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ADAPTATION FUND BOARD

Thirty-third Meeting
Bonn, Germany, 14-15 March 2019

DECISIONS OF THE THIRTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE ADAPTATION FUND BOARD

Agenda item 2: Election of outstanding officers.

a) Election of officers for the next period of office

1. The Adaptation Fund Board decided to elect:

- a) Ms. Sheida Asgharzadeh Ghahroudi (Islamic Republic of Iran, Asia-Pacific) as Chair of the Ethics and Finance Committee;
- b) Mr. Mattias Broman (Sweden, Annex I Parties) as Vice Chair of the Ethics and Finance Committee;
- c) Mr. Patrick Sieber (Switzerland, Annex I Parties) as Chair of the Project and Programme Review Committee;
- d) Mr. Lucas di Pietro (Argentina, Latin America and the Caribbean) as Vice-Chair of the Project and Programme Review Committee; and
- e) Mr. Elonora Cogo (Italy, Western Europe and Others) as the Chair of the Accreditation Panel.

(Decision B.33/1)

b) Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund (AF-TERG)

2. The Adaptation Fund Board decided to elect the following Board members and alternates as members of the Recruitment Working Group of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund (AF-TERG) established through decision B.31/25:

- a) Mr. Ibila Djibril (Benin, Africa)

- b) Mr. Chebet Maikut (Uganda, Least Developed Countries)
- c) Ms. Mirza Shawkat Ali (Bangladesh, Asia-Pacific)
- d) Mr. Victor Viñas (Dominican Republic, Latin America and the Caribbean)
- e) Mr. Marc-Antoine Martin (France, Annex I Parties)

(Decision B.33/2)

c) *Multilateral Implementing Entity (MIE) Aggregator Task Force*

3. The Adaptation Fund Board decided to elect the following Board members and alternates as members of the Multilateral Implementing Entity (MIE) Aggregator Task Force established through decision B.32/5:

- a) Mr. Evans Njewa (Malawi, Non-Annex I Parties)
- b) Mr. Ahmed Waheed (Maldives, Asia-Pacific)
- c) Mr. Charles Mutai (Kenya, Non-Annex I Parties)
- d) Mr. Yadira Gonzalez (Cuba, Latin America and the Caribbean)

(Decision B.33/3)

d) *Resource Mobilization Task Force*

4. The Adaptation Fund Board decided to elect the following Board members and alternates as members of the Resource Mobilization Task Force:

- a) Mr. Albara E. Tawfiq (Saudi Arabia, Asia-Pacific)
- b) Mr. Lucas di Pietro (Argentina, Latin America and the Caribbean)
- c) Mr. Aram Ter-Zakaryan (Armenia, Eastern Europe)
- d) Mr. David Kaluba (Zambia, Africa)
- e) Mr. Marc-Antoine Martin (France, Annex I Parties)
- f) Ms. Sylviane Bilgischer (Belgium), Annex I Parties)

(Decision B.33/4)

Agenda Item 7: Report of the Accreditation Panel.*a) Fast-track re-accreditation of the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) as National Implementing Entity*

5. Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel and following the fast-track re-accreditation process approved by Decision B.28/38, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to re-accredit the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund for five years, as per paragraph 38 of the operational policies and guidelines for Parties to access resources from the Adaptation Fund. The re-accreditation expiration date is 14 March 2024.

(Decision B.33/5)*b) Fast-track re-accreditation of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) as Regional Implementing Entity*

6. Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel and following the fast-track re-accreditation process approved by Decision B.28/38, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to re-accredit the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) as a Regional Implementing Entity (RIE) of the Adaptation Fund. for five years, as per paragraph 38 of the operational policies and guidelines for Parties to access resources from the Adaptation Fund. The re-accreditation expiration date is 14 March 2024.

(Decision B.33/6)*c) Fast-track re-accreditation of the Ministry of Environment of Rwanda (formerly the Ministry of Natural Resources of Rwanda) as National Implementing Entity*

7. Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel and following the fast-track re-accreditation process approved by Decision B.28/38, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to re-accredit the Ministry of Environment of Rwanda (formerly the Ministry of Natural Resources of Rwanda) as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund for five years, as per paragraph 38 of the operational policies and guidelines for Parties to access resources from the Adaptation Fund. The re-accreditation expiration date is 14 March 2024.

(Decision B.33/7)*d) Accreditation of the Ministry of Water and Environment of Uganda as National Implementing Entity*

8. Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to accredit the Ministry of Water and Environment of Uganda as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund for five years, as per paragraph 38 of the operational policies and guidelines for Parties to access resources from the Adaptation Fund. The accreditation expiration date is 14 March 2024.

