance readiness support in six African countries – Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Swaziland, Kenya and Tanzania (Zanzibar):
  - capacity building on climate finance
  - development of projects for GCF and AF
  - local adaptation planning
  - Institutional assessments for accreditation

- Convened and co-organised several outreach and learning events on direct access to climate finance for African institutions in partnership with other institutions.
ACCF investments to date

- 6 national projects will advance climate finance readiness in Mali, Swaziland, Cape Verde, Kenya, Tanzania (Zanzibar), and Cote d’Ivoire

- 2 regional projects will strengthen access to climate change information across the continent and build resilience into infrastructure projects
Readiness activities for 2017 (1)

New call for proposals:

- Amount: grants USD 250,000 – USD 1 m;
- Eligibility: African governments (incl sub-national), NGOs and research institutions, etc.
- Timeline: 2-stage approach (CN, full proposal). Launch June 2017; 6 months for first approvals
- Themes:
  - Supporting direct access to climate finance through development of strong project proposals
  - Supporting small-scale or pilot adaptation initiatives to build resilience of vulnerable communities in line with the Bank’s High-Five priorities, and countries’ NDCs
Readiness activities for 2017 (2)

- Develop a capacity building programme to support African institutions with direct access to climate finance through training of trainers, in response to challenges identified by African NIEs:
  - Limited opportunities for exchange of knowledge between NIEs and those in the process
  - Limited training and info materials (in particular in French)
  - Severe shortage of experts who can support accreditation and project development for climate funds (GCF, AF, GEF, etc.)
Thank You!

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