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

Agenda Item 5: Report of the Accreditation Panel

Re-accreditation of the Instituto Mexicano de Tecnologia del'Agua (IMTA) of Mexico as National Implementing Entity

1. Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to re-accredit the *Instituto Mexicano de Tecnologia de l'Agua* (IMTA) of Mexico 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 11 October 2024.

(Decision B.34/1)

The designation of Regional Implementing Entities and Multilateral Implementing Entities

2. Having considered the report of the secretariat that it had received letters from two organizations which expressed their interest in applying for accreditation as Regional Implementing Entity (RIE), the Adaptation Fund Board decided to request the secretariat to prepare a document which contains an analysis on how to classify IE applicants as MIE or as RIE taking into account relevant Board discussions on designation of Multilateral Implementing Entity (MIE) and RIE at its twenty-third and twenty-fourth meetings as recorded in documents AFB/B.23/7 and AFB/B.24/7 and to present it to the twenty-sixth meeting of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC) for consideration.

(Decision B.34/2)

Agenda Item 6: Implications of an implementing entity's accreditation expiration and a possible revision of re-accreditation policy

3. Having considered documentation AFB/B.34/5 and Annex I and Annex II of the document, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- a) To approve the revised Standard Legal Agreement as contained in Annex I to document AFB/B.34/5;

- b) To approve the revised re-accreditation process as contained in Annex II to document AFB/B.34/5; and
- c) To request the secretariat to communicate this decision and the revised re-accreditation process and the revised standard legal agreement to the implementing entities.

(Decision B.34/3)

Agenda Item 7: Report of twenty-fifth meeting of the Project and Programme Review Committee

Fully-developed proposals

Proposals from Multilateral Implementing Entities (MIEs)

Regular proposals:

Congo: Building Adaptive Capacity to Climate Change in Vulnerable Communities Living in the Congo River Basin (Fully-developed project; World Food Programme (WFP); COG/MIE/Food/2019/1; US\$ 9,999,909)

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

- a) Approve the fully-developed project proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the World Food Programme (WFP) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Approve the funding of US\$ 9,999,909 for the implementation of the project, as requested by WFP; and
- c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with WFP as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

(Decision B.34/4)

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

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

- a) Approve the fully-developed project proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Approve the funding of US\$ 4,644,794 for the implementation of the project, as requested by IFAD; and
- c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with IFAD as the multilateral implementing entity for the project. The agreement should include a commitment from IFAD that, prior to

signing the agreement, IFAD will submit the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for each unidentified sub-project (USP) and relevant knowledge management outputs under component one to the secretariat.

(Decision B.34/5)

El Salvador: Enhancing Climate Resilience of Rural Communities and Ecosystems in Ahuachapán Sur, El Salvador (Fully-developed Project; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); SLV/MIE/EBA/2018/1; US\$ 8,484,503)

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

- a) Approve the fully-developed project proposal, 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\$ 8,484,503 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. Prior to signing the project agreement, UNDP should resubmit a revised proposal with an amendment of the disbursement schedule to display whole numbers. The agreement should include a commitment from UNDP that by the submission of the inception report, UNDP will submit an assessment of potential complementarities with the project “Upscaling climate resilience in the dry corridor agroecosystems of El Salvador” (RECLIMA) with any necessary updates, to the secretariat for review.

(Decision B.34/6)

Islamic Republic of Iran: Reducing Vulnerability to Climate Change in the Lake Bakhtegan Basin (Fully-developed project; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); IRN/MIE/Water/2018/1; US\$ 9,865,653)

7. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund 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 technical 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 Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) of the Fund, including ESP risk identification and an environmental and social management plan (ESMP);

- (ii) The proposed implementation arrangements with respect to execution services by the implementing entity should be in compliance with decision B.18/30 of the Adaptation Fund Board; and
- c) Request UNDP to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

(Decision B.34/7)

Malawi: Adapting to Climate Change Through Integrated Risk Management Strategies and Enhanced Market Opportunities for Resilient Food Security and Livelihoods (Fully-developed project; World Food Programme (WFP); MWI/MIE/Food/2018/1; US\$ 9,989,335)

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

- a) Approve the fully-developed project proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the World Food Programme (WFP) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Approve the funding of US\$ 9,989,335 for the implementation of the project, as requested by WFP; and
- c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with WFP as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

(Decision B.34/8)

Pakistan: Enhance community, local and national-level urban climate change resilience to water scarcity, caused by floods and droughts in Rawalpindi and Nowshera, Pakistan (Fully-developed project; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); PAK/MIE/Urban/2018/1; US\$ 6,094,000)

9. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund 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 technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issue:
 - (i) The proponent should annex the missing Environmental Impact Assessment following the guidelines of the Adaptation Fund; and
- c) Request UN-Habitat to transmit the observation under subparagraph b) to the Government of Pakistan.