(Decision B.33/8)

e) *Agencia Nacional de Investigación e Innovación (ANII)*

9. *Having considered Report of the Accreditation Panel* contained in Document AFB.B.33/4, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- a) To take note of the information regarding the *accreditation status of the Agencia Nacional de Investigación e Innovación (ANII)* of Uruguay, a National Implementing Entity of the Adaptation Fund, which was accredited on 17 September 2010 and has not submitted re-accreditation an application as at 15 October 2018, and the implications of the re-accreditation policy of the Adaptation Fund approved by decision B.31/1 on the project implemented by ANII; and
- b) To request the secretariat:
 - (i) To prepare a possible revision of re-accreditation policy, in collaboration with the Accreditation Panel, that would take into account its implication on the implementing entities' ongoing project implementation;
 - (ii) To review the implication of an implementing entity's accreditation expiration on its project implementation and the standard legal agreement signed between the Board and the implementing entity; and
 - (iii) To prepare a document which contains the outcome of the work referred to in subparagraphs (b) (i) and (ii) and present it to the Board for consideration at its thirty-fourth meeting; and
- c) To request the secretariat to send, before expiry of its accreditation, an official letter to the Designated Authority with a request of official communication on the interest of the national implementing entity in pursuing re-accreditation.

(Decision B.33/9)

Agenda Item 8: Report of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC)

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

Issues Identified During the Review Process

Review of the project and programme review process

10. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to request the secretariat to undertake a review of the project and programme review process, with the consideration of the Operational Policies and Guidelines for Parties to Access Resources from the Adaptation Fund, and present it at the thirty-fourth meeting of the Board.

(Decision B.33/10)

Waitlisted projects and programmes

11. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to, in case there would be a need to establish a waitlist with regional projects/programmes that are recommended for approval by the PPRC but could not be immediately funded, consider the waitlisted projects/programmes for approval, subject to the availability of funds, at a future Board meeting, or intersessionally, in the order in which they are prioritized on the waitlist.

(Decision B.33/11)

Financing window for regional projects and programmes for fiscal year 2020

12. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to include in its work plan for fiscal year 2020 the provision for an amount of US\$ 60 million to be provisionally set aside, as follows:

- a) Up to US\$ 59 million for the funding of regional project and programme proposals; and
- b) Up to US\$ 1 million for the funding of project formulation grant requests for preparing regional project and programme concept or fully-developed project documents.

(Decision B.33/12)

b) Review of single-country project and programme proposals

Fully-developed proposals

Proposals from National Implementing Entities (NIEs)

Small-size proposals:

Indonesia (1): 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)

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

- a) 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) 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 total duration of the project needs to be revised, to allow considerable time for the completion of the proposed activities, specifically increasing forest land cover and increase community income through the creation of businesses and food diversification;

- (ii) The proponent should consider elaborating an Environmental and Social Management Plan, particularly on issues of marginalized and vulnerable people and gender equity. In addition, a gender assessment, in line with the Fund's Gender Policy, should be provided;
- (i) The proposal needs to include a description of a grievance mechanism, which is accessible to employees and affected communities. This section should describe arrangements for how the grievance mechanism will be designed to receive and facilitate grievances in a transparent manner; and
- c) Request Kemitraan to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Indonesia.

(Decision B.33/13)

Regular proposals:

Armenia (1): 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)

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

- a) 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) Approve the funding of US\$2,506,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by EPIU; and
- c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with EPIU as the national implementing entity for the project.

(Decision B.33/14)

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)

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

- a) 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) Approve the funding of US\$9,953,692 for the implementation of the project, as requested by IDDI; and
- c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with IDDI as the national implementing entity for the project.

(Decision B.33/15)

Indonesia (2): 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)

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

- a) 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) 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 the necessary assessments for compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) of the Fund;
 - (ii) The proposal should further demonstrate how the program interventions would meet national legislation regarding Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs), since program activities do not appear to be "cultivation" activities in substance and are thus not likely to benefit from national EIAs exemptions;
 - (iii) The proposal should include evidences of consultations with local communities, financial institutions and land-owners that will be targeted by mangrove restoration activities and demonstrate that the outcomes of such consultations (interests and concerns of stakeholders) are reflected in the design of the interventions;
 - (iv) The proposal should provide evidence of local governments' commitments to maintain and finance the program outcomes (embankments, eco-tourism, latrines, mangroves) after program closure; and
- c) Request Kemitraan to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Indonesia.

(Decision B.33/16)

Proposals from Regional Implementing Entities (RIEs)

Regular proposals

Saint Lucia: Building Resilience for Adaptation to Climate Change and Climate Variability in Agriculture in Saint Lucia (Fully-developed project; Caribbean Development Bank (CDB); LCA/NIE/Agric/2019/1; US\$ 9,858,570)

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

- a) Not approve the fully-developed project, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) To suggest that CDB 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 gender assessment that is in line with the Gender Policy of the Adaptation Fund;
 - (ii) The proponent should provide further details and an improved screen of environmental and social risks and impacts, in particular in relation to access and equity and marginalized and vulnerable people;
 - (iii) The proponent should elaborate on synergies with other projects, knowledge management, financial sustainability and implementation arrangements; and
- c) To request CDB to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Saint Lucia.

(Decision B.33/17)

Proposals from Multilateral Implementing Entities (MIEs)

Regular proposals

Bangladesh: Adaptation Initiative for climate vulnerable offshore small islands and riverine charland in Bangladesh (Fully-developed project; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); BGD/MIE/DRR/2019/1; US\$ 9,995,369)

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

- a) 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) Approve the funding of US\$ 9,995,369 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. The agreement should include a commitment from

UNDP that, prior to first disbursement, UNDP will submit the revised environmental and social risk identification and analysis in the format complying with the environmental and social policy and gender policy of the Fund.

