



## ADAPTATION FUND

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### ADAPTATION FUND BOARD

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### DECISIONS OF THE THIRTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE ADAPTATION FUND BOARD

#### Agenda Item 6: Fast-track accreditation process

1. Having considered the overall analysis of the Accreditation Panel contained in document AFB/B.32/5, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To take note of the analysis and conclusion of the Accreditation Panel (the panel) that the accreditation process of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) is consistent with that of the Adaptation Fund (the Fund), and that it can be relied on subject to the review of each accreditation application by the panel in line with document AFB/EFC.19/7/Rev.1;
- (b) To approve a fast-track accreditation process for the Fund for potential national, regional and multilateral implementing entities that had been accredited by the GCF within a period of four years prior to the submission of the accreditation application to the Fund and that meet the eligibility criteria contained in paragraphs 24–32 of the Operational Policies and Guidelines of the Fund;
- (c) To request the secretariat to carry out an assessment of the GCF accreditation standards in 2019, including a gap analysis, and to present it to the Board at its thirty-fourth meeting; and
- (d) To request the secretariat to communicate this decision to the GCF secretariat.

**(Decision B.32/1)**

**Agenda Item 7: Report of twenty-third meeting of the Project and Programme Review Committee**

a) *Report on the progress and experiences on regional projects and programmes*

2. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to request the secretariat, through channels including the readiness programme of the Adaptation Fund:

(a) To increase communication with eligible implementing entities, especially regional implementing entities (RIEs), to make them aware of the opportunities for funding the formulation of regional project/programme proposals, starting at the pre-concept stage, to increase the quality of proposals developed for the consideration of the Board; and

(b) To increase the engagement with RIE applicants for accreditation, with an aim of increasing the number of proposals for regional projects and programmes to be submitted through the RIE access modality.

**(Decision B.32/2)**

3. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to request the secretariat to prepare, for consideration at the thirty-third meeting of the Board, a document presenting options for criteria for the provision of financial resources between single-country and regional concrete adaptation projects and programmes, including options to establish a country cap on regional projects and programmes and review the country cap on single-country projects and programmes.

**(Decision B.32/3)**

b) *Programme for innovation*

**Small grants through the Direct Access modality**

4. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

(a) To approve the process for providing funding for innovation through small grants to National Implementing Entities (NIEs), as described in document AFB/PPRC.23/4/Rev.2, including the proposed objectives, review criteria, expected grant sizes, implementation modalities, review process and other relevant features as described in the document; and

(b) To request the secretariat to prepare the first request for proposals to NIEs for US\$ 2 million, to be launched at the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in December 2018.

**(Decision B.32/4)**

### Small grant projects through a multilateral implementing entity aggregator

5. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To select and invite both the United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Environment Programme to serve as the multilateral implementing entity (MIE) aggregator(s) for small grants for innovation;
- (b) To request the secretariat to prepare a joint announcement of the initiative in conjunction with the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
- (c) To request the secretariat to develop guidance to the MIE aggregators for preparing proposals for small grant programmes for innovation;
- (d) To establish a task force that would advise the secretariat on the development of the guidance; and
- (e) To invite the two MIE aggregators to prepare respective proposals for the consideration of the Board.

**(Decision B.32/5)**

- c) *Report of the secretariat on the initial screening/technical review of project and programme proposals*

### Issues identified during the review process

#### *Length of submissions*

6. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To set a page limit for new or resubmitted project/programme proposals as follows:
  - (i) Fifty pages for the project/programme concept, including its annexes; and
  - (ii) One hundred pages for the fully-developed project document, and one hundred pages for its annexes; and
- (b) To request the secretariat to communicate submission length guidance to the implementing entities of the Adaptation Fund.

**(Decision B.32/6)**

*Letters of endorsement*

7. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to accept the letters of endorsement submitted in support of a project as valid for the resubmission(s) of the same project for a period of three consecutive project/programme review cycles, excluding cases where there is a change to the proposal at any stage of submission, including a change in participant countries, target areas or institutional arrangements, for which new letters of endorsement would be required.

**(Decision B.32/7)**

d) *Review of single-country project and programme proposals*

**Fully-developed proposals**

*Proposals from National Implementing Entities (NIEs)*

*Small-size proposals:*

Indonesia: Community Adaptation for Forest-Food Based Management in Saddang Watershed Ecosystem (Fully-developed Project Document; Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan); IDN/NIE/Food/2017/1; US\$ 835,465)

8. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

(a) To not approve the fully-developed project as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan) to the request made by the technical review;

(b) To suggest that Kemitraan 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 provide sufficient technical information and specifications about the interventions that will be implemented to a point where the risks related to the Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) of the Adaptation Fund (the Fund) can be effectively and comprehensively identified;

(ii) The proponent should provide further information on the measures envisaged to ensure the sustainability of the project's outputs that could enable replication and scaling up of the proposed interventions;

