



ADAPTATION FUND

AFB/PPRC.21-22/2
30 November 2017

Adaptation Fund Board
Project and Programme Review Committee

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROPOSAL (ENVIRONMENTAL
AND SOCIAL POLICY AND GENDER POLICY) FOR MOROCCO**

Background

1. At its twenty-second meeting, the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat (the secretariat) had prepared document AFB/B.22/6 which outlined the possible elements and options for a phased programme to support readiness for direct access to climate finance for National and Regional Implementing Entities and presented a framework and budget for a first phase of the Programme. Following a discussion of the document, the Board decided to:

(a) *Approve Phase I of the Readiness Programme as detailed in document AFB/B.22/6, on the basis that it would follow performance-based funding principles;*

(b) *Take note of the options provided by the secretariat on a programme to support readiness for direct access to climate finance for national and regional implementing entities;*

(c) *Request the secretariat to submit to the Board intersessionally between the twenty-second and twenty-third meetings, execution arrangements, criteria/eligibility criteria to allocate the funds to the accredited implementing entities for specific activities, as well as a timeline of activities, with a view to start implementing the programme before the twenty-third Board meeting; and*

(d) *Approve an increase in the Administrative Budget of the Board, secretariat and trustee for FY2014 of US\$ 467,000 for the programme described in AFB/B.22/6, and authorize the trustee to transfer such amount to the secretariat and request the trustee to set aside the balance amount of US\$ 503,000 from the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund resources for subsequent commitment and transfer at the instruction of the Board.*

(Decision B.22/24)

2. At the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 10), the Parties recognized the Readiness Programme of the Adaptation Fund and decided to:

Invite further support for the readiness programme of the Adaptation Fund Board for direct access to climate finance in accordance with decision 2/CMP.10, paragraph 5;

Decision 1/CMP.10

and also decided to:

Request the Adaptation Fund Board to consider, under its readiness programme, the following options for enhancing the access modalities of the Adaptation Fund:

(a) *Targeted institutional strengthening strategies to assist developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, to accredit more national or regional implementing entities to the Adaptation Fund;*

(b) *Ensuring that accredited national implementing entities have increased and facilitated access to the Adaptation Fund, including for small-sized projects and programmes;*

Decision 2/CMP.10

3. Upon completion of Phase I of the Readiness Programme, the secretariat had prepared document AFB/B.25/5 which outlined the progress made in Phase I and proposed Phase II of the Readiness Programme, taking into account the results from Phase I of the programme and integrating decision 2/CMP10. Following a discussion of the document, the Board decided to:

Approve Phase II of the Readiness Programme, as outlined in document AFB/B.25/5, with a total funding of US\$ 965,000, including funding of US\$ 565,000 to be transferred to the secretariat's budget and funding of US\$ 400,000 to be set aside for small grants to National Implementing Entities from resources of the Adaptation Fund trust fund.

(Decision B.25/27)

4. At its twenty-seventh meeting, the Board decided to integrate the Readiness Programme into the Adaptation Fund (the Fund) work plan and budget and set aside funding for small grants to be directly transferred from the resources of the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund. At this meeting, the Board decided 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)

5. At the twenty-eighth meeting of the Board, the Project and Programme Review Committee (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 become a standing rule to allow for continued review and approval of readiness grants intersessionally each year. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Board decided 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)

6. At its twenty-ninth meeting the Board approved the Readiness Programme workplan for fiscal year 2018 and set aside a budget for readiness grants. *Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:*

(a) To approve the draft secretariat work schedule and the proposed work plan for the Readiness Programme for fiscal year 2018, as contained in AFB/EFC.20/7; and

(b) To approve the readiness budget increase of US\$ 239,794 to be set aside for direct transfers from the resources of the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund for allocation as small grants under the Readiness Programme, to be transferred at the instruction of the Board as outlined in Annex II of document AFB/EFC.20/7.

(Decision B.29/36)

7. Following the decision by the Board to set aside readiness grants for fiscal year 2018, the secretariat launched a call for proposals and eligible national implementing entities (NIEs) submitted applications for technical assistance grants and South-South cooperation grants. Two types of technical assistance grants were available, a Technical Assistance Grant for the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy (TA-ESGP), and a Technical Assistance Grant for the Gender Policy (TA-GP). NIEs eligible to submit proposals for the TA-ESGP 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 the TA-GP would be those that had previously received a technical assistance grant before the gender policy had been approved and would be expected to align existing environmental and social safeguards and existing rules of procedure with the Fund's gender policy.