(Decision B.33/18)

Cambodia: Climate Change Adaptation through small-scale & protective infrastructure interventions in coastal settlements of Cambodia (Fully-developed Project Document; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); KHM/MIE/Urban/2017/1; US\$ 5,000,000)

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

- a) Not approve the fully-developed project document, as supplemented by the clarification response provided by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Request the secretariat to transmit to UN-Habitat 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 document should clarify how support will be provided for climate-informed community decision making on adaptation interventions in the future, either through this or other initiatives;
 - (ii) The proposal should ensure that the environmental and social risks identification and management process for the identified adaptation measures is clearly outlined in the environmental and social management plan of the project, in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Fund; and
- c) Request UN-Habitat to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Cambodia.

(Decision B.33/19)

Georgia: Dairy Modernization and Market Access: Adaptation Component (DiMMAAdapt) (Fully-developed project; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); GEO/MIE/Agric/2019/1; US\$ 4,644,794)

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

- a) Not approve the fully-developed project, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Suggest that IFAD 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 demonstrate compliance with the Adaptation Fund Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) and Gender Policy (GP);
 - (ii) The proponent should include measures for the management of environmental and social risks in line with the Adaptation Fund ESP and GP;
 - (iii) The proposal should elaborate more on a management response should the heads of cattle rise; and
- c) Request IFAD to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Georgia.

(Decision B.33/20)

Iran, Islamic Republic of: Reducing vulnerability to climate change in the Lake Bakhtegan Basin (Fully-developed project; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); IRN/MIE/Water/2018/1; US\$ 9,865,651)

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

- a) 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) 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 describe the process through which the project benefits will be distributed among the target villages' beneficiaries, including the criteria that will be used to select them, in line with the Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) and Gender Policy;
 - (ii) The proposal should explain how the project will meet relevant national standards (notably environmental assessments, building codes and any other relevant standards) that would apply to the project interventions;
 - (iii) The proposal should clarify for all relevant initiatives identified (including the Women Trust Fund), areas of overlap and complementarity, describe their lessons learned, and explain how they were taken into account in the design of the project activities;
 - (iv) The proposal should describe the governance arrangements for the project, including the grievance mechanism;
 - (v) The proposal should explain the rationale for not fully identifying the activities of components 2 and 3 and reflect this in the implementation schedule and the detailed budget;

- (vi) The proposal should identify and manage environmental and social risks in line with the ESP of the Adaptation Fund; and
- c) Request UNDP to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

(Decision B.33/21)

Lao People's Democratic Republic: Building climate and disaster resilience capacities of vulnerable small towns in Lao PDR (Fully-developed project; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); LAO/MIE/DRR/2018/1; US\$ 5,500,000)

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

- a) Not approve the fully-developed project, 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) 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 proposal should demonstrate that comprehensive environmental and social impact assessments have taken place for the dam and intake structures for the two water treatment plants and related infrastructures, to ensure that all adverse impacts are fully identified and mitigated in project design, as well as managed and monitored in an Environmental and Social Management Plan;
 - (ii) The proposal should include a comprehensive Gender Assessment specific to the project and target area;
 - (iii) The financial sustainability of the project and the infrastructure and services it will create is not clear and should be demonstrated in the proposal; and
- c) Request UN-Habitat to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Lao People's Democratic Republic.

(Decision B.33/22)

Lesotho: Improving adaptive capacity of vulnerable and food-insecure populations in Lesotho (Fully-developed project; The World Food Programme (WFP); LSO/MIE/Food/2018/1; US\$9,999,891)

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

- a) Not approve the fully-developed project, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the World Food Programme (WFP) to the request made by the technical review;

- b) Suggest that WFP 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 inform the sustainability and cost-effectiveness of the Forecast-based Financing (FbF) approach;
 - (ii) A comprehensive Environmental and Social Policy screening, in line with the Adaptation Fund policy, is necessary, as is a fully developed grievance mechanism;
 - (iii) The Monitoring and Evaluation costs should be revised, in accordance with the Adaptation Fund guidelines;
 - (iv) The proposal should specify, quantifying where possible, the benefits of the intervention on food security;
 - (v) The proposal should show how the outcomes of the district and community level consultations have been reflected in the project design; and
- c) Request WFP to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Lesotho.

(Decision B.33/23)

Sierra Leone: Promoting climate resilience in the cocoa and rice sectors as an adaptation strategy in Sierra Leone (Fully-developed project; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); SLE/MIE/Multi/2018/1/PD; US\$ 9,916,925)

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

- a) Not approve the fully-developed project, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review; and
- b) To suggest that IFAD 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 fully-developed proposal should include the table on core impact indicators; a revised Environmental and Social Management Plan clearly mentioning the mitigation measures, significance, management and responsibility for the specific principle that may be triggered and a disbursement schedule presenting the planned outputs under each sub-component per year of implementation;
 - (ii) The fully-developed proposal should clearly list all indicative activities for each component in the project financing table;

- (iii) The fully-developed proposal should clearly identify the specific national technical standards the project will comply with during the implementation of all planned activities, where relevant;
 - (iv) The fully-developed proposal should clearly highlight the synergies/ complementarity with existing initiatives and specify the types of activities, partners and the basis for continuation or upscaling efforts;
 - (v) The fully-developed proposal should include relevant knowledge management outputs that have been budgeted under sub-component 3.2;
 - (vi) The fully-developed proposal should clarify the outcomes of the consultative process, concerns raised by the target group, including the involvement of local women's group, and how they have been taken into consideration in the design of project interventions; and
- c) To request IFAD to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Sierra Leone.