(iii) As an important factor in the identification of some of the ESP risks, such as for natural habitats and biodiversity, the proposal should clarify the concept and the conditions of the "critical land" on which some of the project activities will take place;

- (iv) The proposal should include strengthened project management arrangements by specifying the institutions that will be part of the project steering committee and ensuring that stakeholders' views will be heard during project implementation;
  - (v) The proposal should include an adequate Environmental and Social Management Plan based on a comprehensive, evidence-based risk identification and subsequent impact assessment; this should allocate roles and responsibilities for implementing management or mitigation measures and should include provisions for monitoring; and
  - (vi) The proposal should be fully aligned with the Fund's results framework, including at least one core outcome indicator from the Fund's results framework; and
- (c) To request Kemitraan to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Indonesia.

**(Decision B.32/8)**

*Regular proposals:*

Armenia: Strengthening land-based adaptation capacity in communities adjacent to protected areas in Armenia (Fully-developed Project Document; Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU) of the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia; ARM/NIE/Forest/2017/1; US\$ 2,506,000)

9. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To not approve the fully-developed project as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU) of the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To suggest that EPIU 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 proponent should provide execution costs that do not exceed 1.5 per cent of the total budget requested, before the implementing entity fees;
  - (ii) The proposal should clarify whether solar water heaters are going to be installed in public buildings;
  - (iii) The proposal should clarify what value addition will be done and to what products;
  - (iv) The proposal should clarify why some social benefits cannot be described and estimated at the full proposal stage and an explanation of why the cost-benefit analysis mentioned in the proposal was excluded;
  - (v) The proposal should provide a clear analysis of project cost effectiveness; and
  - (vi) The proponent should undertake adequate identification of environmental and social impacts or risks, including measures for their management in line with the

Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) and Gender Policy, and should also clarify how gender is mainstreamed under the project implementation arrangements, in particular providing adequate clarity on the following:

- a. A clear timeline for the environmental impact assessment;
  - b. The risks and impact of irrigation water extraction;
  - c. Information on how marginalized and vulnerable groups may be disproportionately at risk of negative environmental impacts;
  - d. The risks triggered by the ESP principle on core labour rights, with particular attention paid to the risk of child labour and identification of relevant risks related to the conservation of biological diversity as triggered by the ESP principle on biodiversity; and
  - e. Information to substantiate provided information on cultural heritage; and
- (c) To request EPIU to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Armenia.

**(Decision B.32/9)**

Armenia: Artik city closed stone pit wastes and flood management pilot project (Fully-developed Project Document; Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU) of the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia; ARM/NIE/Urban/2017/1; US\$ 1,435,100)

10. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To approve the fully-developed project document as supplemented by the clarification response provided by the Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 1,435,100 for the implementation of the project, as requested by EPIU;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with EPIU as the national implementing entity for the project; and
- (d) To request EPIU to ensure that the following issues have been addressed no later than the date of submission of the first project performance report:
  - (i) EPIU should submit a waste management plan clearly showing that the proposed waste management measures are sustainable and adequate to safely handle the quantities and the nature of the waste that will be generated, handled or collected by or with the support of the project.

**(Decision B.32/10)**

Dominican Republic: Enhancing Climate Resilience in San Cristóbal Province, Dominican Republic - Integrated Water Resources Management and Rural Development Programme (Fully-developed Project Document; Dominican Institute of Integral Development (IDDI); DOM/NIE/Water/2016/1; US\$ 9,953,692.35)

11. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

(a) To not approve the fully-developed project as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Dominican Institute of Integral Development (IDDI) to the request made by the technical review;

(b) To suggest that IDDI 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 provide sufficient and clear technical information and specifications about the proposed interventions to permit the risks to be effectively and comprehensively identified in compliance with the Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP);

(ii) The proponent should conduct a comprehensive, evidence-based, risk-impact-assessed risk identification in line with the ESP and thus develop an adequate Environmental and Social Management Plan;

(iii) The proponent should conduct further assessments of the ESP risks of concern, specifically with respect to marginal and vulnerable groups in terms of human rights, access and equity, and more generally of the risk of involuntary resettlement related to the reforestation activities; and

(iv) The proposal should provide a gender assessment along with gender-disaggregated information; and

(c) To request IDDI to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of the Dominican Republic.