(Decision B.34/9)

Republic of Moldova: Talent Retention for Rural Transformation – Adapt (TRTP-Adapt) (Fully-developed project); International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); MDA/MIE/Food/2019/1; US\$6,008,095)

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

- a) Approve the fully-developed project proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Approve the funding of US\$ 6,008,095 for the implementation of the project, as requested by IFAD; and
- c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with IFAD as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

(Decision B.34/10)

Tunisia: "Economic, Social and Solidarity Insertion for Resilience in the Governorate of Kairouan - IESS-Adapt" (Fully-developed Project; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); TUN/MIE/Rural/2019/1; US\$ 9,997,190)

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

- a) Not approve the fully-developed project proposal, 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 technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issue:
 - (i) The proposal needs to include a consolidated Gender Assessment in the format of the Fund; and
- c) Request IFAD to transmit the observation under subparagraph b) to the Government of Tunisia.

(Decision B.34/11)

Turkmenistan: Scaling Climate Resilience for Farmers in Turkmenistan (Fully-developed project; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); TKM/MIE/Agric/2018/1; US\$ 7,000,040)

12. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund 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 technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
 - (i) The proposed implementation arrangements with respect to execution services by the implementing entity should be in compliance with decision B.18/30 of the Adaptation Fund Board;
 - (ii) The proponent should demonstrate compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) of the Adaption Fund including ESP risk identification and an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP); and
- c) Request UNDP to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Turkmenistan.

(Decision B.34/12)

Concept proposals

Proposals from National Implementing Entities (NIEs)

Small-size proposals:

Indonesia: Enhancing the Adaptation Capability of Coastal Community in Facing the Impacts of Climate Change in Negeri (Village) Asilulu, Ureng and Lima of Leihitu District Maluku Tengah Regency Maluku Province (Concept note; Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan); IDN/NIE/CZM/2019/1; US\$ 801,259)

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

- a) Endorse the concept note 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) Request the secretariat to notify Kemitraan of the observations in the technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision; as well as the following recommendations:
 - (i) The fully-developed project proposal should further clarify the role of the village government and its involvement in proposed activities;
 - (ii) The fully-developed project proposal should provide additional information on how the project will "mobilize supports from the government and investors" and provide details of promising investors that may have already been preidentified;

- (iii) At the fully developed project proposal stage, types of machinery that will be acquired and how they will be maintained over the longer period once project support ends should be specified, also clarifying how women's groups will be trained in operation and maintenance;
 - (iv) At the fully developed project proposal stage, the agency should describe the cost effectiveness by comparing alternative scenarios to justify the chosen approach as the most cost-effective;
 - (v) At the fully developed project proposal stage, detailed consultation reports need to be appended and summary reports must clearly demonstrate how the outcomes of consultations have been taken into consideration in the design of interventions;
- c) Request Kemitraan to transmit the observations to the Government of Indonesia; and
 - d) Encourage the Government of Indonesia to submit, through Kemitraan, a fully-developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.34/13)

Indonesia: Embracing the Sun - Redefining Public Space as a Solution for the Effects of Global Climate Change in Indonesia's Urban Areas (Concept note; Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan); IDN/NIE/Urban/2019/1; US\$ 759,966)

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

- a) Endorse the concept note 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) Request the secretariat to notify Kemitraan of the observations in the technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
 - (i) The fully-developed project proposal should strengthen the climate change rationale and provide more specific detail on the public space interventions to be implemented and their adaptation benefits, particularly how these spaces will ultimately reduce community vulnerability to climate change impacts in Samarinda city;
 - (ii) The fully-developed project proposal should provide more explicit details on how proposed measures will be implemented in reality, including potential funding allocations for such measures;
 - (iii) More specific information and lessons learned regarding synergies with other projects/initiatives, for example the World Bank's National Urban Development Project (NUDP), and potentially others as well, including main urban networks and platforms of partner cities, needs to be more detailed in the fully developed project proposal;

- (iv) Some elements related to cost effectiveness and sustainability of the project need to be strengthened during the fully-developed project preparation phase;
- c) Request Kemitraan to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Indonesia; and
- d) Encourage the Government of Indonesia to submit, through Kemitraan, a fully-developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.34/14)