(Decision B.33/24)

Tajikistan: An integrated landscape approach to enhancing the climate resilience of small-scale farmers and pastoralists in Tajikistan (Fully-developed project; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); TJK/MIE/Rural/2018/1; US\$ 9,996,441)

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

- a) 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 fully-developed proposal should submit a revised Environmental and Social Policy risk identification analysis including the significance of the risk identified (e.g. low, medium, high), the outcome of the screening process indicating the risks that may be triggered, as well the relevant environment and social assessments in compliance with the Adaptation Fund Environmental and Social Policy principles;
 - (ii) Since the priority list of ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) sub-projects that constitute over US\$ 6 million of the budget have been identified, the assessments mentioned in Section V, Annex 4 (gender analysis, marginalized and vulnerable groups assessment, ecological and land use assessment, pasture use assessment and other relevant assessments) should be submitted along with the resubmitted proposal; and

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

(Decision B.33/25)

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)

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

- a) 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) 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 include a process of complying with relevant national technical standards for the unidentified sub-projects;
 - (ii) The proponent should clarify in the proposal, how the risks and impacts identification complies with the requirements of the Fund's Environmental and Social Policy, and update the safeguards process of the Environmental and Social Management Framework accordingly; and
- c) Request UNDP to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Turkmenistan.

(Decision B.33/26)

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

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

- a) Not approve the fully-developed project document, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the African Development Bank (AfDB) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Suggest that AfDB 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 adequate identification and technical details of the proposed concrete activities and infrastructure to be installed;

- (ii) The proponent should provide justification why a comprehensive baseline study will only be done at project inception and cannot be undertaken and submitted together with the fully developed project proposal document;
 - (iii) The proposal should provide clarification on the sustainability of project outcomes and in particular, provide justification for why the proposed memoranda of understanding with district and local governments cannot be initiated currently for the initial outcomes from such discussions to be presented together with the fully developed project document;
 - (iv) The proposal should provide consistent and gender-disaggregated data on project beneficiaries and include women beneficiaries in the results framework in a manner consistent with the disaggregated data;
 - (v) The proponent should undertake a comprehensive screening and assessment of environmental and social risks and submit together with the fully developed project document a comprehensive environmental and social impact assessment and environmental and social management plan that fully assesses the risk of involuntary resettlement and potential undertaking of project activities within the boundaries of the national park in the Atari river catchment;
 - (vi) The knowledge management plan should be revisited and strengthened with specific information relating to knowledge-sharing at the community level;
 - (vii) The budget should show grand total figures for the annual disbursements; and
- c) Request AfDB to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Uganda.

(Decision B.33/27)

Concept proposals

Proposals from National Implementing Entities (NIEs)

Regular proposals:

United Republic of Tanzania (1): Bunda Climate Resilient and Adaptation Project (Project Concept; National Environment Management Council (NEMC); TZA/NIE/Agric/2019/1; US\$ 1,400,000)

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

- a) Endorse the project concept, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Request the secretariat to notify NEMC of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issue:

- (i) The calculations for the total project cost (and therefore associated fees) are not correct from the Project Component and Financing Table. The Agency is requested to adjust the Project and Financing Table accordingly;
- c) Approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 30,000;
- d) Request the NEMC to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania; and
- e) Encourage the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to submit, through the NEMC, a fully-developed project proposal.

(Decision B.33/28)

United Republic of Tanzania (2): Enhancing Climate Change Adaptation for Agro-Pastoral Communities in Kongwa District (Project Concept; National Environment Management Council (NEMC); TZA/NIE/Agric/2019/2; US\$ 1,200,000)

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

- a) Endorse the project concept, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Request the secretariat to notify NEMC of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision;
- c) Approve the project formulation grant of US \$30,000;
- d) Request the NEMC to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania; and
- e) Encourage the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to submit, through the NEMC, a fully-developed project proposal.

(Decision B.33/29)

United Republic of Tanzania (3): Strategic Water Harvesting Technologies for Enhancing Resilience to Climate Change in Rural Communities in Semi-Arid Areas of Tanzania (SWAHAT) (Project Concept; National Environment Management Council (NEMC); TZA/NIE/Water/2019/1; (US\$ 1,280,000)

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

- a) Endorse the project concept, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) to the request made by the technical review;

- b) Request the secretariat to notify NEMC of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision;
- c) Approve the project formulation grants of US \$30,000;
- d) Request the NEMC to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania; and
- e) Encourage the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to submit, through the NEMC, a fully-developed project proposal.

