



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board
Project and Programme Review Committee

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROJECT AND PROGRAMME REVIEW
COMMITTEE ON THE READINESS PROPOSAL CONSIDERED DURING
THE INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD BETWEEN THE THIRTY-FIRST AND
THIRTY-SECOND MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

Introduction

1. At its twenty-sixth meeting the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board), had considered whether the rules in the intersessional project review cycle that had been passed through decision B.23/15 and decision B.25/2, could be applied to grant proposals received under the Readiness Programme and allow the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat (the secretariat) to review and submit proposals by National Implementing Entities (NIEs) for technical assistance and South-South cooperation intersessionally, with a view to speeding up the grant approval process. To facilitate timely review of the grant proposals, the Board decided to:

Request the secretariat to review intersessionally, between the 26th and 27th meetings of the Board, proposals submitted by National Implementing Entities for technical assistance grants and South-South cooperation grants under the Readiness Programme, and to submit the reviews to the PPRC for intersessional recommendation to the Board.

(Decision B. 26/28)

2. At its twenty-seventh meeting, the Board had decided to integrate the Readiness Programme into the Fund's work plan and budget, in a more permanent manner. At this meeting, the Board decided to:

- a) [];
- b) *Integrate the Readiness Programme into the Adaptation Fund work plan and budget;*
- c) [].

(Decision B.27/38)

3. 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)

Proposal submitted by the Implementing Entity

4. The PPRC considered, during the intersessional review period between the thirty-first and thirty-second meetings of the Board, a single readiness proposal to provide support for NIE accreditation to the Fund through the readiness support package during its pilot phase, as well as the report of the secretariat on the initial screening and technical review, contained in the following document:

AFB/PPRC.22-23/1 *Proposal to provide NIE accreditation support services in Burundi and Mali (Readiness Support Package Grant)*

5. The summary information of the proposal is contained in the table below.

Table 1: Readiness project proposal submitted to the intersessional period between the thirty-first and thirty-second Adaptation Fund Board meetings

Country	IE providing support	Financing Requested (USD)	IE Fee (USD)	IE Fee, %	Execution Cost (EC) USD	EC % of Total
Burundi and Mali	CSE	\$100,000	\$16,000	19.05% ¹	\$0	0%
Total		\$100,000	\$16,000	19.05%	\$0	0%

Proposal to provide NIE accreditation support through the readiness support package

6. The proposed readiness support package (readiness package) grant proposal will be implemented under the pilot phase of the readiness package for a period of 12 months. It includes the experience of the implementing entity providing capacity building support to other developing countries and an identification of gaps and challenges in accreditation specific to the recipients of the support, Burundi and Mali. The identified gaps and challenges have mainly to do with missing policies, procedures and control bodies within the NIE candidate institutions. The proposal also outlines activities to address the identified gaps and challenges, which include direct support services from the implementing entity and the use of experts to address specific technical challenges.

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

- a) Approve the application for a grant to provide support services for the accreditation of a National Implementing Entity in Burundi and Mali as requested by the Governments of Burundi and Mali through the *Centre de Suivi Ecologique* (CSE);
- b) Approve the funding of US\$ 100,000 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 that will provide the accreditation support.

(Recommendation PPRC.22-23/1)

¹Due to the transboundary nature of the readiness package, implementation is expected to result in higher administrative costs due to the additional level of transboundary coordination needed. The same cap for administrative costs is therefore applied as with regional projects in which the implementing entity management fee and execution costs requested together would be up to a maximum of 20% of total project costs as per Board Decision B.25/28; which approves this cap as contained in document AFB/B.25/6/Rev.2 paragraph 30.