Regular proposals:

Belize: Enhancing the Resilience of Belize's Coastal Communities to Climate Change Impacts
(Concept note; Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT); BLZ/NIE/CZM/2019/1; US\$ 4,000,000)

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

- a) Endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Request the secretariat to notify PACT of the observations in the technical 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 even further clarity on which elements will have localized benefits and which will support national/sub-national systems (while anchoring the proposed actions soundly in needed measures to respond to climate change impacts), in order to identify the number of direct and indirect beneficiaries;
 - (ii) The fully-developed project proposal should provide more information on the underlying drivers of vulnerability and how these will be addressed in the target areas;
 - (iii) The fully-developed project proposal should include better informed risk screening and risk mitigation measures for the principles of "gender equity and women's empowerment, indigenous people, and marginalized and vulnerable groups" through the gender and social assessment that will be undertaken;
 - (iv) The fully-developed project proposal should strengthen its full-cost-of-adaptation reasoning, with a comprehensive value-added analysis against the current, baseline, situation, as well as strengthening the sustainability aspect;
- c) Approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 29,830;
- d) Approve the project formulation assistance grant of US\$ 20,000;

- e) Request PACT to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Belize; and
- f) Encourage the Government of Belize to submit, through PACT, a fully-developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.34/15)

Indonesia: Sustainable Livelihood and Ecoenterprise in Karst Ecosystem for Adapting to Climate Change (Concept note; Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan); IDN/NIE/MULTI/2019/1; US\$ 1,048,636)

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

- a) Not endorse the concept note, 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 technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
 - (i) The proponent should clarify and elaborate on the nature of the project activities in the relevant section of the proposal;
 - (ii) The proponent should clarify how the training and meeting activities are sufficiently embedded in other activities that will ensure their uptake and contribution to lasting and relevant capacity building;
 - (iii) The proponent should clarify the economic, social, and environmental benefits of the project to the local beneficiaries;
 - (iv) The proposal should include the findings of the gender analysis that was carried out;
 - (v) The proponent should clarify the cost effectiveness of the project;
 - (vi) The proponent should carry out consultations as required and include the consultation outcomes in the project design;
 - (vii) The proposal should clarify how the requested financing is justified based on the full cost of adaptation reasoning;
 - (viii) The proposal should include a substantiation of the environmental and social policy (ESP) risk findings for the project in line with the ESP;
 - (ix) The proposal should include a complete budget; and

- c) Request Kemitraan to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Indonesia.

(Decision B.34/16)

Indonesia: Adapting to Climate Change through Sustainable Integrated Watershed Governance in Indigenous People of Ammatoa Kajang Customary Area in Bulukumba Regency, South Sulawesi Province (Concept note; Partnerships for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan); IDN/NIE/Water/2019/1; US\$ 1,125,052)

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

- a) Endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Partnerships for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Request the secretariat to notify Kemitraan of the observations in the technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
- (i) The project proposal should comprehensively screen the project activities for environmental and social impacts and risks and develop an environmental and social management plan that is commensurate with the impacts and risks identified in screening;
 - (ii) The project proposal should ensure that project execution costs are within the 9.5 per cent limit established by the Board;
 - (iii) The proponent should consider including payment for environmental services in the project proposal, if appropriate;
- c) Request Kemitraan to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Indonesia; and
- d) Encourage the Government of Indonesia to submit, through Kemitraan, a fully-developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.34/17)

Indonesia: Reducing vulnerability and increasing the adaptation capacity of community through the improvement of irrigation management system and sustainable agricultural practices in responding to climate change impacts in lowland and estuary area in sub-district of Muara Sugihan and Air Sugihan, South Sumatera (Concept note; Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan); IDN/NIE/Agric/2019/1; US\$ 1,000,000)

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

- a) Not endorse the concept note, 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 technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
 - (i) The project proposal should prove its additionality as to repair the irrigation infrastructure through community cash-to-work methods, and including an assessment of other irrigation-related projects in Indonesia;
 - (ii) The proponent should specifically address cost-effectiveness and potential direct beneficiaries in the concept note; and
- c) Request Kemitraan to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Indonesia.

