

16 July 2018

Adaptation Fund Board

Proposal for Uganda (AfDB)

<u>Uganda: Strengthening Climate Change Adaptation of Small Towns and Peri-Urban Communities</u> (Project Concept; African Development Bank (AfDB); UGA/MIE/Water/2018/1; (US\$ 2,249,000)

Having considered the intersessional technical review of the project concept carried out by the secretariat and the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC), and the recommendation of the PPRC, the Adaptation Fund Board decides to:

- (a) Not endorse the project concept, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the African Development Bank (AfDB) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) Suggest that AfDB reformulate the proposal taking into account the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
 - (i) The proposal should identify and provide a description of authorizations and/or licenses that would be required in addition to those required under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulation, and include a description of how the project will comply with them;
 - (ii) The proponent should undertake a risk screening for the Adaptation Fund environmental and social policy (ESP) principle on access and equity and provide an identification and screening of all risks using the Adaptation Fund ESP and gender policy (GP) as per the table and format provided in the Adaptation Fund project proposal template;
 - (iii) The proposal should include risk categorization using the Adaptation Fund ESP; and
 - (iv) The proposal should provide a justification of the findings for each risk and a substantiation of why the project will not have an impact on the protection of natural habitats nor the conservation of biological diversity when some project activities include introducing tree species and possible earth works to restore and rehabilitate river banks, wetlands, and degraded forest areas. In addition, the proposal should describe how the triggered risks will be addressed during the fully developed proposal stage.

(c) Request AfDB to transmit the observations under item (b) to the Government of Uganda.

Decision B.31-32/7