**(Decision B.32/11)**

Indonesia: Building Coastal City Resilience to Climate Change Impacts and Natural Disasters in Pekalongan City, Central Java Province (Fully-developed Project Document; Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan); IDN/NIE/Multi/2017/1; US\$ 4,127,065)

12. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

(a) To not approve the fully-developed project as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan) to the request made by the technical review;

(b) To suggest that Kemitraan 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 provide sufficient technical information and specifications about the proposed interventions to a point where the risks related to the Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) can be effectively and comprehensively identified; as such, it should consider undertaking the various planned preliminary assessments before submission of the fully-developed proposal to allow the final identification of the project's interventions;

(ii) The proposal should further demonstrate the appropriateness of the proposed interventions in responding to the threats posed by climate change scenarios;

(iii) The proposal should explain how the infrastructure to be built under the programme will be made resilient to the impacts of climate change;

(iv) The proposal should demonstrate how the project and its associated interventions would meet the relevant national technical standards, in compliance with the ESP;

(v) The proposal should provide evidence of a comprehensive, gender-responsive consultative process involving all direct and indirect stakeholders of the proposed project and should demonstrate that the outcomes of the consultative process were taken into account in the design of the proposed interventions; and

(vi) The proposal should demonstrate compliance of the project activities with the ESP; and

(c) To request Kemitraan to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Indonesia.

**(Decision B.32/12)**

Namibia: Community-based integrated farming systems for climate change adaptation (Fully-developed Project Document; Desert Research Foundation of Namibia (DRFN); NAM/NIE/Agri/2015/2; US\$ 5,000,000)

13. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

(a) To not approve the fully-developed project as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Desert Research Foundation of Namibia (DRFN) to the request made by the technical review;

(b) To suggest that DRFN 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 specify the targeted “Direct Beneficiaries”;
  - (ii) The proposal should provide a justification for the unidentified subprojects (USP) approach that is in line with the Adaptation Fund’s Environmental and Social Policy (ESP);
  - (iii) The proposal should include information on the maintenance systems that will be in place in order to demonstrate how the assets/equipment will be maintained in the longer term;
  - (iv) The proposal should clarify how the activity of financing doctoral and master’s projects is linked to the project objectives and the overall goal of the intervention;
  - (v) The proposal should clarify the process for obtaining environmental clearance, the stage at which the clearance will be applied for and whether the authorization is required for USPs only or for the entire project;
  - (vi) The proposal should specify measures to avoid impacts on the underground water system; and
  - (vii) The proposal should provide adequate risk identification for indigenous people in line with principle 7 of the ESP; and
- (c) To request DRFN to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) above to the Government of Namibia.

**(Decision B.32/13)**

*Proposals from Multilateral Implementing Entities (MIEs)*

Turkmenistan: Scaling Climate Resilience for Farmers in Turkmenistan (Fully-developed Project Document; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); TKM/MIE/Agric/2018/1; US\$ 7,000,040)

14. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To not approve the fully-developed project as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To suggest that UNDP 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 provide further details on the intervention;
  - (ii) The proposal should provide further details on how the Adaptation Fund’s Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy are being met; and

- (c) To request UNDP to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Turkmenistan.

**(Decision B.32/14)**

## **Concept proposals**

### *Proposals from National Implementing Entities (NIEs)*

#### *Small-size proposals:*

Indonesia: Developing Community Resilience to Adapt to Climate Change in Maratua (Project Concept; Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan); IDN/NIE/DRR/2017/1; US\$ 998,000)

15. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To not endorse the project concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To suggest that Kemitraan 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 provide a clear adaptation rationale and further explain and justify the selection of the approach, the adaptation measures and their effectiveness in the face of future climate change and the target project area and beneficiaries; and
  - (ii) The proposal should provide further details and clarity on the project's expected outcomes and its social, economic and environmental benefits; and
- (c) To request Kemitraan to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Indonesia.

**(Decision B.32/15)**

Indonesia: The adaptation measures to support sustainable livelihoods for local communities in mangrove ecosystem in the Mahakam Delta, East Kalimantan (Project Concept; Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan); IDN/NIE/Food/2017/2; US\$ 598,724)

16. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To not endorse the project concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan) to the request made by the technical review;

(b) To suggest that Kemitraan 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 further clarify the direct impact of climate change on the project area or its aggravating effects on the mangrove ecosystem and coastal erosion and the vulnerability of the targeted communities;

(ii) The proposal should provide more details on and justification for the proposed activities and their design and cost-effectiveness; and

(iii) The proposal should demonstrate the adaptation benefits of the project's expected outcomes, providing further details and clarity on those expected outcomes; and

(c) To request Kemitraan to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Indonesia.

**(Decision B.32/16)**

Indonesia: Build and Strengthen Resilience of Coastal Community against Climate Change Impacts by Perempuan Inspirasi Perubahan Pesisir (PINISI) or Women Inspiration for Coastal Change in Bulukumba District (Project Concept; Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan); IDN/NIE/Coastal/2017/1; US\$ 999,989)

17. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

(a) To not endorse the project concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan) to the request made by the technical review;

(b) To suggest that Kemitraan 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 provide further information on the climate hazards and risks and the gaps in the information needed to assess those risks, and on the particular gaps that the project will fill in terms of risk assessment, and the budget for this component should be adjusted as needed;

(ii) The proposal should restructure the project rationale so that it provides more details on the proposed activities and how they will be implemented and a clear logical reasoning of how these will reduce the climate risks outlined;

(iii) The proposal should better demonstrate the cost-effectiveness of the proposed activities, as well as the concrete deliverables and tangible results that are expected on the ground and who they will benefit; and

- (iv) The proposal should also improve the identification of the environmental and social risks associated with the project and specify the means of addressing those risks; and
- (c) To request Kemitraan to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Indonesia.