(Decision B.34/18)

Namibia: Nutritional Security in Namibia's Rural Food Production Systems in the Face of a Changing Climate (Concept note; Desert Research Foundation of Namibia (DRFN); NAM/NIE/Food/2019/1; US\$ 4,998,000)

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

- a) Endorse the concept note, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Desert Research Foundation of Namibia (DRFN) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Request the secretariat to notify DRFN of the observations in the technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision; as well as the following recommendations:
 - (i) The fully-developed project proposal should demonstrate that the proposed interventions are commensurate with the scale of the challenge that the project aims to overcome;
 - (ii) The fully-developed project proposal should provide information on the beneficiaries in the target area;
 - (iii) The fully-developed project proposal should demonstrate the cost effectiveness of the project activities;
 - (iv) The fully-developed project proposal should demonstrate complementarity with other relevant initiatives;
- c) Approve, subject to the re-accreditation of DRFN by the Board, the project formulation grant of US \$ 30,000;
- d) Approve, subject to the re-accreditation of DRFN by the Board, the project formulation assistance grant of US\$ 20,000;

- e) Request DRFN to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Namibia; and
- f) Encourage the Government of Namibia to submit, through DRFN, a fully-developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.34/19)

United Republic of Tanzania: Enhancing Climate Change Resilience of Coastal Communities of Zanzibar (Concept note; National Environment Management Council of Tanzania (NEMC); TZA/NIE/Water/2019/2; US\$ 1,000,000)

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

- a) Endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the National Environment Management Council of Tanzania (NEMC) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Request the secretariat to notify NEMC of the observations in the technical 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 information on the proposed mangrove restoration sites and on the suitability of environmental conditions for restoration, as well as on potential conflicts with increased tourism activities;
 - (ii) The fully-developed project proposal should provide more detailed analyses and justification on the effectiveness and suitability of investments in light of increased sea water intrusion;
 - (iii) The fully-developed project proposal should provide a detailed analysis of the costs and benefits, including the investment and maintenance cost, of the proposed measures, compared to other measures;
- c) Approve the project formulation grant of US \$30,000;
- d) Request 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 NEMC, a fully-developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.34/20)

Proposals from Multilateral Implementing Entities (MIEs)

Regular proposals:

Republic of the Gambia: Rural Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resilience Building Project (RICAR) (Concept note; World Food Programme (WFP); GMB/MIE/Rural/2019/1; US\$ 9,999,984)

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

- a) Endorse the concept note 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 technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issue:
 - (i) The fully-developed project proposal should further justify the resilient rural entrepreneurs' competition approach;
 - (ii) The fully-developed project proposal should clarify the selection of target areas and locations and the number of beneficiaries based on targeted consultations of vulnerable focus groups;
 - (iii) The fully-developed proposal should include relevant knowledge management outputs under component one;
- c) Request WFP to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of the Republic of the Gambia; and
- d) Encourage the Government of the Republic of the Gambia to submit, through WFP, a fully-developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.34/21)

Kyrgyzstan: Resilient Pastoral Livelihoods Project-ADAPT (Concept note; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); KGZ/MIE/Agric/2019/1; US\$ 9,985,526)

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

- a) Not endorse the concept note, 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 technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
 - (i) The proposal should comply with the Gender Policy of the Adaptation Fund;
 - (ii) The proposal should strengthen the adaptation rationale and be based on the full cost of adaptation reasoning;

- (iii) The proposal should comply with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund; and
- c) Request IFAD to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Kyrgyzstan.

(Decision B.34/22)

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” (Concept note; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); VNM/MIE/Urban/2019/1; US\$ 6,347,190)

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

- a) Endorse the concept note 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 technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board’s decision;
- c) Request UN-Habitat to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Viet Nam; and
- d) Encourage the Government of Viet Nam to submit, through UN-Habitat, a fully-developed project proposal.

(Decision B.34/23)

Fully-developed proposals

Proposals from Regional Implementing Entities (RIEs)

Djibouti, Kenya, Sudan, Uganda: Strengthening Drought Resilience for Small Holder Farmers and Pastoralists in the IGAD Region (Fully-developed project; Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS); AFR/RIE/DRR/2017/1; US\$ 13,079,540)

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

- a) Approve the fully-developed project proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Approve the funding of US\$ 13,079,540 for the implementation of the project, as requested by OSS; and

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

(Decision B.34/24)

Proposals from Multilateral Implementing Entities (MIEs)

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan: Reducing Vulnerabilities of Populations in the Central Asia Region from Glacier Lake Outburst Floods in Changing Climate (Fully-developed project; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); ASI/MIE/DRR/2015/1; US\$ 6,500,000)

