



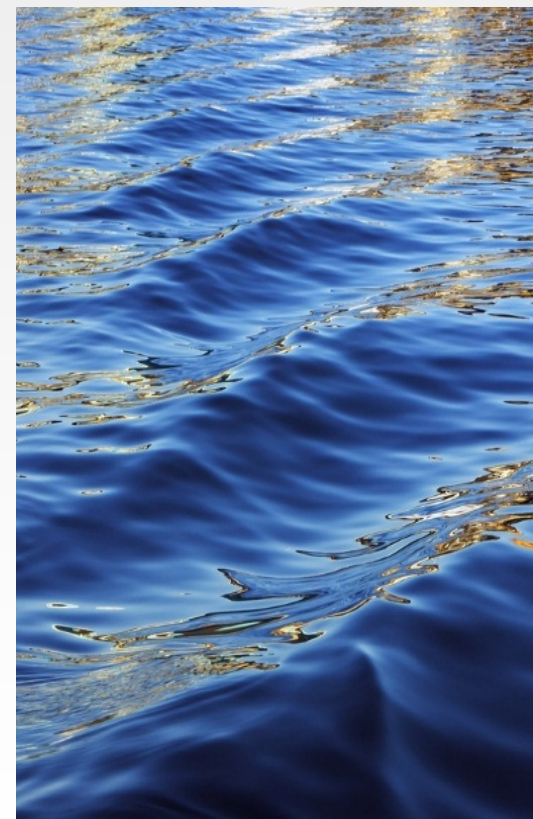
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**Readiness Programme for
Climate Finance**

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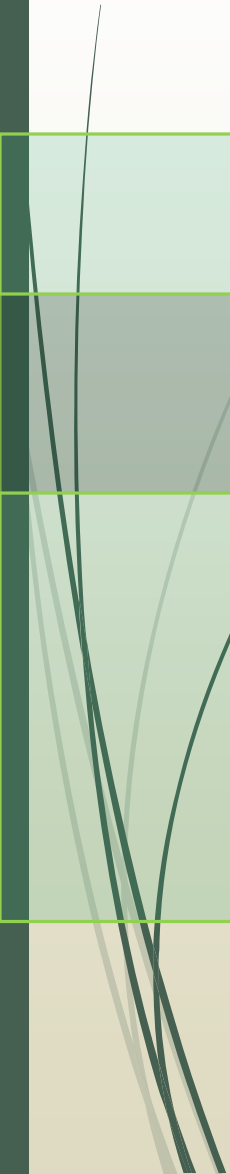
The Readiness Programme was Launched in May 2014

- **Goal:**
 - ✓ To increase the number of accredited national implementing entities (NIEs), and strengthen the overall capacity of NIEs
- **Specific objectives:**
 - To increase the preparedness of applicant national implementing entities seeking accreditation by the Adaptation Fund
 - To increase the number of high quality project/programme proposals submitted to the Board after accreditation





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Activities under the Readiness Programme

Implemented through 4 key components

- **Support to countries seeking accreditation** (grants, workshops, tools and guidance documents)
- **Support to accredited IEs** (TA grants, including Project Formulation Assistance (PFA) grants, seminars, webinars, workshops)
- **Cooperation/Partnership with climate finance readiness providers** (bilateral + multilateral organizations, NGOs, NIEs + other funds)
- **Knowledge management** (KM strategy, community of practice, climatefinance ready website)

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Approved Readiness Grants 2014 -2018



- 30 readiness grants approved in 26 Countries
- 13 countries received S-S cooperation grant

South-South (S-S) Cooperation Grants

Component 3 of Readiness Programme: Countries without an NIE may apply for a grant to receive support from an existing NIE (up to US\$ 50,000)