**(Decision B.32/17)**

Indonesia: Development of Sustainable Seaweed and Fishery Management for Enhance Community Prosperity & Climate Change Adaptation of Coastal and Small Island at West Nusa Tenggara Province (Project Concept; Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan); IDN/NIE/Multi/2017/2; US\$ 984,000)

18. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To not endorse the project concept as supplemented by the clarification response provided by the Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To suggest that Kemitraan 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 have a clearer adaptation rationale that defines the impacts of climate change the project has been designed to address;
  - (ii) The proposal should include a revised project document in line with the observations in the review sheet;
  - (iii) The proponent should fully justify the cost-effectiveness of the proposed project approach and its compliance with the Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy; and
  - (iv) The proposal should include a clearer and fuller analysis of other projects in the region and measures for project sustainability; and
- (c) To request Kemitraan to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Indonesia.

**(Decision B.32/18)**

*Regular proposals:*

Bhutan: Harnessing Alternative Renewable Energy Resources for Enhancing Community Resilience and Sustainable Food Security for Adaptation to Climate Change (Project Concept; Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation (BTFEC); BTN/NIE/Food/2018/1; US\$ 10,000,000)

19. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To not endorse the project concept as supplemented by the clarification response provided by the Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation (BTFEC) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To suggest that BTFEC 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 provide more details on the cost-effectiveness and the full-cost-of-adaptation rationale of the project;
  - (ii) The proposal should provide additional detail on the environmental and social screening, as well as an explanation of the plan for fully complying with the Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy during fully-developed project proposal preparation; and
- (c) To request BTFEC to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Bhutan.

**(Decision B.32/19)**

*Proposals from Regional Implementing Entities (RIEs)**Regular proposals:*

Kiribati: Enhancing the resilience of the outer islands of Kiribati (Project Concept; Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP); KIR/RIE/CZM/2018/1; US\$ 8,300,000)

20. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the project concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify SPREP of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The fully-developed project proposal should be more specific as to which adaptation measures will be implemented and the impact such interventions will have;

- (ii) The proposal should provide a description of the requirements for the project activities and how the project will comply with the national technical standards, in accordance with the Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP);
  - (iii) The proposal should clearly outline the linkages and synergies with all relevant, potentially overlapping projects and programmes;
  - (iv) The proposal should provide evidence of a comprehensive, gender-responsive consultative process involving all direct and indirect stakeholders of the proposed project and should demonstrate that the outcomes of the consultative process were taken into account in the design of the proposed interventions; and
  - (v) The proposal should develop an Environmental and Social Management Plan, including a clear process of ESP identification during project implementation; the effort to identify ESP risks, and any subsequent safeguards measures, could be significantly reduced by identifying (during preparation of the fully-developed proposal) an exhaustive list of eligible concrete intervention measures stemming from community consultation and vulnerability assessment;
- (c) To request SPREP to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Kiribati; and
- (d) To encourage the Government of Kiribati to submit, through SPREP, a fully-developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.32/20)**

*Proposals from Multilateral Implementing Entities*

*Regular proposals:*

Lao People's Democratic Republic: Building Climate and Disaster Resilience Capacities of Vulnerable Small Towns in Lao PDR (Project Concept; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); LAO/MIE/DRR/2018/1; US\$ 5,500,000)

21. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the project concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify UN-Habitat of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision;
- (c) To request UN-Habitat to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; and

(d) To encourage the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to submit, through UN-Habitat, a fully-developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.32/21)**

Malawi: Adapting to climate change through integrated risk management strategies and enhanced market opportunities for resilient food security and livelihoods (Project Concept; World Food Programme (WFP); MWI/MIE/Food/2018/1; US\$ 9,989,335)

22. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

(a) To endorse the project concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the World Food Programme (WFP) to the request made by the technical review;

(b) To request the secretariat to notify WFP of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:

(i) The fully-developed project proposal should provide a reference for the studies referred to in the document; and

(ii) The fully-developed project proposal should elaborate on complementarity with, and learning from, the project titled "Strengthening climate information and early warning systems in Africa for climate resilient development and adaptation to climate change - Malawi" financed by the Least-Developed Country Fund and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme, which was particularly relevant as it related to the compilation, assessment and transmission of climate information to farmers, as well as to avoid overlap in the installation and maintenance of hydro-meteorological equipment;

(c) To request WFP to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Malawi; and

(d) To encourage the Government of Malawi to submit, through WFP, a fully-developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.32/22)**

