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Agenda item 3

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIR

1. During the intersessional period between the thirty-third and thirty-fourth meetings of the Adaptation Fund Board, the Chair, Ms. Sylviane Bilgischer (Belgium, Annex I Parties) carried out the below-listed activities for the Fund.

- (a) Finalization of the report of the thirty-third meeting and the additional meeting of the Board, assisted by the secretariat;
- (b) Together with the secretariat, operationalizing the online cash-transfer process through the data and project management system (FIF platform);
- (c) Project/Programme agreements signed
 - 1. Armenia: Strengthening land-based adaptation capacity in communities adjacent to protected areas in Armenia (Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU) of the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia; US\$ 2,506,000)
 - 2. Dominican Republic: Enhancing Climate Resilience in San Cristóbal Province, Dominican Republic - Integrated Water Resources Management Programme (Dominican Institute of Integral Development of Dominican Republic); US\$ 9,953,692)
 - 3. Bangladesh: Adaptation Initiative for Climate Vulnerable Offshore Small Islands and Riverine Charland in Bangladesh (United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); US\$ 9,995,369)
 - 4. Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia: “Integrated climate-resilient transboundary flood risk management in the Drin River basin in the Western Balkans”, (UNDP; US\$ 9,927,750)
 - 5. Amendment to Schedule 2 (disbursement schedule) to the standard legal agreement for the “Building Resilience in the Greater uMngeni Catchment” Project in South Africa signed by The Adaptation Fund Board and the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)
- (d) Project Formulation Grant (PFG) agreements signed
 - 1. Tanzania: Bunda Climate Resilience and Adaptation Project (Project Concept; National Environment Management Council (NEMC); US\$ 30,000)
 - 2. Tanzania: Enhancing Climate Change Adaptation for Agro-Pastoral Communities in Kongwa District (Project Concept; National Environment Management Council (NEMC); US\$ 30,000)
 - 3. Tanzania: 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); US\$ 30,000)

4. Jordan and Lebanon: Increasing the Resilience of Displaced Persons to Climate Change-related Water Challenges in Urban Host Settlements (Project concept; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); US\$ 80,000)

(e) Cash transfer requests signed

1. 5th tranche of the project funds to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) for the "Building Resilient Food Security Systems to Benefit the Southern Egypt Region" project in Egypt
2. 4th Tranche to the South Africa National Biodiversity Institution (SANBI) for the "Taking adaptation to the ground: A small Grants Facility for enabling local-level responses to climate change" Project in South Africa" project in South Africa
3. 1st Tranche to Dominican Institute of Integral Development of Dominican Republic for the "Enhancing Climate Resilience in San Cristóbal Province, Dominican Republic - Integrated Water Resources Management Programme" Project in Dominican Republic
4. 1st Tranche to UN Development Programme for the "Integrated climate-resilient transboundary flood risk management in the Drin River basin in the Western Balkans" Project in Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia
5. 1st Tranche to Environmental Project Implementation Unit for the "Strengthening land-based adaptation capacity in communities adjacent to protected areas in Armenia" Project in Armenia
6. 2nd Tranche to Department of Environment Ministry of Health and the Environment (ABED) for the "An integrated approach to physical adaptation and community resilience in Antigua and Barbuda's Northwest McKinnon's watershed" Project in Antigua and Barbuda
7. PFG to National Environment Management Council for the "Bunda Climate Resilience and Adaptation Project" Project in the United Republic of Tanzania
8. PFG to National Environment Management Council for the "Enhancing Climate Change Adaptation for Agro-Pastoral Communities in Kongwa District" Project in the United Republic of Tanzania
9. PFG to National Environment Management Council for the "Strategic Water Harvesting Technologies for Enhancing Resilience to Climate Change in Rural Communities in Semi-Arid Areas of Tanzania (SWAHAT)" Project in the United Republic of Tanzania
10. 5th Tranche to International Bank of Reconstruction and Development for the "Belize Marine Conservation and Climate Adaptation Initiative" Project in Belize

11. PFG to UN-Habitat for the "Increasing the resilience of both displaced persons and host communities to climate change-related water challenges in Jordan and Lebanon" Project in Jordan, Lebanon
12. 3rd Tranche to UN World Food Programme for the "Addressing Climate Change Impacts on Marginalized Agricultural Communities Living in the Mahaweli River Basin of Sri Lanka" Project in Sri Lanka'

(f) Other grants agreements and their cash transfer requests signed

1. Afghanistan: South-South Cooperation Grant (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD): USD 50,000)
2. Armenia: Technical Assistance Grant for ESP and Gender (Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU); USD 19,500)
3. Bhutan: Technical Assistance Grant for ESP and Gender (Bhutan Trust Fund for Environment Conservation (BTFEC); USD 25,000)
4. Dominican Republic: Technical Assistance Grant for ESP and Gender Republic (Dominican Institute of Integral Development (IDDI); USD 22,700)
5. Mauritius: South-South Cooperation Grant (Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE); USD 49,910)

(g) Fostered promotion of Fund's work through Outreach

1. Provided official quotes as AFB Chair in 12 news releases prepared by the Secretariat during the reporting period:
 - "Adaptation Fund Board Approves New Projects and Advances Transition Process to Serve Paris Agreement Smoothly" (21 March 2019)
 - "Young Inspirational Leader Greta Thunberg Wins Freedom Prize for Driving Climate Action, Donates a Share of Prize Money to Adaptation Fund" (5 April 2019)
 - "Adaptation Fund and National Implementing Partner AGCID-Chile to Host Country Learning Exchange in Chile" (6 May 2019)
 - "Adaptation Fund, Green Climate Fund Convene First Community of Practice Meeting of Direct Access Entities to Climate Finance (4 June 2019)"
 - "Adaptation Fund Board Approves 10 New Climate Adaptation Projects at US\$ 93 Million in July Intersessional Decisions" (25 July 2019)
 - "Adaptation Fund Opens Doors to Climate Finance to New National Implementing Partners in Zimbabwe and Tuvalu" (25 July 2019)
 - "Adaptation Fund Brings Together 20+ National Implementing Entities Across World to Antigua to Further Adaptation Practices on Ground" (6 August 2019)

- “Adaptation Fund Convenes Workshop in Thailand Aimed at Enhancing Access to Climate Finance in Asia-Pacific Region” (3 September 2019)
- “Government of Québec Pledges CAD 3 Million to Adaptation Fund to Support Concrete Actions in Most Vulnerable Countries” (23 September 2019)
- “Sweden Announces SEK 520 Million in New Pledge to Adaptation Fund, During UN Climate Summit” (24 September 2019)
- “Adaptation Fund Receives EUR 2 Million Pledge from Spain on Final Day of Climate Action Summit In New York” (25 September 2019)
- “Adaptation Fund LDCs Representative Was Tireless Supporter of Climate Action for the Most Vulnerable” (7 October 2019)

2. During the United Nations Secretary General's Climate Action Summit in New York City in September, three contributions or pledges to the Adaptation Fund were announced. We are very grateful for the pledges from Sweden, Spain and first-time Fund contributor Government of Quebec totaling more than US\$ 58 million announced at the Summit and hope they will carry added momentum into COP25. Sweden's pledge of about US\$ 53 million will be distributed over four years.