KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AT THE ADAPTATION FUND

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Agenda

- Knowledge Management in the context of the Adaptation Fund: KM Strategy and Medium-Term Strategy (MTS)
- AF Knowledge Management approach
- KM activities at the Adaptation Fund
- Learning grants
- Support available to NIEs
AF Knowledge Management Strategy & Action Plan

- Approved in October 2016
- Objective: enhance recipient countries’ knowledge to reduce vulnerability and increase adaptive capacity, especially of the most vulnerable communities
- Currently under implementation

Medium-Term Strategy (MTS)

- 3 pillars: Action, Innovation and Learning & Sharing
- Learning & sharing builds on the Fund’s KM Strategy and Action Plan to continuously:
  - Improve Fund policies and performance through effective learning and sharing
  - Support collaborative learning and sharing across adaptation communities of practice
- Objective of pillar: support learning and sharing about adaptation finance and action through:
  - ER1: lessons learned from Fund processes and projects/programs captured and effectively communicated to adaptation actors around the world
  - ER2: Practical knowledge gained and guidance provided around themes/sectors
  - ER3: Analytical capacity strengthened in developing country Parties
AF APPROACH TO KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

1. Knowledge management in project/programs
   - Knowledge management embedded in AF funded projects/programs since the inception of its operations
   - Puts emphasis on the importance of capturing and disseminating lessons learned
   - Mandatory learning and knowledge management component grouped in a single component or part of a larger component
   - Submission of annual PPRs, including a “lessons learned” section

2. Knowledge activities implemented through the MTS - 3rd pillars
   - Studies & publications
   - Knowledge exchanges
   - Partnerships with knowledge institutions, think tanks, academia
   - Partnerships with other climate funds and hosting events around different themes
   - Regional/global climate change adaptation conferences
   - Lessons learned through micro-grants
   - Capturing and integrate knowledge from Readiness and Accreditation
   - Knowledge produced through webinars, seminars, communities of practice
Difference between knowledge products/activities generated under products vs. those submitted under Learning grants

**KM COMPONENT/LEARNING IN PROJECTS/PROGRAMS**
- Specific to the objectives of the projects
- Tailored towards the outcomes of the project components
- Examples: handbooks and training materials, guidelines, project videos, project stories, assessment studies, technical studies, reports, publications, TV documentaries, etc.

**LEARNING GRANTS**
- Resources can be used to extract knowledge gained at the institutional level with the climate change adaptation community/networks at the national, regional and international level
- production of baseline studies that could be leveraged for replication and up-scaling purposes. Studies, publications and research material produced in collaboration with various executing partners as well as with national level universities, research institutions and civil society organizations can serve as an important feedback loop to guide future interventions.
KM ACTIVITIES AT THE ADAPTATION FUND

KM microsite: online repository of knowledge

- Purpose: to provide the most efficient ways and methodologies for the users to access relevant information related to adaptation and climate finance.

E-learning course

- Purpose: increasing the capacity at national and subnational level in tackling the specific challenges and opportunities associated with the Direct Access modality
- Target audience: NIEs seeking accreditation, NIEs seeking reaccreditation, accredited NIEs who intend to submit proposals for AF funding
- Course will be interactive, contain case studies and quizzes and participants will be issued a certificate of completion
- To be launched by August 2019
Two Publications:

- “Lessons learned and best practices captured from Portfolio Monitoring Missions (PMMs)”
  
  - Distilling lessons learned (LL) from 13 PMMs (Argentina, Cambodia, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Georgia, Honduras, Jamaica, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Senegal, Turkmenistan, Uruguay)
  - Launched during COP24 in Katowice, Poland

- “Adaptation Fund Results Based Management through the Project Lifecycle”
  
  - Objective: to offer an overview of Adaptation Fund results based management policies and guidelines to be considered at each step of the project cycle.
  - Serves as one-stop-shop by presenting a bird’s eye of all relevant policies and guidance documents that remain relevant at the time of project design, implementation and at project completion
  - Expected completion date: June 2019

- Further studies to be produced by theme/sector
Knowledge Platforms

Climate Finance Ready
- Architectural redevelopment completed in collaboration with CDKN
- Purpose of redevelopment: increase visibility of the Fund and to make existing content more easily navigable
- Editorial committee formed composed of AF Secretariat staff and CDKN staff to produce and validate content
- New content uploaded
- Website: www.climatefinanceready.org

Community of practice for Direct Access Entities (CPDAE)
- Committee composed of 6 NIEs to be the point of contact between the NIEs and the Secretariat and to drive the agenda of the community of practice forward
- First of the quarterly newsletter produced and disseminated to NIEs in Dec 2018 consisting of knowledge products and/or support from NIEs
- Content gathered for the second newsletter
- To be completed and disseminated by May 2019
Learning grants

- Approved by the AF Board in 2018
- Objective: to help encourage a culture of learning across institutions and help build NIE capacities
- They represent a window of opportunity to capture, study and disseminate practical lessons from adaptation interventions that are additional to KM activities already financed under Adaptation Fund approved projects/programs
- US$ 2,000,000 in grants over the period 2018-2023 for up to US$150,000/grant
- Eligibility: a) Be a national implementing entity (NIE) to the Adaptation Fund and have an accreditation status of “Accredited”; b) Have an AF-funded project that has reached the mid-point in implementation or where a Mid-Term Review or Evaluation (MTR/MTE) has been submitted and c) For projects that have a duration of less than 4 years, at least one Project Performance Report (PPR) should have been submitted.
- Eligible activities:
  - Lessons learnt
  - Studies and publications
  - Technical guidance briefs
  - Partnerships
  - Knowledge platforms
  - Adaptation financing workshops
  - Resource centers
  - Knowledge sharing events
  - Country exchanges
  - Learning courses
FURTHER SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE AF TO NIEs FOR LEARNING

• Country exchanges:
  • next one to take place in Chile between May 6-19, hosted by AGCID
  • Topic: water management in the agriculture sector

• Workshops on different themes, including clinics

• Financial support for Communities of Practice
  • meeting to take place in Africa, June 3-7, 2019) co-hosted by AfDB and GCF
  • Main outcome: charter document for the Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities

• E-learning course - under development
  - Readiness webinars
  - Annual readiness seminars