Pakistan: Enhance community and local and national-level government capacities to address climate change interrelated urban flood and drought risks and impacts (Project Concept; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); PAK/MIE/Urban/2018/1; US\$ 6,094,000)

23. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

(a) To not endorse the project concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to the request made by the technical review;

(b) To suggest that UN-Habitat reformulate the proposal taking into account the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification to the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:

(i) The concept proposal needs to clarify whether the project provides for actual spatial planning to be done in the two cities or the development of a strategy for spatial planning;

(ii) The concept proposal needs to further strengthen the linkages of proposed activities with target vulnerabilities and provide a clear link between the proposed components and outputs;

(iii) The concept proposal needs to demonstrate evidence of the impact of the proposed dams on controlling flood downstream and highlight its potential impact on such issues as, inter alia, biodiversity and re-settlement;

(iv) The concept proposal needs to clarify whether there are any complementary measures proposed to reduce contamination of ground water; and

(v) The proposal needs to clearly demonstrate how the awareness raising activity related to waste management will complement ongoing initiatives on waste management to ensure sustainability of interventions; and

(c) To request UN-Habitat to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Pakistan.

**(Decision B.32/23)**

Sudan: Increasing flood and drought resilience in Khartoum metropolitan area through integrated urban-rural watershed management, spatial strategies, EWSs and water harvesting (Project Concept; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); SDN/MIE/Water/2018/1; US\$ 9,982,000)

24. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

(a) To not endorse the project concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to the request made by the technical review;

(b) To suggest that UN-Habitat 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 concept proposal should demonstrate that environmental and social risk assessments are evidence-based and commensurate to the proposed interventions;



- (ii) The concept proposal should include a classification of the project category based on the initial risk assessment and in line with the Adaptation Fund's environmental and social policy;
  - (iii) The concept proposal should clarify the following aspects related to the activity focused on groundwater recharge under component 1: identify the intended users of groundwater; specify measures to rehabilitate and improve the existing community Hafir (water reservoir); specify measures/regulations to avoid overexploitation and enhance sustainability of groundwater resources; and identify where contamination can occur, along with the specified control measures to prevent, reduce or eliminate contamination of groundwater tables; and
  - (iv) The proponent should provide additional details that justify the cost-based rationale of the activities chosen; and
- (c) To request UN-Habitat to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Sudan.

**(Decision B.32/24)**

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

25. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To 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) To request the secretariat to notify AfDB of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The fully-developed project proposal should provide a detailed description of alternatives to the proposed measures to assess cost-effectiveness;
  - (ii) The fully-developed project proposal should provide a detailed assessment of environmental and social risks and an assessment of gender issues, including a full description of risk mitigation measures; a full description and plan for how environmental and social risks and gender issues will be assessed and managed should be provided for all unidentified subprojects; and
  - (iii) The fully developed project proposal should include a detailed description on the sustainability of the project;
- (c) To request AfDB to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Uganda; and

- (d) To encourage the Government of Uganda to submit, through AfDB, a fully-developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.32/25)**

Zimbabwe: Strengthening local communities' adaptive capacity and resilience to climate change through sustainable groundwater exploitation in Zimbabwe (Project Concept; United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); ZWE/CIE/Water/2018/1; US\$ 9,982,000)

26. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To not endorse the project concept, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To suggest that UNESCO 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 clarify the sustainability of the proposed groundwater extraction approach; and
  - (ii) The proposal should ensure strengthened environmental impact mitigation measures; and
- (c) To request UNESCO to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Zimbabwe.

**(Decision B.32/26)**

- e) *Review of regional project and programme proposals*

**Fully-developed proposals**

*Proposals from Multilateral Implementing Entities*

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali and Togo: Integrating Flood and Drought Management and Early Warning for Climate Change Adaptation in the Volta Basin (Fully-developed Project Document; World Meteorological Organization (WMO); AFR/MIE/DRR/2017/2; US\$ 7,920,000)

27. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To approve the fully-developed project as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to the request made by the technical review;

(b) To approve the funding of US\$ 7,920,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by WMO; and

(c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with WMO as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.32/27)**

Mauritius and Seychelles: Restoring marine ecosystem services by rehabilitating coral reefs to meet a changing climate future (Fully-developed Project Document; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); AFR/MIE/Food/2015/1; US\$ 10,000,000)

28. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

(a) To approve the project document as supplemented by the clarification response provided by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to the request made by the technical review;

(b) To approve the funding of US\$ 10,000,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by UNDP; and

(c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with UNDP as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.32/28)**

## **Concept proposals**

### *Proposals from multilateral implementing entities*

Chile, Colombia and Peru: Enhancing Adaptive Capacity of Andean Communities through Climate Services (ENANDES) (Project Concept; World Meteorological Organization (WMO); LAC/MIE/DRR/2018/2; US\$ 7,398,000)

29. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

(a) To endorse the project concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to the request made by the technical review;

(b) To request the secretariat to notify WMO of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:

(i) The fully-developed project proposal should provide description of the concrete adaptation measures to be implemented under component 3.2;

- (ii) The fully-developed project proposal should specify how it will meet the relevant national technical standards, where applicable, in compliance with the Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP); and
- (iii) In the event that the concrete adaptation measures to be implemented under component 3.2 are not fully identified in the fully-developed proposal, the proposal should include a justification for this, as well as an Environmental and Social Management Plan describing the ESP risk and safeguard measures for these unidentified subprojects;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 79,974;
- (d) To request WMO to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Governments of Chile, Colombia and Peru; and
- (e) To encourage the Governments of Chile, Colombia and Peru to submit, through WMO, a fully-developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.32/29)**

### **Pre-concept proposals**

#### *Proposal from Multilateral Implementing Entities*

Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay: Building multi-level resilience through better water management in a transboundary urban setting (Project Pre-concept; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); LAC/MIE/DRR/2018/1; US\$ 14,000,000)

30. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the project pre-concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify UN-Habitat of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The project concept should include a more in-depth vulnerability assessment of the neighbourhoods and vulnerable groups in question;
  - (ii) The project concept should include an analysis of its cost-effectiveness throughout its activities;
  - (iii) The project concept should provide information on the gender considerations for the different activities, including on the involvement of women in the planned regional and inter-municipal workshops; and

- (iv) The project concept should provide more information on how the project benefits women and the most vulnerable populations;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 20,000;
- (d) To request UN-Habitat to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Governments of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay; and
- (e) To encourage the Governments of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay to submit, through UN-Habitat, a project concept that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.32/30)**

Armenia and Georgia: Increased climate resilience of South Caucasus mountain communities and ecosystems through wildfire risk reduction (Project Pre-concept; The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); EAP/MIE/DRR/2018/PPC/1; US\$ 4,990,000)

31. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the project pre-concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify UNDP of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The project concept should clarify whether the project aims to add additional elements to the existing agreement between the two countries; it should also provide details on the sustainability of the Regional Advisory Council through support from national budget codes from the relevant line ministries;
  - (ii) The project concept should include an expanded baseline description, including screening for planned and ongoing investments by international financial institutions at national and regional levels;
  - (iii) The project concept should consider strategies that ensure sustainability of employment for women and youth under the planned project activities;
  - (iv) The project concept should include an explanation of how it intends to secure ownership and an increased level of funding at the national level for the proposed project activities in the field of prevention of natural and man-made disasters and elimination of the effects of such disasters; and
  - (v) The project concept should explore tax break incentives for the proposed technologies;

(c) To request UNDP to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Governments of Armenia and Georgia; and

(d) To encourage the Governments of Armenia and Georgia to submit, through UNDP, a project concept that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.32/31)**

Cambodia, Nepal, Philippines and Thailand: Building the Resilience of Persons with Disabilities to Cope with Climate Change in the Asia Pacific Region (Project Pre-concept; The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); ASI/MIE/DRR/2018/PPC/1; US\$ 13,662,863)

32. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

(a) To endorse the project pre-concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to the request made by the technical review;

(b) To request the secretariat to notify UNDP of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:

(i) The project concept should provide a logical explanation of the selected scope and climate change adaptation rationale; the cost-effectiveness should also be demonstrated from a sustainability point of view;

(ii) The project concept should take into consideration inputs stemming from consultations with national institutions and associations working with people with disabilities, and involve them in project activities; and

(iii) The project concept should include the engagement of national institutions as executing entities, and reduce the execution role of UNDP, just to the needed services. The proposal for an execution role of UNDP should be justified by a written request from the recipient countries, involving designated authorities in the process, and providing rationale for such a request.

(c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 20,000;

(d) To request UNDP to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Governments of Cambodia, Nepal, the Philippines and Thailand; and

(e) To encourage the Governments of Cambodia, Nepal, the Philippines and Thailand to submit, through UNDP, a project concept that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.32/32)**

El Salvador and Honduras: Improve Livelihood Resilience through Community-based Climate Change Adaptation in the Transboundary Watershed of Goascorán in El Salvador and Honduras (Project Pre-concept; World Food Programme (WFP); LAC/MIE/Food/2018/PPC/1; US\$ 14,000,000)

33. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the project pre-concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the World Food Programme (WFP) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to transmit to WFP a notification of the Board's decision;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 20,000;
- (d) To request WFP to transmit the decision by the Board to the Governments of El Salvador and Honduras as stated in paragraph (a) above; and
- (e) To encourage the Governments of El Salvador and Honduras to submit, through WFP, a project concept that would consider the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision.