(Decision B.33/30)

Proposals from Multilateral Implementing Entities (MIEs)

Regular proposals:

Afghanistan: Climate change resilient livelihoods advanced in Afghanistan (Project Concept; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); AFG/MIE/Water/2019/1; US\$ 9,432,556)

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

- a) Endorse the project concept, as supplemented by the clarification response provided by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) 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 fully-developed proposal should identify and describe activities to a point where risks related to the Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) and Gender Policy (GP) can be effectively and comprehensively identified;
 - (ii) The fully-developed proposal should further demonstrate how the project design takes into account non-climatic barriers;
 - (iii) The fully-developed proposal should outline the particular benefits the project will provide to marginalized communities, if any, and should include evidence of consultation with such groups, along with a description of how the project document takes into account their interests and concerns, in line with the ESP;
 - (iv) The fully-developed proposal should identify all relevant potentially overlapping initiatives, outline linkages and synergies with the proposed project, draw lessons from earlier initiatives, and establish a framework for coordination during implementation;
 - (v) The fully-developed proposal shall include an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment in line with the ESP and GP of the Fund to evaluate the potential risks associated with the project's interventions, along with an Environmental and Social Management Plan, using the format of the Fund;

- c) Request the UNDP to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Afghanistan; and
- d) Encourage the Government of Afghanistan to submit, through the UNDP, a fully-developed project proposal.

(Decision B.33/31)

Republic of the Congo: Building Adaptive Capacity to Climate Change in Vulnerable Communities Living in the Congo River Basin (Project Concept; World Food Programme (WFP); COG/MIE/Food/2019/1; US\$ 9,932,901)

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

- a) 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) 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 proposal should clarify whether and how the chosen approach and project activities were decided upon after examining alternatives during project formulation;
 - (ii) The proposal should clarify whether and how the project is in line with the National Communications or other relevant national or sub-national development strategies and plans;
 - (iii) The full proposal should identify all relevant potentially overlapping initiatives, outline linkages and synergies with the proposed project;
 - (iv) The fully-developed proposal shall include an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment in line with the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy of the Fund to evaluate the potential risks associated with the project's interventions, along with an Environmental and Social Management Plan, using the format of the Fund;
- c) Request WFP to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of the Republic of Congo; and
- d) Encourage the Government of the Republic of Congo to submit, through the WFP, a fully-developed project proposal.

(Decision B.33/32)

Malawi: Enhancing Adaptive Capacity and Livelihood Diversification for the Rural Poor of Northern Malawi (Project Concept; African Development Bank (AfDB); MWI/MIE/Rural/2019/1; US\$ 4,662,000)

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

- a) Endorse the project concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by African Development Bank (AfDB) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) 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 issue:
 - (i) The fully-developed proposal shall include an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment in line with the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy of the Fund to evaluate the potential risks associated with the project's interventions, along with an Environmental and Social Management Plan, using the format of the Fund;
- c) Request AfDB to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Malawi; and
- d) Encourage the Government of Malawi to submit, through AfDB, a fully-developed project proposal.

(Decision B.33/33)

Moldova: Talent-retention for Rural Transformation – Adapt (TART-Adapt) (Project Concept; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); MDA/MIE/Food/2019/1; US\$ 6,035,421)

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

- a) Endorse the project concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Request the secretariat to notify IFAD 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 proposal should further demonstrate cost-effectiveness and sustainability;
 - (ii) The full proposal should identify all relevant potentially overlapping initiatives, outline linkages and synergies with the proposed project;
 - (iii) The fully-developed project proposal should include the environmental and social assessments, and gender assessments as annexes;
 - (iv) The fully-developed project proposal should include a detailed consultation that should take place taking into account the most vulnerable groups and considering Adaptation Fund environmental and gender policies;
 - (v) The fully-developed proposal shall include an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment in line with the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy

of the Fund to evaluate the potential risks associated with the project's interventions, along with an Environmental and Social Management Plan, using the format of the Fund;

- c) Request IFAD to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Moldova; and
- d) Encourage the Government of Moldova to submit, through IFAD, a fully-developed project proposal.

(Decision B.33/34)

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)

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

- a) 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 decision, as well as the following issues:
 - (i) The fully-developed proposal should provide an exhaustive list of eligible concrete intervention measures stemming from community consultation and vulnerability assessments;
 - (ii) In the case of unidentified sub projects (USPs), the fully-developed project proposal should provide clear justification and an environmental and social management system (ESMS) for the USPs;
 - (iii) The fully-developed proposal shall include an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment in line with the Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) and Gender Policy of the Fund to evaluate the potential risks associated with the project's interventions, along with an Environmental and Social Management Plan, using the format of the Fund, including a clear process of risks identification during project implementation;
 - (iv) 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 ESP, specifically in relation to Principle 13 (Public Health);
 - (v) The proposal should clearly outline the linkages and synergies with all relevant, potentially overlapping projects and programmes;
 - (vi) The proposal should provide evidence of a comprehensive, gender-responsive consultative process involving key stakeholders of the proposed project and

should demonstrate that the outcomes of the consultative process were considered in the design of the proposed interventions;

- c) Request UN-Habitat to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Pakistan; and
- d) To encourage the Government of Pakistan to submit, through UN-Habitat, a fully-developed project proposal that would address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

(Decision B.33/35)

Viet Nam: Enhancing the resilience inclusive and sustainable eco-human settlement development through small scale infrastructure interventions in the coastal regions of the Mekong Delta (Project Concept; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); VNM/MIE/Urban/2019/1; (US\$5,754,840)

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

- a) 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) 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 address the issue of a lack of management capacity for water-related infrastructure, and the absence of an effective policy framework for Viet Nam, which might be detrimental to the sustainability, operationality and scale-up potential of the project;
 - (ii) The project concept should further explore the alternatives to the proposed technology;
 - (iii) The proposal should further inform on its cost-effectiveness and sustainability;
 - (iv) The proposal should report of previous initiatives and further clarify on potential synergies and complementarities with other initiatives in the target area; and
- c) Request UN-Habitat to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Viet Nam.