- ▶ Support in one or more of the following:
 - ▶ identifying potential NIE candidates;
 - ▶ assisting NIE candidates in the preparation of applications to be submitted to the Fund;
 - ▶ providing support and advice during the application process.
- ▶ Expected Benefits:
 - ▶ Can speed up the accreditation process
 - ▶ Instills confidence in the applicant
 - ▶ Responds to common challenges
 - Selection of an appropriate entity for accreditation (due diligence when reviewing existing institutional capacity)
 - Understanding of and competence in fiduciary standards

The Readiness Support Package (pilot phase)

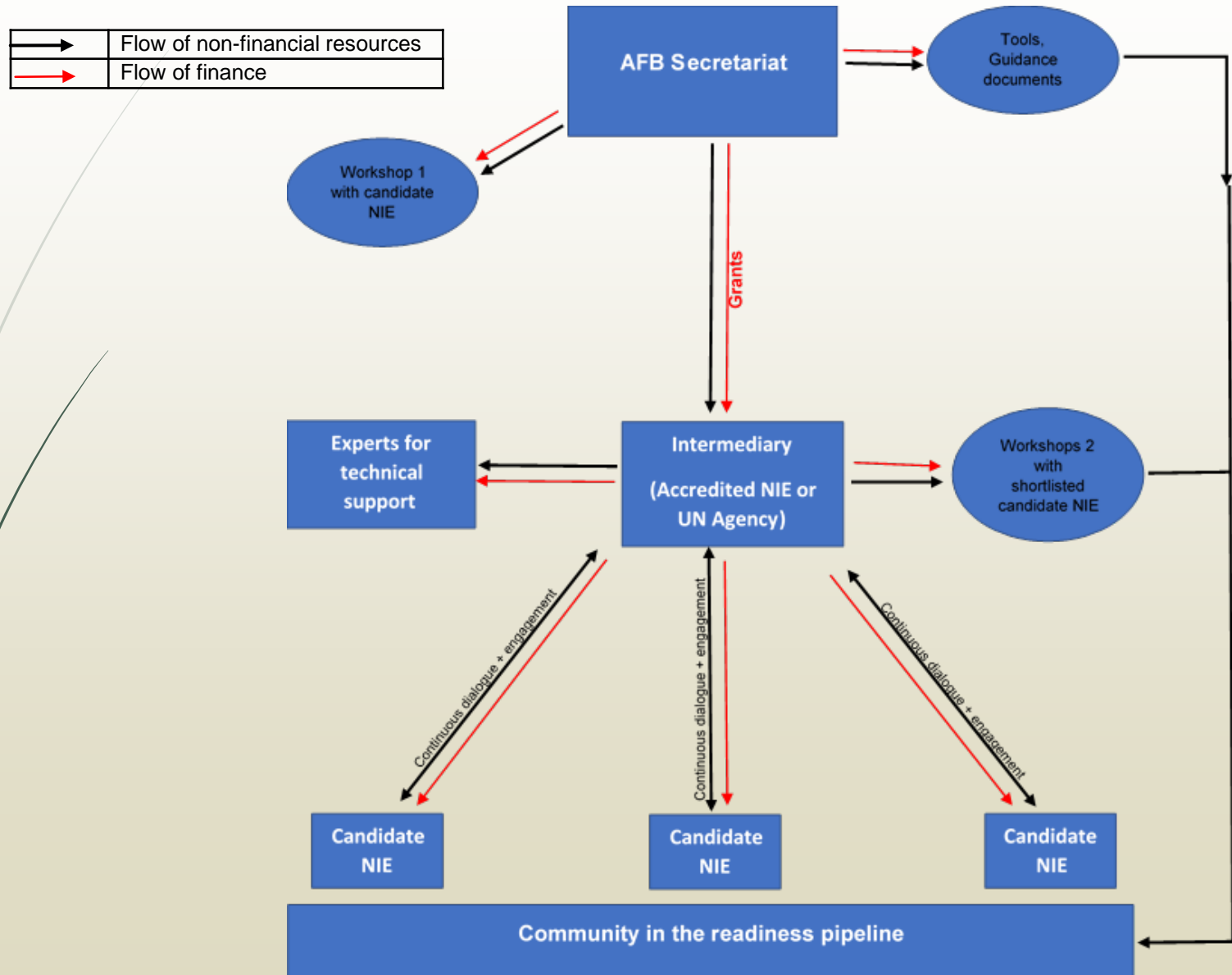


- Approved at AFB
29, March 2017

- Tailored support
to countries



Readiness support package overview (pilot phase)