**(Decision B.32/33)**

Jordan and Lebanon: Increasing the Resilience of Displaced Persons to Climate Change-related Water Challenges in Urban Host Settlements (Project Pre-concept; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); ASI/MIE/Urban/2018/PPC/1; US\$14,000,000)

34. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the project pre-concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify UN-Habitat of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The project concept should provide sufficient details on each of the components of the project, with specific emphasis on the concrete adaptation actions to be taken in response to the problems identified; and
  - (ii) The project concept should consider a holistic approach that can be implemented such as through the enabling environment;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 20,000;
- (d) To request UN-Habitat to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Governments of Jordan and Lebanon; and

- (e) To encourage the Governments of Jordan and Lebanon to submit, through UN-Habitat, a project concept that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.32/34)**

**Agenda Item 8: Report of twenty-third meeting of the Ethics and Finance Committee**

- a) *Annual performance report for the fiscal year 2018*

35. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To approve the annual performance report for the fiscal year 2018, as contained in document AFB/EFC.23/3; and
- (b) To request the secretariat to prepare, for the consideration of the Ethics and Finance Committee at its twenty-fourth meeting:
- (i) A review of the Strategic Results Framework of the Adaptation Fund and the Adaptation Fund Level Effectiveness and Efficiency Results Framework, which were approved by the Board in decision B.10/13, to reflect the progress made by the Adaptation Fund;
- (ii) A report with an analysis of the reasons for delays in project inception, based on information received from the implementing entities, related to the cases listed in document AFB/EFC.23/3, Table 5; and
- (iii) An overview of practices followed by other climate funds on how to address project delays.

**(Decision B.32/35)**

- b) *Accreditation standards related to anti-money-laundering/countering the financing of terrorism*

36. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To approve the following revised “examples of supporting documentation” related to the “internal control framework”, “procurement” and “policies and framework to deal with financial mismanagement” criteria in the accreditation application form, as highlighted in annex 2 to document AFB/EFC.23/4:
- (i) Policies and procedure related to anti-money-laundering/countering the financing of the terrorism;
- (ii) Screening system which documents all individuals and/or organizations before the entity transfers money to them; and



- (iii) Decision-making process that the entity follows when it identifies risks related to any individuals and/or organizations;
- (b) To approve the revised accreditation application form, as contained in annex 2 to document AFB/EFC.23/4; and
- (c) To request the secretariat to update the following documents to reflect subparagraph a) above:
  - (i) Reaccreditation application form;
  - (ii) Fast-track reaccreditation form;
  - (iii) Fast-track accreditation form; and
  - (iv) Fiduciary risk management standards to be met by implementing entities (annex 2 to the Operational Policies and Guidelines).

**(Decision B.32/36)**

c) *Other matters: Implications of implementing entity reorganizations*

37. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC) regarding the possible implications of the reorganization of a national implementing entity for project implementation and its accreditation and/or reaccreditation, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to request the secretariat, in collaboration with the Accreditation Panel, to prepare and submit a background document reflecting specific cases to the EFC for consideration at its twenty-fourth meeting, as well as options for dealing with cases where the national implementing entity is reorganized.

**(Decision B.32/37)**

### **Agenda Item 9: Implementation of the Medium-term Strategy**

a) *Call for learning microgrants*

38. Having considered the proposed approach, application process, review criteria and features of the learning grants as set out in document AFB/B.32/9, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To make learning grants available for national implementing entities between financial year 2019 and 2023 up to a maximum of US\$ 400,000 per year as direct transfers from the resources of the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund;
- (b) That the learning grants would not count against the country cap approved by the Board in decision B.13/23;
- (c) To approve:

- (i) The features and implementation arrangements of the learning grants as set out in document AFB/B.32/9; and
  - (ii) The application form, review criteria and review template for the learning grants as set out in annexes II, III and IV to document AFB/B.32/9;
- (d) To request the secretariat to issue a call for proposals in accordance with the tentative timeline set out in annex I to document AFB/B.31/5/Rev.1 and the budget pursuant to (a) above;
- (e) To request the secretariat to develop and present to the Board at its thirty-third meeting:
- (i) A standard legal agreement for learning grants;
  - (ii) Notification templates for project start and project completion for learning grants;
  - (iii) Monitoring and evaluation reporting templates for learning grants; and
  - (iv) A result framework for learning grants;
- (f) To request the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC) of the Board to review learning grant proposals and make recommendations to the Board in line with other grant approval procedures approved by the Board;
- (g) To request the secretariat to report to the Board annually on implementation progress for learning grants through the annual performance report; and
- (h) To request the secretariat to present to the PPRC at its twenty-fifth meeting an analysis of the project review cycle for learning grants, with potential options, for its consideration.