(Decision B.33/36)

Zimbabwe: Strengthening local communities' adaptive capacity and resilience to climate change through sustainable groundwater exploitation in Zimbabwe (Project Concept; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); ZWE/CIE/Water/2018/1; US\$ 4,817,400)

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

- a) Endorse the project concept, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Request the secretariat to notify UNESCO of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issue:
 - (i) The fully developed proposal should pay special attention to the national institutions that will participate in the project; the creation of a National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training; and the project's plans to strengthen the national institutions for managing groundwater, with considerations for cost-effectiveness and sustainability;
 - (ii) The fully-developed proposal shall include an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment in line with the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy of the Fund to evaluate the potential risks associated with the project's interventions, along with an Environmental and Social Management Plan, using the format of the Fund;
- c) Request UNESCO to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Zimbabwe; and
- d) Encourage the Government of Zimbabwe to submit through UNESCO, a fully-developed project proposal that would address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.33/37)

c) *Review of regional project and programme proposals*

Fully-developed proposals

Proposals from Regional Implementing Entities (RIEs)

Argentina and Uruguay: Climate change adaptation in vulnerable coastal cities and ecosystems of the Uruguay River (Fully-developed Project Document; *Banco de Desarrollo de America Latina* (CAF; Development Bank of Latin America); LAC/RIE/DRR/2017/1; US\$ 13,999,996)

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

- a) Note the recommendation that the Adaptation Fund Board:
 - (i) Approve the fully-developed project, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the *Banco de Desarrollo de America Latina* (CAF; Development Bank of Latin America) to the request made by the technical review;

- (ii) Approve, subject to the availability of funds, the funding of US\$ 13,999,996 for the implementation of the project, as requested by CAF; and
 - (iii) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with CAF as the regional implementing entity for the project; and
- b) Note that the project had been placed on the project/programme waitlist pursuant to Decision B.33/45

(Decision B.33/38)

Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger: Integration of Climate Change Adaptation Measures in the Concerted Management of the WAP Transboundary Complex: ADAPT-WAP (Fully-developed project; Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS); AFR/RIE/DRR/2016/1; (US\$ 11,536,200)

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

- a) Note the recommendation that the Adaptation Fund Board:
 - (i) Approve the fully-developed project, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) to the request made by the technical review;
 - (ii) Approve, subject to the availability of funds, the funding of US\$ 11,536,200 for the implementation of the project, as requested by OSS; and
 - (iii) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with OSS as the regional implementing entity for the project; and
- b) Note that the project had been placed on the project/programme waitlist pursuant to Decision B.33/45.

(Decision B.33/39)

Proposals from Multilateral Implementing Entities (MIEs)

Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia: Integrated climate-resilient transboundary flood risk management in the Drin River basin in the Western Balkans (Fully-developed Project Document; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); EE/MIE/DRR/2018/PPC/1; US\$ 9,927,750).

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

- a) 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) Approve the funding of US\$ 9,927,750 for the implementation of the project, as requested by UNDP; and

- c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with UNDP as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

(Decision B.33/40)

Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Comoros: Building urban climate resilience in south-eastern Africa (Fully-developed project; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); AFR/MIE/DRR/2016/1; US\$ 13,997,423)

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

- a) Note the recommendation that the Adaptation Fund Board:
- (i) Approve the fully-developed project, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to the request made by the technical review;
 - (ii) Approve, subject to the availability of funds, the funding of US\$ 13,997,423 for the implementation of the project, as requested by UN-Habitat; and
 - (iii) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with UN-Habitat as the multilateral implementing entity for the project. The agreement should include a commitment from UN-Habitat that, prior to first disbursement, UN-Habitat will submit an the fully developed project document, which is updated to include:
 - a. Adequate provisions for utilising the specific expertise that is already present in each of the participating countries and a corresponding item of the budget;
 - b. Specific monitoring and annual reporting on the management arrangements for involuntary resettlement as well as on the information provided to affected parties on the grievance mechanism; and
 - c. A plan that a detailed intervention location-specific gender assessment will be carried out during project inception and that the findings thereof will be used as baseline for project monitoring both for Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy purposes.
- c) Note that the project had been placed on the project/programme waitlist pursuant to Decision B.33/45.

