Readiness Programme for Climate Finance

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Presentation Outline

- Background
- Activities of the Readiness Programme
  - Readiness grants 2018
  - Activity highlights for 2018/2019
The Readiness Programme was launched in May 2014

• **Goal:**
  ✓ To increase the number of accredited national implementing entities (NIEs), and strengthen the overall capacity of NIEs

• **Specific objectives:**
  i. To increase the preparedness of applicant national implementing entities seeking accreditation by the Adaptation Fund
  
  ii. To increase the number of high quality project/programme proposals submitted to the Board within a reasonable time period after accreditation
Activities under the Readiness Programme

Implemented through 4 key components

- **Support to accredited IEs** (TA grants, including Project Formulation Assistance (PFA) grants, seminars, webinars, workshops)

- **Cooperation/Partnership with climate finance readiness providers** (bilateral + multilateral organizations, NGOs, NIEs + other funds)

- **Support to countries seeking accreditation** (grants, workshops, tools and guidance documents)

- **Knowledge management** (KM strategy, community of practice, climatefinance ready website)
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Approved Readiness Grants
2014 - 2017

- 30 readiness grants approved in 26 Countries
- 16 Technical Assistance (ESP, GP)
Component 3 of Readiness Programme: Countries without an NIE may apply for a grant to receive support from an existing NIE (up to 50k)

Support in one or more of the following:
- identifying potential NIE candidates;
- assisting NIE candidates in the preparation of applications to be submitted to the Fund;
- providing support and advice during the application process.

Expected Benefits:
- Can speed up the accreditation process
- Instills confidence in the applicant
- Responds to common challenges
  - Selection of an appropriate entity for accreditation (due diligence when reviewing existing institutional capacity)
  - Understanding of and competence in fiduciary standards
To help strengthen the capacity of national implementing entities to put in place safeguards to address social and environmental risks as well as gender related issues posed by adaptation projects and programmes

- TA Grant for ESP and Gender – 25k (All accredited NIEs)

Support in one or more of the following:

- Developing procedures/manuals/guidelines for screening projects for ES risks as well as gender-related risks;
- Developing procedures/manuals/guidelines for undertaking ES risk assessments, gender assessments and for formulating risk management plans that are gender responsive
- Developing Policies for public disclosure and consultation that are gender-responsive
- Developing transparent, accessible, fair and effective complaint handling mechanisms
- Training of staff
To enable NIEs that have previously received a TA Grant for ESP before the Fund’s Gender Policy was in place to update their environmental and social safeguards by integrating gender within their social and environmental policies and procedures

- TA Grant for Gender – 10k (Previous ESP grant recipients only)

Support in one or more of the following:

- Updating of existing procedures/manuals/guidelines for screening projects for ES risks with measures to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate adverse gender impacts in accordance with the Adaptation Fund’s Gender Policy;
- Development of procedures for undertaking gender assessments to determine the different needs, capabilities, roles and knowledge resources of women and men and to identify how changing gender dynamics might drive lasting change;
- Development of a policy/avenues for public disclosure and consultation that are gender responsive
- Development of transparent, accessible, fair and effective mechanisms for receiving and addressing complaints related to gender inequalities and other adverse gender impacts caused by projects/programmes
- Training of staff for gender mainstreaming
Project Formulation Assistance (PFA) Grants

- Project Formulation Grants (PFGs) available to build capacity in project preparation and design.
- PFA available for undertaking of specialist technical assessments.
  - Can apply at concept stage only (Projects following 2-Step approval process)
    - Up to 20k maximum per NIE
- Support any of the following assessments:
  - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
  - Vulnerability Assessment (VA)
  - Risk Assessment
  - Other Environmental and Social Assessments for adaptation projects
Readiness Activities for 2018/2019

- Study on Capacity Building and Readiness Support for Direct Access to Adaptation Finance

- Webinar #7, October 2018

- Working with other providers of readiness support
The Readiness support package (pilot phase)

- Approved at AFB 29, March 2017

- Tailored support to countries
Readiness support package (pilot phase) overview

Flow of non-financial resources
Flow of finance

AFB Secretariat

Workshop 1 with candidate NIE

Experts for technical support

Intermediary (Accredited NIE or UN Agency)

Tools, Guidance documents

Workshops 2 with shortlisted candidate NIE

Candidate NIE

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Community in the readiness pipeline

Continuous dialogue + engagement

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Readiness activities under the MTS

- Developing window for project scale-up micro grants
- Facilitate face to face meeting of CPDAE in collaboration with other climate funds
- NIE country exchanges starting next year
Thank You!

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African governments view public climate funds as catalyst for private capital