



ADAPTATION FUND

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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 THIRTIETH AND THIRTY-FIRST
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

Background

1. At its twenty-seventh meeting, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to integrate the Readiness Programme into the Adaptation Fund (the Fund) work plan and budget, in a more permanent manner. The Board had also set aside funding for small grants to be directly transferred from the resources of the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund, for the fiscal year 2017. 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)

2. 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 to allow for continued review and approval of readiness grant proposals intersessionally each year. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the PPRC, 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)

3. At its twenty-ninth meeting, the Board had considered the workplan for the Readiness Programme for fiscal year 2018 which included readiness grants for technical assistance, South-South cooperation, and technical support through a readiness support package. *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)

Grant proposals submitted by implementing entities

4. 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), the gender policy (GP), and South-South (S-S) 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 (TA-ESGP) or a TA Grant for the Gender Policy (TA-GP). NIEs eligible to submit proposals for a TA-ESGP grant 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-GP grant 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.

5. The PPRC considered, during the intersessional review cycle between the thirtieth and thirty-first meetings of the Board, one proposal for a TA-ESGP grant and three proposals for a S-S cooperation grant, as well as the report of the secretariat on the initial screening and technical review, contained in the following documents:

AFB/PPRC.21-22/1 Report of the secretariat on initial screening/ technical review of grant proposals under the Readiness Programme and AFB/PPRC.21-22/1/Add.1

AFB/PPRC.21-22/2 Technical assistance grant proposal (environmental and social policy and gender policy) for Morocco

AFB/PPRC.21-22/3 South-South cooperation grant proposal to support NIE accreditation for Côte d'Ivoire (CSE)

AFB/PPRC.21-22/4 South-South cooperation grant proposal to support NIE accreditation for Dominica (DoE)

AFB/PPRC.21-22/5 South-South cooperation grant proposal to support NIE accreditation for Maldives (DoE)

6. The summary information on the proposals is contained in Tables 1 and 2 below

Table 1: TA-ESGP grant proposals submitted to the intersessional review cycle between the thirtieth and thirty-first Adaptation Fund Board meetings

Country	IE	Financing Requested (USD)	IE Fee (USD)	IE Fee, %
Morocco	ADA	\$25,000	\$0	0%
Total		\$25,000		

Table 2: S-S cooperation grant proposals submitted to the intersessional review cycle between the thirtieth and thirty-first Adaptation Fund Board meetings

Country	IE providing support	Initial Financing Requested (USD), (current period)	Final Financing Requested ¹ (USD), (current period)	IE Fee (USD)	IE Fee, %
Côte d'Ivoire	CSE	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	0%
Dominica	DoE	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$2,000	4.17%
Maldives	DoE	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$2,000	4.17%
Total		\$150,000	\$150,000	\$4,000	

Technical Assistance Grant proposals for the ESP and Gender Policy

Proposal for a TA-ESGP Grant submitted by the Agency for Agricultural Development (ADA) of Morocco; (US\$ 25,000)

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

- (a) Approve the proposal for a grant for technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the Agency for Agricultural Development (ADA) of Morocco to comply with the Adaptation Fund's environmental and social policy and gender policy as requested by ADA;
- (b) Approve the funding of US\$ 25,000 for the implementation of the technical support as requested by ADA; and
- (c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with ADA as the National Implementing Entity for the requested technical support.

(Recommendation PPRC.21-22/1)

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 Côte d'Ivoire: (US\$50,000).

¹ Final S-S cooperation grant financing requested after the secretariat's initial technical review and request for further clarification to the applicant.

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

- a) Approve the proposal for a grant to support the accreditation of a National Implementing Entity in Côte d'Ivoire as requested by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire 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.21-22/2)

Proposal for a South-South cooperation grant for the Department of Environment of Antigua and Barbuda (DoE) on behalf of the Government of Dominica: (US\$50,000).

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

- a) Approve the proposal for a grant to support the accreditation of Dominica's National Implementing Entity as requested by the Government of Dominica through the Department of Environment of Antigua and Barbuda (DoE);
- b) Approve the funding of US\$ 50,000 for the implementation of the support, as requested by DoE; and
- c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with DoE as the National Implementing Entity for the accreditation support.

(Recommendation PPRC.21-22/3)

Proposal for a South-South cooperation grant for the Department of Environment of Antigua and Barbuda (DoE) on behalf of the Government of Maldives: (US\$50,000).

The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to recommend that the Adaptation Fund Board:

- a) Approve the proposal for a grant to support the accreditation of Maldives' National Implementing Entity as requested by the Government of Maldives through the Department of Environment of Antigua and Barbuda (DoE);
- b) Approve the funding of US\$ 50,000 for the implementation of the support, as requested by DoE; and
- c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with DoE as the National Implementing Entity for the accreditation support.

(Recommendation PPRC.21-22/4)