



## ADAPTATION FUND

### **Adaptation Fund**

### **Call for expression of interest**

### **Short-term consultancy positions**

### **Members of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group (TERG) of the Adaptation Fund**

### **Background**

The Adaptation Fund was established by the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol of the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change to finance concrete adaptation projects and programmes in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. At the Katowice Climate Conference in December 2018, Parties to the Paris Agreement decided that the Adaptation Fund shall also serve the Paris Agreement. As of January 2019, the Fund has dedicated around US\$ 532 million for 80 projects to increase climate resilience in 81 countries around the world. The World Bank acts as an interim trustee of the AF and the Global Environment Facility (GEF), through a dedicated team of officials, provides secretariat services to the Fund's governing body, the Adaptation Fund Board. The Adaptation Fund has pioneered direct access to project funding for accredited National Implementing Entities (NIEs). The other access modalities include through Regional Implementing Entities (RIEs) and, most commonly, through Multilateral Implementing Entities (MIEs). So far, the Fund has accredited 28 NIEs and six RIEs.

The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) endorsed at its thirteenth meeting an evaluation framework for the Fund, which was developed in accordance with international standards in evaluation; it includes evaluation principles and criteria and two overarching objectives. A revised version of the framework, contained in document AFB/EFC.6/4, was approved at the Board's fifteenth meeting.

The Board had first entrusted the Global Environment Facility - Independent Evaluation Office (GEF IEO)<sup>1</sup> with the evaluation function of the Fund, for an interim three-year period. At its thirtieth meeting, in October 2017, the Board decided to establish a long-term evaluation function for the Fund through a Technical Evaluation Reference Group (AF-TERG). The terms of reference of the AF-TERG were approved at the thirty-first meeting of the Board, in March 2018.

The AF-TERG is an advisory, supervisory and evaluative group, comprised of independent evaluation experts and functionally independent of the Adaptation Fund secretariat. Led by its Chair, it is accountable to the Board and established to ensure the independent implementation of the Fund's evaluation framework. A small AF-TERG secretariat composed of a full-time dedicated staff position supported by a part-time consultant and Secretariat administrative staff as needed will provide support to the AF-TERG, in particular with regard to the arrangements for the implementation of the evaluation work programme.

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<sup>1</sup> Known as the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Evaluation Office at the time of decision B.15/23

The Chair of the AF-TERG has been recruited in January 2019. The AF-TERG is currently looking for four, senior (at least 15-20 years of experience) and accomplished evaluators with significant relevant expertise and experience to become the first members of the Group. Experts from developing countries are particularly encouraged to express their interest in serving on the AF-TERG. The AF-TERG will strive to include a diversified set of backgrounds, skills and competencies including gender balance.

Interested candidates are invited to read the **AF-TERG Terms of Reference** which is attached below, to be fully informed of the role and expectations of TERG membership.

### **Time commitment**

The AF-TERG members should be prepared to commit serious time for the AF-TERG work and participate physically in the AF-TERG meeting(s). The AF-TERG members should also be prepared and able to commit additional time under exceptional circumstances, including during periods before and after AF-TERG, Board and Committee meetings.

### **Duration**

The successful candidates will be offered a retainer contract in the form of a short-term consultancy position following the World Bank rules, for up to 26 working days/year. Members of the AF-TERG will normally serve for a period of three years and are eligible to serve not more than two consecutive terms or six years. The membership of the AF-TERG is managed so that approximately one-third of its membership should retire by rotation every two years. The very first members of the TERG will therefore be granted exception in number of years of service to allow for effective initiation of the rotation system.

### **AF-TERG member profile**

As indicated above the AF-TERG as a group will include diversity in areas of relevant expertise, evaluative skills and thematic knowledge including the following (individual members should possess expertise in most but not necessarily all areas):

- At least 15 years of professional experience in evaluation work at progressively increasing levels, related to monitoring / evaluation / research and management;
- At least 8 years of professional experience in development at field level and international level;
- Evaluation experience: extensive knowledge of, and experience in applying, qualitative and quantitative evaluation methods; a strong record in designing and leading overall evaluations; technical competence in the area of evaluation (theory and practice), and a strong methodological background;
- Climate finance experience, especially extensive knowledge of, and experience in applying climate change adaptation concepts;
- Strong knowledge in project management with strong emphasis on monitoring and evaluation;
- Extended experience in designing, implementing and evaluating adaptation projects and programs in developing countries, covering key adaptation thematic areas;

- Experience in least developed countries, working with those most vulnerable to climate change impacts;
- Extended knowledge of the Adaptation Fund and of UNFCCC, Paris Agreement, Kyoto protocol and climate change and other environmental international regimes and policies;
- Extended knowledge on operational aspects of institutions (policies, governance, and accounting);
- Strong communication and outreach skills;
- Strong gender skills and experience.
- Excellent command of English and additional language skills such as in the other five official languages of the United Nations (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish).

**Expression of Interest together with an up-to-date CV should be sent to [afbsec@adaptation-fund.org](mailto:afbsec@adaptation-fund.org) by close of business on 28 February 2019 (Washington DC time).** Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for a follow-up telephone interview.

For any clarification concerning this communication, please contact the above email address.