8. It is expected that the technical assistance grants will enable NIEs to source external expertise through short-term consultancies for more targeted technical assistance where such a need is identified to improve their capability to comply with the Fund's environmental and social policy (ESP) and gender policy (GP). This may include developing or strengthening a particular function relevant to the environmental and social, and gender policies such as an integrated environmental and social management system that addresses gender issues, a risk management system that is gender responsive, or familiarization with the principles of the ESP and/or GP.

9. All accredited NIEs are eligible to receive a grant for technical assistance based on the relevance of the capacity and needs assessment as outlined in document AFB/B.23/5, and up to a maximum of US\$ 25,000 per NIE for the TA-ESGP as outlined in document AFB/B.27/7. For the current review period, NIEs eligible to receive the TA-ESGP were those that had not previously received a readiness grant for technical assistance from the Fund and had submitted a satisfactory grant proposals that met all of the following criteria as at the time of the 21-22 intersessional review cycle:

- Have been accredited by the Board,
- Have submitted a request document/grant proposal to the secretariat within the given deadline and with a clear description of the areas of support needed and budget for the requested support.

10. Following a call for submission of applications undertaken intersessionally between the twenty-ninth and thirtieth Board meetings, the secretariat had received applications from NIEs for grants for technical assistance to comply with both the ESP and gender policy.

11. The present document introduces the proposal submitted by the Agency for Agricultural Development of Morocco (ADA) for a Technical Assistance Grant for the ESP and the GP. It includes a request for funding of US\$ 25,000 outlining the activities to be undertaken by a consulting firm to support the NIE to comply with the Fund's policies on environmental and social safeguards and gender safeguards. The secretariat had reviewed the initial proposal by ADA and provided its comments to the proponent for further clarification. The proponent had submitted a revised version of the proposal, taking into account the secretariat's comments. The secretariat's initial review and the proponent's revised grant proposal are available in the following sections of this document.



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ADAPTATION FUND BOARD SECRETARIAT TECHNICAL REVIEW OF PROJECT PROPOSAL UNDER THE READINESS PROGRAMME

PROJECT CATEGORY: Technical Assistance Grant for the ESP and GP

Country: **Morocco**Implementing Entity: **Agency for Agricultural Development (ADA)**Requested Financing from Adaptation Fund (US Dollars): **\$25,000**Reviewer and contact person: **Farayi Madziwa**Co-reviewer(s): **Daouda Ndiaye**Implementing Entity Contact Person: **Ms. Meryem ANADALOUSSI**

Review Criteria	Questions	Comments 1 November 2017	Comments 22 November 2017
Country Eligibility	1. Is the country Party to the Kyoto Protocol?	Yes	
Eligibility of IE	1. Is the project submitted through an Implementing Entity accredited by the Board?	Yes	
Project Eligibility	1. Has the designated government authority for the Adaptation Fund endorsed the project?	Yes	
	2. Are the proposed activities to support the implementing entity to implement the Environmental and Social Policy and/or the Gender Policy of the Fund adequate?	Uncertain. CR1: Please clarify what would be involved in the aspect of commitment and capacity to assess and respond to environmental and social risks of projects and programmes, mentioned in the proposal.	Addressed.
Resource Availability	1. Is the requested project funding within the cap for Technical Assistance Grants	Yes.	

	for the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy set by the Board?		
	2. If the implementing entity has requested, is the Implementing Entity Management Fee at or below 8.5 per cent of the total project/programme budget before the fee?	The implementing entity has not requested a management fee.	
Implementation Arrangements	1. Is the timeframe for the proposed activities adequate?	Uncertain. It is not clear how much time is estimated for the 4 main activities identified in the proposal. CR2: Please state the time in days, weeks or months required to complete the gender gap assessment, to implement the gender action plan, to prepare an environmental and social risk management action plan, and to implement the commitment and capacity aspect mentioned in the proposal and referred to in CR.1.	Addressed.
	2. Is a summary breakdown of the budget for the proposed activities included?	No. CR3: Please indicate how the requested total budget will be split between the identified 4 key activities. Only sub-total figures are required.	Addressed.

Secretariat's Overall Comment	The Agency for Agricultural Development (ADA) of Morocco proposes to commission the services of a consulting firm to improve ADA's internal governance to meet the Adaptation Fund requirements and policies related environmental and social as well as gender issues in projects and programmes funded by the Fund.
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	<p>However, the following clarification requests (CRs) are made.</p> <p>CR1: Please clarify what would be involved in the aspect of commitment and capacity mentioned in the proposal.</p> <p>CR2: Please state the duration of the key identified activities, that is, the gender gap assessment, implementation of the gender action plan, preparation of an environmental and social risk management action plan, and implementation of the commitment and capacity aspect mentioned in the proposal and referred to in CR.1.</p> <p>CR3: Please indicate how the requested total budget will be split between the identified 4 key activities.</p>
Date:	1 November 2017