(Decision B.33/41)

Thailand, Viet Nam: Mekong EbA south: Enhancing climate resilience in the Greater Mekong sub-region through Ecosystem based Adaptation in the context of south-south cooperation (Fully-developed project; United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment); ASI/MIE/WATER/2016/1; US\$ 7,000,000)

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

- a) Not approve the fully-developed project, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Suggest that UN Environment 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 describe how the two countries' "drivenness" will be ensured for activities that involve other countries;
 - (ii) The proponent should list all the relevant national technical standards, and explain how the project interventions meet them;
 - (iii) The proposal should explain the arrangements through which the project will sustain the project benefits (financially, socially and technically) over time;
 - (iv) The proposal should bring the risk identification section in line with the Environmental and Social Policy requirements and Gender Policy, in light of project interventions described in supplement documents I and II, and should provide an Environmental and Social Management Plan commensurate to such risks; and
- c) Request UN Environment to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Governments of Thailand and Viet Nam.

(Decision B.33/42)

Concept proposals

Proposals from Multilateral Implementing Entities (MIEs)

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

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

- a) Endorse the project concept as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) 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 fully-developed project proposal should provide more detailed information on projected future climate impacts for the region;

- (ii) The fully-developed project proposal should provide more information on the municipal plans, how they will effectively contribute to building resilience and what particular measures it may contain to support adaptation;
 - (iii) The fully-developed project proposal should further clarify financial sustainability after the project has ended and undertake a detailed risk and impact screening as well as gender related assessments in line with the Adaptation Fund's policies;
- c) Approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 80,000;
 - d) Request to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Governments of Jordan and Lebanon; and
 - e) Encourage the Governments of Jordan and Lebanon to submit, through UN-Habitat, a fully-developed proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.33/43)

Pre-concept proposals

Proposals from Multilateral Implementing Entities (MIEs)

Belize, Guatemala and Honduras: Increasing climate resilience through restoration of degraded landscapes in the Atlantic region of Central America (Project Pre-concept; United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment); LAC/MIE/DRR/2018/PPC/1; US\$ 12,260,500)

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

- a) Endorse the project pre-concept, as supplemented by the clarification response provided by UN Environment to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Request the secretariat to transmit to UN Environment the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following recommendations:
 - (i) The concept document should elaborate on and strengthen the rationale for the regional approach, including following the consultation process during concept development;
 - (ii) At the concept stage, the role of national ministries and institutions, as relevant, in the execution of the project should be further described and their designation, as relevant, as executing entities for this project should be formalized in the document;
 - (iii) The concept document should clarify the budget structure of the execution costs, taking into account the different layers of international, regional, national and eventually local organizations that will be involved in the execution of the project;

- (iv) The concept document should clarify the role of UN Environment in the development process of the project;
- c) Request UN Environment to transmit the observations referred to in sub-paragraph b) to the Governments of Belize, Guatemala and Honduras; and
- d) Encourage the Governments of Belize, Guatemala and Honduras to submit, through UN Environment, a project concept proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.33/44)

Prioritization of Projects on the Waitlist

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

- a) Note the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee to approve the following projects/programmes;
 - (i) Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger (AFB/PPRC.24/34);
 - (ii) Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Comoros (AFB/PPRC.24/37);
 - (iii) Argentina, Uruguay (AFB/PPRC.24/33);
- b) Establish the waitlist for fully-developed regional project/programmes according to subparagraph (b) (ii) of Decision B.28/1;
- c) Place on the waitlist the project/programmes listed in subparagraph a) above according to the prioritization criteria established in Decision B.17/19 and clarified in Decision B.19/5; and
- d) Consider the projects/programmes on the waitlist for intersessional or Board meeting approval in the order of rank in which they are listed in subparagraph a) above, and subject to the availability of funds.

(Decision B.33/45)

Agenda Item 9: Report of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC)

a) Review of the Strategic Results Framework and the Fund Level Effectiveness and Efficiency Results Framework

46. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC), the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- a) To approve the Review of the Strategic Results Framework and the Adaptation Fund Level Effectiveness and Efficiency Results Framework as contained in document AFB/EFC.24/4/Rev.1; and

- b) To request the secretariat to prepare a document on a proposed revision of the results tracker and an updated document on guidance on the revised results tracker, to be presented to the Ethics and Finance Committee at its twenty-sixth meeting.

(Decision B.33/46)

b) Delays in project inception

47. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC), the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to request the secretariat:

- a) To conduct an analysis of whether implementing entities identified risks associated with possible project inception delays and how the implementing entities have mitigated identified risks and unidentified risks;
- b) To expand the analysis contained in document AFB/EFC.24/5 by seeking further information on other climate funds' policies on addressing project inception delays and their implementation of such policies; and
- c) To prepare a document which contains the information related to subparagraphs (a) and (b) as well as recommendations on a possible course of action to the Ethics and Finance Committee at its twenty-fifth meeting.

(Decision B.33/47)

c) Implications of the reorganization of an implementing entity

48. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC), the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- a) To approve the process to address implications of the implementing entity's reorganization in terms of project implementation and the process to address implications on accreditation and/or re-accreditation process, as described in document AFB/EFC.24/3/Rev.1;
- b) To request the secretariat to communicate this decision and document AFB/EFC.24/3/Rev.1 to the implementing entities; and
- c) To request the implementing entities to communicate any reorganization to the secretariat as early as possible.

(Decision B.33/48)

d) Financial issues

49. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC), the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to approve the draft secretariat work schedule and proposed work plan for FY20, as contained in document AFB/EFC.24/7.