**(Decision B.32/38)***b) Call for scaling-up microgrants*

39. Having considered the proposed approach, application process, review criteria and features of the project scale-up grants as set out in document AFB/B.32/10, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To make project scale-up grants available for national implementing entities between financial year 2019 and financial year 2023 up to a maximum of US\$ 200,000 per year as direct transfers from the resources of the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund;
- (b) That the project scale-up grants would not count against the country cap approved by the Board in decision B.13/23;
- (c) To approve:
  - (i) The features and implementation arrangements of the project scale-up grants as set out in document AFB/B.32/10; and

- (ii) The application form, review criteria and review template for the project scale-up grants as set out in annexes I, II and III of document AFB/B.32/10;
- (d) To request the secretariat to issue a call for proposals for project scale-up grants in accordance with the tentative timeline set out in the annex to document AFB/B.31/5/Rev.1 and the budget pursuant to (a) above;
- (e) To request the secretariat to develop and present to the Board at its thirty-third meeting:
  - (i) A standard legal agreement for project scale-up grants;
  - (ii) Notification templates for project start and project completion for project scale-up grants;
  - (iii) Monitoring and evaluation templates for project scale-up grants; and
  - (iv) A results framework for project scale-up grants;
- (f) To request the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC) of the Board to review project scale-up grant proposals and make recommendations to the Board in line with readiness grant approval procedures approved by the Board; and
- (g) To request the secretariat to report to the Board annually on the implementation progress for project scale-up grants through the annual performance report; and
- (h) To request the secretariat to present to the PPRC at its twenty-fifth meeting an analysis of the project review cycle for learning grants, with potential options, for its consideration.

**(Decision B.32/39)**

#### **Agenda Item 10: Report of the Resource Mobilization Task Force**

40. Following the discussion related to decision B.31-32/27 and recognizing the need to document the procedural steps to be taken to receive contributions from sources alternative to government funding such as foundations, charitable organizations, non-profit organizations, private individuals and private sector companies, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To request the secretariat, in consultation with the Resource Mobilization Task Force, to prepare a document on the procedural steps to be taken to receive contributions from sources alternative to government funding and present it to the Board for its consideration at its thirty-third meeting; and
- (b) To request the secretariat to engage with the Resource Mobilization Task Force in reviewing potential resource mobilization opportunities involving alternative sources of contributions when opportunities are presented to the secretariat.

**(Decision B.32/40)**

**Agenda Item 11: Issues remaining from the twenty-ninth meeting**

a) *Strategic discussion on objectives and further steps of the Fund. Potential linkages between the Fund and the Green Climate Fund*

41. Having considered the ongoing efforts on enhancing complementarity between the Green Climate Fund and the Adaptation Fund, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

(a) To request the Chair and Vice-Chair, assisted by the secretariat, to continue ongoing efforts of enhancing complementarity with the Green Climate Fund (GCF), including attending 'an annual dialogue' to be organized by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) in the margins of the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and to actively engage in a structured conversation with the GCF Board, with a view to exploring concrete steps to enhance complementarity, including options for fund-to-fund arrangements and accreditation;

(b) To request the secretariat:

(i) To continue discussions with the GCF secretariat to advance the collaborative activities identified at the Annual Dialogue in November 2017, the Technical Workshop in February 2018 and the informal meetings between the Chair and Vice-Chair of the AFB and the Co-Chairs of the GCF in May and September 2018; and

(ii) To continue to explore the options for fund-to-fund arrangements, including the process toward accreditation with the GCF, as described in pillar 1 in the GCF operational framework for complementarity and coherence, as contained in document GCF/B.17/08; and

(c) To request the Chair and secretariat to report to the Board at its thirty-third meeting on the progress made in the activities described in subparagraphs (a) and (b).

**(Decision B.32/41)**

**Agenda Item 15: Amendment of the Rules of Procedure**

In view of the lack of consensus, no decision was taken on this item.

**Agenda Item 18: Election of officers for the next period of office**

42. The Adaptation Fund Board decided:

(a) To elect Ms. Sylviane Bilgischer (Belgium, Annex I Parties) as Chair of the Board;

(b) To elect Mr. Ibila Djibril (Benin, Africa) as Vice-Chair of the Board;

(c) To elect Mr. Chebet Maikut (Uganda, Least Developed Countries) as Chair of the Accreditation Panel; and

(d) To elect the Chair and Vice-Chair of the EFC, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the PPRC and the Vice-Chair of the Accreditation Panel during the intersessional period.

**(Decision B.32/42)**

**Agenda Item 21: Other matters**

a) *Preparation of an addendum to the Board's report to the CMP, covering activities undertaken since the end of the reporting period of the main report, as requested by the CMP at its thirteenth session*

43. Pursuant to a request made by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its thirteenth session, in its decision 1/CMP.13, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

(a) To issue an addendum to its report to the CMP in its fourteenth session that was approved intersessionally in decision AFB.31-32/29, to report on activities between 1 July 2018 and 12 October 2018; and

(b) To request the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Board, to draft the report referred to in subparagraph (a) above, and to circulate it to the Board for its consideration and approval intersessionally.

**(Decision B.32/43)**