NIE response to initial review and comments by the secretariat	<p>CR1: This component includes training sessions for ADA's team to enhance their capacities regarding the gender & ESS action plan targeted and that for the implementation of projects financed by the AF.</p> <p>CR2: ADA will do one consultation for those activities with a firm providing both a gender and ESS experts. Since they will start the consultation simultaneously, the time required for the Gender and ESS action plan is 2 months. And 3 days for the training sessions.</p> <p>CR3: The total budget requested is 25 000 USD split on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12 000 USD: for the gender gap assessment - 10 000 USD: for the ESS gap assessment <p>3 000 USD: for the training session.</p>
Date:	13 November 2017



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Request for assistance in complying with the Fund's Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy

Submission Date: 28th September 2017

Adaptation Fund Grant ID:

Country: Morocco

Implementing Entity: Agency for Agricultural Development (ADA)

A. Timeframe of Activity

Expected start date of activity	1 th December 2017
Completion date of activity	1 th March 2018

B. Type of support requested

Describe the activities to be undertaken to support the compliance of the NIE with the Fund's Environmental and Social policy and Gender policy

Types of Support Activities	Support requested (please provide short description)	Type/name of provider for the requested support ¹	Requested budget (USD)
Development of procedures manual/guidelines for undertaking project environmental and social risk assessment, gender assessment, and for formulating risk management plans that are gender responsive	Improve ADA's internal governance to meet the Adaptation Fund and others funds requirements and policies, by establishing an Environmental and Social Risk Management Plan, and formalizing the efforts undertaken by ADA on a more gender sensitive approach in the projects' development through implementing ADA's gender policy	"Consulting firm" These activities will be launched according National competitive based on Cost Based Selection	25.000

¹ Specify if it is an institution, consulting firm or individual consultant. When possible, provide the name of the institution, firm or individual identified or selected.


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	<p>in line with the AF gender policy, and that through the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare a gender gap assessment against AF's gender standards and other best international practices to improve ADA's gender policy, and prepare the action plan to fill the identified gaps - Support the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the gender action plan This activity includes training sessions for ADA's team to enhance their capacities regarding the gender & ESS action plan targeted and that for the implementation of projects financed by the AF - Prepare an environmental and social risk management's action plan including the commitment and capacity to assess and respond to the environmental and social risks when dealing with all the adaptation projects/programmes, as the ones supported by the AF and in light of its ESP (in terms of (i) the possible mitigation measures to adopt during implementing, and (ii) monitoring and reporting on the status of those measures during and at the end of implementation) ADA will do one consultation for those activities with a firm providing both a gender and ESS experts. Since they will start the consultation simultaneously, the time required for the Gender and ESS action plan is 2 months And 3 days for the training sessions. <p>The total budget requested is 25 000 USD split on :</p>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12 000 USD: for the gender gap assessment - 10 000 USD: for the ESS gap assessment 3 000 USD: for the training session 		
Total Grant Requested (USD)			25.000

C. Implementing Entity

This request has been prepared in accordance with the Adaptation Fund Board's procedures

Head of Implementing Entity	Signature	Date (Month, day, year)	Implementing Entity Contact Person	Telephone	Email Address
Mr. Hamid FELLOUN	 Le chargé des formations du Directeur Général De l'Agence pour le Développement Agricole Hamid FELLOUN	September, 28 th 2017	Ms Meryem ANDALOUSSI	+2125-37-57-38-13	meryem.andaloussi@gmail.com

D. Record of endorsement on behalf of the government

Provide the name and position of the government official, Designated Authority (DA) of the Adaptation Fund, and indicate date of endorsement. The DA endorsement letter must be attached as an annex to the request.

Mr Mohamed NBOU , Director of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Green Economy Secretary of State to the Minister of Sustainable development	Date: September, 28 th 2017
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Rabat, le

28 SEP. 2017

To : The Adaptation Fund Board
C/O Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat
Email: secretariat@adaptation-fund.org
Fax : +1 202 522 3240

Subject: Endorsement for "Request for assistance in complying with the Fund's Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy"

In my capacity as designated authority for the Adaptation Fund in Morocco, I confirm that the Request for assistance in complying with the Fund's Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy, is in accordance with the priorities actions for improving Moroccan Implementing Entity's internal governance, and strengthen its capacity to implement concrete adaptation actions.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the above request with support from the adaptation fund. If approved, the grant will be implemented by the Agency for Agricultural Development (ADA).

Sincerely

Mr Mohammed NBOU

*Director of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Green Economy
Secretary of State to the Minister of
Sustainable development*