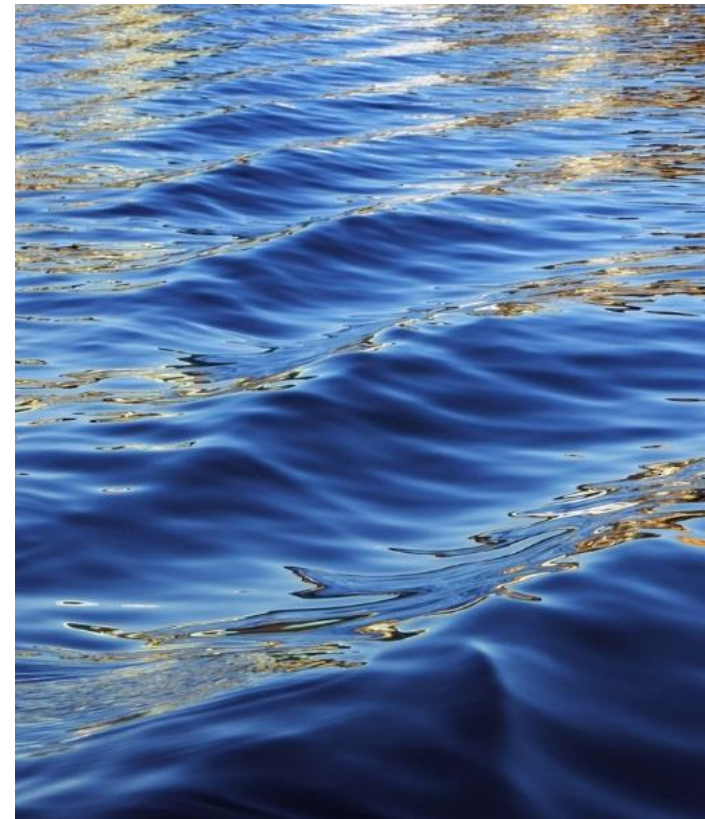




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**Responsibilities of DA  
as per AF OPGs :  
at accreditation and project stage**

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# Designated Authority (DA)

- **Definition (OPG, para 20):**
  - ✓ A government official who acts as a focal point for the Adaptation Fund representing the government of the country in its relation with the Adaptation Fund Board and its secretariat.
- **Importance of timely notification of a new DA appointment:**
  - ✓ An official letter of notification of a new DA appointment must be communicated to the AFB secretariat
  - ✓ The requirements of the letter: (i) name, title of the new DA and contact info; (ii) clear statement of replacing the current DA with a new DA; (iii) the letter must be in writing and signed by either Minister, an authority at cabinet level, or the Ambassador of the Party.

# List of the AF Designated Authority (DA)

- The current DA of each country is listed at AF website
  - ✓ <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/designated-authorities/>
- Be Mindful that '**DA of AF**' and '**NDA of GCF**' are **NOT** always the same.

# Main Responsibilities of DA at Accreditation (OPG, para 21): the very first step of the accreditation process

**(NIE): Endorse accreditation applications as an NIE on behalf of a national government**

- **An official letter of NIE endorsement signed by the DA** must be submitted to AFB Sec

**(RIE): Endorse accreditation applications as an RIE on behalf of a national government**

- **At least two official endorsement letters signed by the DA of the member countries of RIE** must be submitted to AFB Sec.

# Important role of DA at accreditation in selecting a suitable NIE

- **Information Note for DAs to select a NIE candidate for accreditation with the Adaptation Fund**
  - [https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Information-Note-for-DA-to-select-an-NIE-candidate\\_updated-23-March-2018.pdf](https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Information-Note-for-DA-to-select-an-NIE-candidate_updated-23-March-2018.pdf)
- DA has the authority to **endorse a NIE applicant** and **withdraw the current application and nominate a New NIE applicant at (re) accreditation process**

# Main Responsibilities of DA at Project Stage (OPG, paras 21,22, 27, 31 & 44):

**Paras 21, 31 & 44:** Endorse project/program proposal (submission) by NIEs, RIE, or MIEs, on behalf of

**Para 22:** Confirm that the endorsed project/program **proposal is in accordance with the gov't's national/ regional priorities** in implementing adaptation activities

**Para 31:**  
Regional project/programme (i.e. multi-country) – the project proposal submitted to Board **should be endorsed by the DA of EACH PARTICIPATING PARTY:**

# Role of DA at Readiness Grants Application stage

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- **South-to-South Cooperation Grant application**
    - **An accredited NIE applicant (readiness support provider) must provide an official endorsement letter signed by the DA of the 'readiness support recipient' country which seeks readiness support for accreditation.**
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## Reference Documents

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- **The Adaptation Fund's Operational Policies and Guidelines (OPG):** <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/operational-policies-guidelines-parties-access-resources-adaptation-fund/>
  - **Information Note for DA to select an NIE :** [https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Information-Note-for-DA-to-select-an-NIE-candidate\\_updated-23-March-2018.pdf](https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Information-Note-for-DA-to-select-an-NIE-candidate_updated-23-March-2018.pdf)
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