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Agenda item 5

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIR

During the intersessional period between the thirty-second and thirty-third meetings of the Adaptation Fund Board, the outgoing Chair, Mr. Victor Viñas (Dominican Republic, Latin America and the Caribbean) carried out the below-listed activities for the Fund.

1. Finalization of the report of the thirty-second meeting of the Board, assisted by the secretariat;
2. Representation of the Board at the Katowice Climate Change Conference (the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (COP 24), the fourteenth session of Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 14), and the third part of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA1.3), 1-14 December 2018, Katowice, Poland), assisted by the secretariat; with activities including:
 - a) Delivery of oral/written report on Adaptation Fund to CMP 14
 - b) Representation of Board at 2nd Annual Dialogue of Climate Funds organized by Green Climate Fund
 - c) Representation of Board and opening remarks at Side Event, 6 December, 'Adaptation Fund (AF): Innovative, Effective, Replicable and Scalable Adaptation Interventions'
 - d) Representation of Board and remarks at UNFCCC Press Event, 10 December, 'AF: Launching New Innovative Grants While Pioneering Scalable Concrete Adaptation Actions in Vulnerable Countries'
 - e) Representation of Board and remarks at AF Contributor Dialogue, 11 December
 - f) Representation of Board and signatory at Ecuador/Chile Regional Project Signing Ceremony between AF and Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), 11 December
 - g) Contribution of quote as AF Board Chair in online UNFCCC news article promoting partnership between UNFCCC, Visa and AF to generate funds for AF through interactive Visa installation at COP 24 on enhancing climate resilience for vulnerable populations
3. Representation of the Board at the twenty-first meeting of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Board (17-20 October 2018, Manama, Bahrain). The presence of the AFB Chair was publicly acknowledged at the start of the meeting by one of the GCF Board Co-chairs. Furthermore, the Chair was invited to address a meeting of the Developing Country constituency in the margins of the GCF Board meeting, on the topic of the collaboration efforts between funds. Following that, in the plenary session of the GCF Board meeting, one of the Co-chairs took the position of advocating positively for expediting concrete collaboration between the funds when the relevant agenda item was discussed.

4. Project/Programme agreements signed (9):
- a) Armenia: Artik city closed stone pit wastes and flood management pilot project (Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU) of the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia; US\$ 1,435,100)
 - b) 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 (World Meteorological Organization (WMO); US\$ 7,920,000)
 - c) Mauritius and Seychelles: Restoring marine ecosystem services by rehabilitating coral reefs to meet a changing climate future (United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); US\$ 10,000,000)
 - d) Chile and Ecuador: "Reducing Climate Vulnerability and Flood Risk in Coastal Urban and Semi Urban Areas in Cities in Latin America", US\$ 13,910,400
 - e) Amendment to Schedule 2 (disbursement schedule) to the standard legal agreement for the "Pilot Rural Desalination Plants Using Renewable Power and Membrane Technology" Project in Namibia signed by The Adaptation Fund Board and the Desert Research Foundation of Namibia (DRFN)
 - f) Bhutan: "Technical Assistance Grant for the environmental and social policy (ESP) and gender policy (GP)"; Bhutan Trust Fund for Environment Conservation (BT FEC)
 - g) Dominican Republic: "Technical Assistance Grant for the environmental and social policy (ESP) and gender policy (GP)"; Dominican Institute for Integral Development (IDDI)
 - h) Armenia: "Technical Assistance Grant for the environmental and social policy (ESP) and gender policy (GP)"; Environmental Project Implementation Unit of Armenia (EPIU)
 - i) Senegal: South-South Cooperation Grant for the *Centre de Suivi Ecologique* (CSE) to support the accreditation of a National Implementing Entity (NIE) in Mauritius
5. Project Formulation Grant (PFG) agreements signed (4):
- a) Chile, Colombia and Peru: Enhancing Adaptive Capacity of Andean Communities through Climate Services (ENANDES) (Project Concept; World Meteorological Organization (WMO); US\$ 79,974)
 - b) 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); US\$ 20,000)

