



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board
Project and Programme Review Committee

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROJECT AND PROGRAMME
REVIEW COMMITTEE ON READINESS GRANT PROPOSALS
CONSIDERED DURING THE INTERSESSIONAL REVIEW
CYCLE BETWEEN THE THIRTY-SECOND AND THIRTY-THIRD
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

Background

1. At its twenty-seventh meeting, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to integrate the Readiness Programme into the Adaptation Fund (the Fund) work plan and budget, in a more permanent manner. The Board had also set aside funding for small grants to be directly transferred from the resources of the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund, for the fiscal year 2017. At this meeting, the Board decided to:

- a) *Take note of the progress report for phase II of the Readiness Programme;*
- b) *Integrate the Readiness Programme into the Adaptation Fund work plan and budget; and*
- c) *Approve the proposal for the Readiness Programme for the fiscal year 2017 (FY17), comprising its work programme for FY17 with the funding of US\$ 616,500 to be transferred to the secretariat budget and US\$ 590,000 for direct transfers from the resources of the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund for allocation as small grants.*

(Decision B.27/38)

2. At the twenty-eighth meeting of the Board, the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC) had recommended to the Board to establish a standing rule following on decision B.26/28 on the intersessional project review cycle for grants under the Readiness Programme to allow for continued review and approval of readiness grant proposals intersessionally each year. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the PPRC, the Board decided to:

- a) *Request the secretariat to continue to review readiness grant proposals annually, during an intersessional period of less than 24 weeks between two consecutive Board meetings;*
- b) *Notwithstanding the request in paragraph (a) above, recognize that any readiness grant proposal can be submitted to regular meetings of the Board;*
- c) *Request the PPRC to consider intersessionally the technical review of such readiness grant proposals as prepared by the secretariat and to make intersessional recommendations to the Board;*
- d) *Consider such intersessionally reviewed proposals for intersessional approval in accordance with the Rules of Procedure; and*
- e) *Request the secretariat to present, in the twentieth meeting of the PPRC, and annually following each intersessional review cycle, an analysis of the intersessional review cycle.*

(Decision B.28/30)

Grant proposals submitted by implementing entities

4. Accredited national implementing entities (NIEs) submitted proposal documents for technical assistance (TA) grants to help them assess and manage environmental, social and gender related issues and to comply with the Adaptation Fund (the Fund) environmental and social policy (ESP) and the gender policy (GP) and proposal documents for South-South (S-S) cooperation grants to provide peer support to entities seeking accreditation with the Fund. NIEs could submit a proposal for one of two types of TA grants available, that is, a TA Grant for the ESP and Gender Policy (TA-ESGP) or a TA Grant for the Gender Policy (TA-GP).

5. The PPRC considered, during the intersessional review cycle between the thirty-second and thirty-third meetings of the Board, three proposals for a TA-ESGP and two proposals for a S-S cooperation grant as well as the report of the Adaptation Fund Board secretariat (the secretariat) on the initial screening and technical review, contained in the following documents:

AFB/PPRC.23-24/1 Report of the secretariat on initial review of grant proposals under the Readiness Programme

AFB/PPRC.23-24/2 TA-ESGP proposal for BTFEC (Bhutan)

AFB/PPRC.23-24/3 TA-ESGP proposal for IDDI (Dominican Republic)

AFB/PPRC.23-24/4 TA-ESGP proposal for EPIU (Armenia)

AFB/PPRC.23-24/5 S-S Cooperation Grant Proposal for Afghanistan (NABARD)

AFB/PPRC.23-24/6 S-S Cooperation Grant Proposal for Mauritius (CSE)

6. The summary information on the proposals is contained in Tables 1 and 2 below:

Table 1: TA-ESGP grant proposals submitted to the intersessional review cycle between the thirty-second and thirty-third Adaptation Fund Board meetings

