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Adaptation Fund Board Project and Programme Review Committee Twenty-first Meeting Bonn, Germany, 10-11 October 2017

Agenda Item 7 f)

PROJECT FORMULATION GRANT FOR (BENIN, BURKINA FASO, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, GHANA, MALI, TOGO)

I. Background

- 1. The Board at its eleventh meeting discussed the document "Funding for Project Formulation Costs" (AFB/11/6) and agreed, in its Decision B.11/18, that:
 - *i.* project formulation grants (PFG) should be given once a project concept has been approved
 - *ii.* consideration should be given in terms of differentiating between NIEs and MIEs, since some NIEs might have financial difficulties in trying to formulate project or programme proposals;
 - iii. a flat rate should be given for project formulation costs; iv. a list of eligible activities and items still needed to be prepared; v. the grant should be additional to the project cost; and vi. the fate of funds if the final project document was rejected should be determined.
- 2. There was consensus that a three tiered system should be considered for project formulation grants: endorse a project concept with a PFG amount, endorse a project concept without a PFG amount, or reject the project concept.
- 3. Following the discussion, the Board decided:

To request the secretariat to reformulate the document, to include a comparison of eligible activities provided by other funds for project formulation grants, to take into account guidance provided by the Board at the present meeting, and to submit the document to the Board at its twelfth meeting, through the EFC. The EFC should review and finalize the process and policy of the project formulation grant focusing, in particular, on: the issue of unspent project funds; the procedures followed by other funds in that regard; and the determination of a flat-rate.

- 4. A document was prepared by the secretariat in response to the above mandate and presented at the third EFC meeting, which made specific recommendations to the Board at its twelfth meeting. Having considered the recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee, the Board, in its Decision B.12/28, decided that:
 - (a) Project Formulation Grants (PFGs) will only be made available for projects submitted through NIEs. The Board would continue reviewing the question of PFGs for projects submitted through MIEs and would solicit comments from members and alternate members by February 14, 2011; the views would be compiled by the secretariat for presentation to the Board at its March 2011 meeting;
 - (b) If a country required a project formulation grant, a request should be made at the same time as the submission of a project concept to the secretariat. The secretariat will review and forward it to the PPRC for a final recommendation to the Board. A PFG could only be awarded when a project concept was presented and endorsed;

- (c) A PFG form, reproduced in Annex V, should be submitted;
- (d) Only activities related to country costs would be eligible for PFG funding; AFB/PPRC.21/32/Add.1
- (e) A flat rate of up to US\$30,000 shall be provided, inclusive of the management fee, which cannot exceed 8.5 per cent of the grant amount. The flat fee would be reviewed by the Board at its thirteenth and all subsequent meetings;
- (f) If the final project document is rejected, any unused funds shall be returned to the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund;
- (g) Once a project/programme formulation grant is disbursed, a fully developed project document should come to the Board for approval within 12 months. No additional grants for project preparation can be received by a country until the fully developed project/programme document has been submitted to the Board; and
- (h) The Trustee was instructed to remove the set-aside of US\$100,000 for project preparation that had been decided at the June 2010 meeting, as project preparation would be approved on a project-by-project basis.
- 5. At the twenty-sixth meeting, the Board decided to revise the operational policies and guidelines to amend the review process for small-size project and programme proposals so that:
 - (a) Small-size project and programme proposals can be submitted using a two-step review cycle, as an alternative to the one-step review cycle; and
 - (b) Small-size project and programme proposals are eligible for project formulation grants, at the time of endorsement of the concept for such proposal, provided that the total budget of the proposed concept is not less than US\$ 500,000.

(Decision B. 26/29)

II. The Project Formulation Grant Request

6. This addendum to the document AFB/PPRC.21/32 "Proposal for (Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Togo)" includes the Project Formulation Grant, requesting a budget of US\$ 20,000, which was received by the secretariat along with the concept for the project AFR/MIE/DRR/2017/2 "Integrating flood and drought management and early warning for climate change adaptation in the Volta Basin". This proposal was submitted on time by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), which is a Multilateral Implementing Entity of the Adaptation Fund, for its consideration by the Adaptation Fund Board at its thirtieth meeting.

7. In accordance with Decision B.12/28 paragraph (b), the secretariat carried out an initial review of the PFG request and found that the document provided detailed information on the use of the requested funds. The proposed activities were aligned with the goal of the project and would support a need assessment and developing operational solutions proposal to the pilot sites, support defining task distribution and pilot areas, contribute to the description of innovation and participating to sustainability assessment.

8. Therefore, the PPRC may want to consider and <u>recommend</u> to the Board to approve the PFG Request.



Project Formulation Grant (PFG)

Submission Date: August 7, 2017

Adaptation Fund Project ID:

Countries: Bénin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali and Togo

Title of Programme: Integrating Flood and Drought Management and Early Warning for Climate Change Adaptation in the Volta Basin

Type of IE (NIE/MIE): Multilateral Implementing Entity

Implementing Entity: World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Executing Entities: World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Volta Basin Authority (VBA) and Global Water Partnership West Africa (GWP-WAF)

A. Project Preparation Timeframe

Start date of PFG	October 2017
Completion date of PFG	January 2018

B. Proposed Project Preparation Activities (\$)

Describe the PFG activities and justifications:

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List of Proposed Project	Output of the PFG Activities	USD Amount
Preparation Activities		
Hire a consultant to contribute to the development of the concept note by:		
 Performing a need assessment and developing operational solutions proposal for the pilot sites 	Obtain full description of problems to be solved, available data and historical events, define needs and priorities and propose operational solutions for each particular case	10 000

•	Participating to the Workshop organized (on own funding) by WMO and GWP in Ouagadougou Oct 30 to Nov 3, 2017 to define tasks distribution and pilot areas	Meet the partners and stakeholders to identify the future contact persons for the programme, especially related to pilot areas, and finalize the above	5 000
•	Contributing to the description of innovation	Present the innovative approaches (eg. mapping technologies, data transfer, warning procedures, warning dissemination, climate	2 000

	scenarios)	
 Participating to Sustainability assessment 	Obtain national and regional input of partners and related institutions to secure the transfer of knowledge and long term maintenance of programme results	3 000
Total Project Formulation		20 000 *
Grant		

*: Distributed into 15 000 USD for consultant fee and 5 000 USD for travel expenses

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