(Decision B.33/49)

50. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC), the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- a) To approve, from the resources available in the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund:
 - (i) The proposed budget of US\$ 5,247,437 to cover the costs of the operations of the Board and secretariat over the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, comprising US\$ 4,054,723 for the secretariat administrative services (the main secretariat budget), US\$ 537,900 for the accreditation services and US\$ 654,814 for the Readiness Programme;
 - (ii) The proposed budget of US\$ 793,843 to cover the costs of the operations of the evaluation function of the Adaptation Fund over the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, comprising US\$ 493,843 for the general operations and US\$ 300,000 for evaluations; and
 - (iii) The proposed budget of US\$ 682,150 for the trustee services to be provided to the Adaptation Fund over the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020; and
- b) To authorize the trustee to transfer the amounts in subparagraph a) (i) and (ii) to the secretariat, and the amount in subparagraph a) (iii) to the trustee.

(Decision B.33/50)

Agenda Item 10: Implementation of the Medium-term Strategy

Decision related to Agenda Item 10 Implementation of the Medium-term Strategy: a) Arrangements for learning grants; b) Arrangements for project scale-up grants

51. Recalling decisions B.32/38 and B.32/39, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to request the secretariat to submit, intersessionally between the thirty-third and thirty-fourth meetings of the Board, document AFB/B.33/5 and document AFB/B.33/6 to the Board for consideration and decision.

(Decision B.33/51)

Agenda Item 15: Issues arising from fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as meeting of the 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 the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 1-3).

52. Having considered document AFB/B.33/11, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- a) To request the secretariat to prepare for inclusion of, in the draft addendum to the report of the Board to the Conference of the Parties serving as meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its fifteenth session (CMP 15), possible Board's consideration and recommendations on the tasks mandated by decision -/CMP.14 "Matters Relating to the

Adaptation Fund,” and submit them to the Board for consideration at its meeting in October 2019;

- b) To request the secretariat, in preparation of the Board’s consideration and recommendations mentioned in subparagraph a), to consult with the UNFCCC Secretariat, the interim trustee (the World Bank) and the GEF Secretariat on relevant matters;
- c) To establish a task force to provide guidance to the secretariat on:
 - (i) defining the scope of the elements to be included in the Board’s consideration and recommendations on the tasks mandated by decision -/CMP.14;
 - (ii) seeking inputs on the matter referred to in subparagraph a) from the trustee, the GEF, the UNFCCC Secretariat and other relevant sources;
 - (iii) reflecting the inputs referred to in subparagraph c) (ii) in possible Board’s consideration and recommendations referred to in subparagraph a); and
 - (iv) considering any other matters that may arise related to subparagraphs a) and b) and c);
- d) To elect the following as members of the tasks force which will serve until the Board meeting in October 2019 to fulfil the tasks as described in subparagraph c):
 - (i) Chair of the Board (Ms. Sylviane Bilgischer, Belgium, Annex I Parties);
 - (ii) Vice-Chair of the Board (Mr. Ibila Djibril, Benin, Africa);
 - (iii) Ms. Claudia Keller (Germany, Western Europe and Others);
 - (iv) Ms. Elenora Cogo (Italy, Western Europe and Others);
 - (v) Ms. Sheida Asgharzadeh Ghahroudi (Islamic Republic of Iran, Asia-Pacific);
 - (vi) Mr. Philip S. Weech (Bahamas, Latin America and the Caribbean);
 - (vii) Mr. Mohammed Zmerli (Tunisia, Africa); and
 - (viii) Mr. Aram Ter-Zakaryan (Armenia, Eastern Europe)
- e) To decide to hold an additional meeting of the Board in Bonn, Germany, on 28-29 June 2019, in addition to the Board meeting scheduled in October 2019, to discuss the matter related to a); and
- f) To request the task force and the secretariat to report the progress of the work contained in subparagraphs a), b) and c) to the Board at its meeting on 28-29 June 2019.

(Decision B.33/52)

19. Date and venue of meetings in 2019 and onward

53. The Adaptation Fund Board decided:
- a) To hold an additional meeting in Bonn, Germany from 28-29 June 2019.
 - b) To hold its thirty-fourth meeting in Bonn, Germany from 7-11 October 2019.
 - c) To hold its thirty-fifth meeting in Bonn, Germany from 17-20 March 2020.
 - d) To hold its thirty-sixth meeting in Bonn, Germany from 13-16 October 2020.

(Decision B.33/53)

Agenda item 21: Other matters

- a) *Decision related to civil society participation and engagement*

54. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to request the secretariat:

- a) To explore, in consultation with civil society and drawing lessons from other climate funds, options to further enhance civil society participation and engagement in the work of the Board; and
- b) To prepare a document and submit it to the Board for consideration at the thirty-fourth meeting.

(Decision B.33/54)

- b) *Decision related to a quorum*

55. Considering the quorum defined in the paragraph 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the Adaptation Fund Board, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to request the secretariat to explore options to address the issue of an absence of a quorum, including other climate funds' relevant practices, and present a document which contains an analysis of the explored options to the Board for consideration at its thirty-fourth meeting.

(Decision B.33/55)