



ADAPTATION FUND

Information Note for Designated Authorities to select a National Implementing Entity candidate for accreditation with the Adaptation Fund

The purpose of this information note is to assist [Designated Authorities](#) in selecting the most suitable National Implementing Entity (NIE) candidate for the country to seek accreditation with the Adaptation Fund. The information below describes the essential capabilities and system that an NIE candidate is expected to demonstrate during the accreditation process. For further information, please contact afaccreditation@adaptation-fund.org.

The Designated Authority should consider the following aspects:

1. The nominated NIE can demonstrate and give evidence of its fiduciary abilities and obtain the accreditation from the Adaptation Fund. The Designated Authority is encouraged to refer to the accreditation fiduciary standards that NIEs must meet during the accreditation process, which are available at <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/accreditation/>.
2. The nominated NIE is the most capable and suitable within the country to take responsibility and accountability for the full climate change adaptation project cycle in an agile, efficient and effective manner.
3. The nominated NIE has the appropriate processes and management for implementing climate change adaptation projects, which in most cases means that implementation of these projects is one of its significant or core activities.
4. The nominated NIE promotes a zero tolerance for fraud and corruption that is clearly demonstrated by its top management; has the ability to take on the responsibility of the full climate change adaptation project cycle in an environment free from direct and indirect fraud and corruption from its own staff and from third parties; has its own avenue and/or other structures to address any allegations thereof in a transparent and competent manner - involving relevant authorities as needed.
5. The nominated NIE can demonstrate its commitment and capacity to comply with the Environment and Social Policy and Gender Policy of the Adaptation Fund in the implementation of the Fund's projects or programmes. Furthermore, it has mechanism in place to address Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy complaints.
6. The nominated NIE is able to work together with government entities, leveraging co-financing organizations and other stakeholders within the country in order to identify, appraise, implement, monitor and evaluate projects – including those related to climate change adaptation.