- c) 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); US\$ 20,000
 - d) 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); US\$ 20,000
6. Cash transfer requests signed (20):
- a) 2nd tranche of the project funds to National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) for the “Integrated Programme to build resilience to climate change and adaptive capacity of vulnerable communities in Kenya”
 - b) 1st tranche to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) for the “Flood Resilience in Ulaanbaatar Ger Areas – Climate Change Adaptation through Community-Driven Small-Scale Protective and Basic-Services Interventions” project in Mongolia
 - c) Project Formulation Grant to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) for the “Improved Resilience of Coastal Communities in Cote d’Ivoire and Ghana” in Cote d’Ivoire and Ghana
 - d) 4th tranche to United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the “Ecosystem-based Adaptation to Climate Change in Seychelles” Project in Seychelles
 - e) 2nd tranche to Agencia de Cooperación Internacional (AGCI) for the “Enhancing Resilience to Climate Change of the Small Agriculture in the Chilean Region of O’Higgins” project in Chile
 - f) Project Formulation Grant to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) for the “Increasing the Resilience of Displaced Persons to Climate Change-related Water Challenges in Urban Host Settlements” in Jordan and Lebanon
 - g) 2nd tranche to the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for the “Climate Smart Actions and Strategies in North Western Himalayan Region for Sustainable Livelihoods of Agriculture-dependent Hill Communities” Project in India
 - h) 4th tranche to United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the “Developing Climate Resilience of Farming Communities in the Drought Prone Parts of Uzbekistan” Project in Uzbekistan

- i) 1st tranche to “Environmental Project Implementation Unit” State Agency (EPIU) for the “Artik City Closed Stone Pit Wastes and Flood Management Pilot Project” in Armenia
- j) 1st tranche to the Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF) for the “Reducing Climate Vulnerability and Flood Risk in Coastal Urban and Semi Urban Areas in Cities in Latin America” Project in Chile and Ecuador
- k) Project Concept Formulation Grant to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) for the “Improve Livelihood Resilience through Community-based Climate Change Adaptation in the Transboundary Watershed of Goascorán in El Salvador and Honduras” Project in El Salvador and Honduras
- l) 1st tranche to Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement (BOAD) for the “Promoting Climate-Smart Agriculture in West Africa” Project in Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Niger and Togo
- m) Project Formulation Grant to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the “Building the Resilience of Persons with Disabilities to Cope with Climate Change in the Asia Pacific Region” in Cambodia, Nepal, Philippines and Thailand
- n) 4th tranche the World Bank for the “Increasing Climate Resilience and Enhancing Sustainable Land Management in the Southwest of Buenos Aires Province” project in Argentina
- o) 3rd tranche to the Agency for Agricultural Development (ADA) for the “Climate Change Adaptation Project in Oasis Zones – PACC-ZO” Project in Morocco
- p) 2nd tranche to the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for the “Building Adaptive Capacities of Communities, Livelihoods and Ecological Security in the Kanha-Pench Corridor of Madhya Pradesh” Project in India
- q) 5th tranche to United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) for the “Enhancing Climate Resilience of Rural Communities Living in Protected Areas of Cambodia” project in Cambodia
- r) 1st tranche to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) for the “Integrating Flood and Drought Management and Early Warning for Climate Change Adaptation in the Volta Basin” Project in Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Mali and Togo
- s) 1st tranche to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the “Restoring Marine Ecosystem Services by Rehabilitating Coral Reefs to Meet a Changing Climate Future” Project in Republic of Seychelles and Republic of Mauritius

- t) 2nd tranche to Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) for the “Enhancing Resilience of Communities to Climate Change through Catchment based Integrated Management of Water and Related Resources” Project in Uganda

7. Fostered promotion of Fund’s work through Outreach

- a) Provided audio interview as AF Board Chair for podcast news story produced by the Secretariat in both English and Spanish about AF’s project in Colombia and AF’s value in providing concrete, scalable actions to vulnerable communities and countries; story disseminated through AF’s global and regional networks and online digital channels.
- b) Represented Board in three speaking interventions in Dhaka, Bangladesh, 9-10 March, “2nd International Conference on Climate Finance”, remarks covered status of AF, country perspective on innovative AF financing approaches, and future challenges/opportunities as UNFCCC mechanism serving the Paris Agreement
- c) Provided official quotes as AFB Chair in six news releases prepared by the Secretariat during the reporting period (6):
- “AF to Host Regional Workshop in Ghana with Goal to Enhance Climate Finance Readiness for Central African Countries” (8 March 2019),
 - “AF Receives New Record Numbers in Funding Requested and Project Proposals for 33rd Board Meeting” (26 February 2019),
 - “AF Shall Serve the Paris Agreement, Starting on January 1, 2019” (16 December 2018),
 - “AF Launches New Grant Funding Windows to Accelerate Action, Innovation and Learning in Adaptation” (14 December 2018),
 - “AF Breaks Single-Year Resource Mobilization Record with Nearly US\$129M in New Pledges Received” (12 December 2018), and
 - “AF Board Moves to Accelerate Innovative Adaptation Actions Through New Grant Funding Windows” (17 October 2018)