Country	IE	Financing Requested ³ (USD), (current period)	IE Fee (USD)	IE Fee, %
Bhutan	BTFEC	\$25,000	\$0	0%
Dominican Republic	IDDI	\$22,700	\$1,700	8.1%
Armenia	EPIU	\$19,500	\$0	0%
Total		\$67,200	\$1,700	2.6%

Table 2: S-S cooperation grant proposals submitted to the intersessional review cycle between the thirty-second and thirty-third Adaptation Fund Board meetings

Country	IE providing support	Financing Requested ⁶ (USD), (current period)	IE Fee (USD)	IE Fee, %
Afghanistan	NABARD	\$50,000	\$0	0%
Mauritius	CSE	\$49,910	\$3,910	8.5%
Total		\$99,910	\$3,910	4.07%

Recommendations for Technical Assistance Grant proposals for the ESP and GP

Proposal for a TA-ESGP Grant submitted by the Bhutan Trust Fund for Environment Conservation (BTFEC); (US\$ 25,000)

7. The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to recommend that the Adaptation Fund Board:

- (a) Approve the application for a grant for technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the Bhutan Trust Fund for Environment Conservation (BTFEC) to assess and manage environmental, social and gender related issues and to comply with the Adaptation Fund environmental and social policy (ESP) and the gender policy (GP), as requested by BTFEC;
- (b) Approve the funding of US\$ 25,000 for the implementation of the technical assistance as requested by BTFEC; and
- (c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with BTFEC as the National Implementing Entity for the requested technical assistance.

(Recommendation PPRC.23-24/1)

Proposal for a TA-ESGP Grant submitted by the Dominican Institute of Integral Development (IDDI); (US\$ 22,700)

7. The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to recommend that the Adaptation Fund Board:

- (a) Approve the application for a grant for technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the Dominican Institute for Integral Development (IDDI) to assess and manage environmental, social and gender related issues and to comply with the Adaptation Fund environmental and social policy (ESP) and the gender policy (GP), as requested by IDDI;
- (b) Approve the funding of US\$ 22,700 for the implementation of the technical assistance as requested by IDDI; and
- (c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with IDDI as the National Implementing Entity for the requested technical assistance.

(Recommendation PPRC.23-24/2)

Proposal for a TA-ESGP Grant submitted by the Environmental Project Implementation Unit of Armenia (EPIU); (US\$ 19,500)

7. The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to recommend that the Adaptation Fund Board:

- (a) Approve the application for a grant for technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the Environmental Project Implementation Unit of Armenia (EPIU) to assess and manage environmental, social and gender related issues and to comply with the Adaptation Fund environmental and social policy (ESP) and the gender policy (GP), as requested by EPIU;

- (b) Approve the funding of US\$ 19,500 for the implementation of the technical assistance as requested by EPIU; and
- (c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with EPIU as the National Implementing Entity for the requested technical assistance.

(Recommendation PPRC.23-24/3)

Recommendations for South-South Cooperation Grant proposals

Proposal for a South-South cooperation grant for the *Centre de Suivi Ecologique* (CSE) on behalf of the Government of Mauritius: (US\$49,910).

8. The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to recommend that the Adaptation Fund Board:

- (a) Approve the application for a grant to support the accreditation of a National Implementing Entity in Mauritius as requested by the Government of Mauritius through the *Centre de Suivi Ecologique* (CSE);
- (b) Approve the funding of US\$ 49,910 for the implementation of the support, as requested by CSE; and
- (c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with CSE as the National Implementing Entity for the accreditation support.

(Recommendation PPRC.23-24/4)

Proposal for a South-South cooperation grant for the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development of India (NABARD) on behalf of the Government of Afghanistan: (US\$50,000).

9. The Project and Programme Review Committee decided to recommend that the Adaptation Fund Board:

- a) Approve the application for a grant to support the accreditation of a National Implementing Entity in Afghanistan as requested by the Government of Afghanistan through the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) of India;
- b) Approve the funding of US\$ 50,000 for the implementation of the support, as requested by NABARD; and
- c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with NABARD as the National Implementing Entity for the accreditation support.

(Recommendation PPRC.23-24/5)