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

- 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 govt’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

- 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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