Grants to support accredited NIEs

Technical assistance grant for the environmental and social policy and the gender policy (TA-ESGP) – up to US\$ 25,000

- ▶ To help strengthen the capacity of national implementing entities to put in place safeguards to address social and environmental risks as well as gender related issues posed by adaptation projects and programmes
- ▶ Support in one or more of the following:
 - ▶ Developing procedures/manuals/guidelines for screening projects for ES risks as well as gender-related risks;
 - ▶ Developing procedures/manuals/guidelines for undertaking ES risk assessments, gender assessments and for formulating risk management plans that are gender responsive
 - ▶ Developing Policies for public disclosure and consultation that are gender-responsive
 - ▶ Developing transparent, accessible, fair and effective complaint handling mechanisms
 - ▶ Training of staff

Grants to support accredited NIEs contd...

Technical assistance grant for the gender policy (TA-GP) – up to US\$ 10,000

- ▶ To enable NIEs that have previously received a TA Grant for ESP before the Fund's Gender Policy was in place to update their environmental and social safeguards by integrating gender within their social and environmental policies and procedures
- ▶ Support in one or more of the following:
 - ▶ Updating of existing procedures/manuals/guidelines for screening projects for ES risks with measures to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate adverse gender impacts in accordance with the Adaptation Fund's Gender Policy;
 - ▶ Development of procedures for undertaking gender assessments to determine the different needs, capabilities, roles and knowledge resources of women and men and to identify how changing gender dynamics might drive lasting change;
 - ▶ Development of a policy/avenues for public disclosure and consultation that are gender responsive
 - ▶ Development of transparent, accessible, fair and effective mechanisms for receiving and addressing complaints related to gender inequalities and other adverse gender impacts caused by projects/programmes
 - ▶ Training of staff for gender mainstreaming

Grants to support accredited NIEs contd...

Project Formulation Assistance (PFA) Grant – up to US\$ 20,000 per project available for undertaking of specialist technical assessments.

- ▶ Complement Project Formulation Grants (PFGs) available to support project preparation and design.
- ▶ Can apply at concept stage only (Projects following 2-Step approval process)
- ▶ Support any of the following assessments:
 - ▶ Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
 - ▶ Vulnerability Assessment (VA)
 - ▶ Risk Assessment
 - ▶ Other Environmental and Social Assessments for adaptation projects

Project scale-up grants under the MTS

- ▶ **Up to a maximum of US\$ 100,000 per project/programme**
- ▶ **Purpose:** to increase the readiness of accredited NIEs to expand or replicate AF projects that are based on country needs, views and priorities, in order to reach more people and/or broaden project/programme effectiveness
- ▶ Actual implementation of scale-up to be funded by various sources, e.g, other climate funds + other finance channels (including private sector)
- ▶ The types of activities that could be funded include:
 - Undertaking an assessment of project/programme scalability (which could include but is not limited to, for example, undertaking technical studies such as vulnerability assessment, feasibility study, socio-economic study, cost effectiveness study etc).
 - Consultation with public and private stakeholders for project/programme scale up.
 - Development and implementation of a scale-up strategy or development of a proposal for funding scaled-up activities.
 - Enhancing individual, organization or institutional capacity for scaling up through attending training, workshops, seminars and/or adapting policies and/or procedures in line with different contexts.

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Readiness Activities for 2018

- NIE country exchanges
- 8th Webinar for NIEs
- Training workshop – UN Climate Week Asia Pacific



- 5th Annual Climate Finance Readiness Seminar



Readiness Activities for 2018 continued...

- Community of practice for direct access entities (CPDAE)



- Working with other providers of readiness support (bulletin)



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