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

- a) Not approve the fully-developed project proposal, 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) Suggest that UNESCO reformulate the proposal taking into account the observations in the technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
 - (i) The fully-developed project proposal should update the project components and financing table as well the results framework to clearly specify proposed concrete adaptation measures;
 - (ii) The proponent should further elaborate on measures for the maintenance and longer-term sustainability of concrete interventions;
 - (iii) The proposal needs to align applicable technical standards with specific project activities they may apply to;
 - (iv) The proposal needs to revise the Environmental and Social Policy risk screening tool such that it complies with the Adaptation Fund reporting format;
 - (v) The proponent needs to submit a revised Environmental and Social Management Plan for the project such that it specifies the principles against which risks have been identified, the risk mitigation measures that are commensurate to the risks, the specific activities for which they are necessary, the responsible party and timeframe for implementation of mitigation measures;
 - (vi) The proposal needs to show how the project will ensure compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund for unidentified sub-projects; and
- c) Request UNESCO to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Governments of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

(Decision B.34/25)

Armenia, Georgia: Increased Climate Resilience of South Caucasus Mountain Communities and Ecosystems through Wildfire Risk Reduction (Fully-developed project; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); ASI/MIE/DRR/2018/PPC/1; US\$ 7,475,650)

26. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund 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 technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
 - (i) The proposal should specify the nature of recommendations that the project will develop to support the updating of the bilateral "Agreement between the Republic of Georgia and the Republic of Armenia on cooperation in the field of prevention of natural and man-made disasters and elimination of their effects";
 - (ii) The proponent should revise the Environmental and Social Management Plan so that management measures listed are not restricted to a statement of intent; the proposal needs to ensure specificity in terms of the project activities that they relate to and clearly mention the assessments and management measures that have been conducted or are required to address potential risks;
 - (iii) The proposal should clearly list all activities and the relevant regulations and technical standards that apply to downstream pilot activities;
 - (iv) The proposal needs to clarify how the priority list of community level interventions will be sustained after project support has ended; and
- c) Request UNDP to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Governments of Armenia and Georgia.

(Decision B.34/26)

Thailand, Viet Nam: Mekong EbA South: Enhancing Climate Resilience in the Greater Mekong Subregion 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)

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

- 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 technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision; and
- c) Request UN Environment to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Governments of Thailand and Viet Nam.

(Decision B.34/27)

Concept proposals

Proposals from Multilateral Implementing Entities (MIEs)

Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam: Groundwater Resources in the Greater Mekong Subregion: Collaborative Management to Increase Climate Change Resilience (Concept note; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); ASI/MIE/Water/2015/1; US\$ 4,898,775)

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

- a) Endorse the concept note 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 the UNESCO of the observations in the technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision;
- c) Approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 80,000;
- d) Encourage the Governments of Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam to submit, through UNESCO, a fully-developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.34/28)

Pre-concept proposals

Proposals from Regional Implementing Entities (RIEs)

Angola, Namibia: Resilience Building as Climate Change Adaptation in Drought Struck SouthWestern African Communities (Pre-concept note; Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS); AFR/RIE/Rural/2019/PPC/1; US\$ 11,878,580)

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

- a) Endorse the pre-concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) to the request made by the technical review;

- b) Request the secretariat to notify the OSS of the observations in the technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
 - (i) The concept note should outline the strategy to ensure that adaptation benefits achieved with the help of the project would be sustained after its end, enabling replication and scaling up with other funds;
 - (ii) The concept note should justify how the activities selected for the promotion of knowledge management and learning contribute to enriching the local and regional knowledge base on climate adaptation;
 - (iii) The concept note should explain in detail how the proposed Climate Change Action Centres would be tailored to the different contexts of Namibia and Angola, whether and how they are to be sustained after the project, and how those or other organizations will support the long-term sustainability of project outcomes;
- c) Approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 20,000;
- d) Request the OSS to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Governments of Angola and Namibia; and
- e) Encourage the Governments of Angola and Namibia to submit, through OSS, a concept note that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.34/29)

Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, the Republic of the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo: Scaling-up Climate-Resilient Rice Production in West Africa (Pre-concept note; Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS); AFR/RIE/Food/2019/PPC/1; US\$ 13,955,270)

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

- a) Endorse the pre-concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Request the secretariat to notify OSS of the observations in the technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
 - (i) The project should assess the multiple drivers (economical, organizational, etc.) of low rice productivity in the region beyond the effects of climate change;
- c) Approve the project formulation grant of US \$20,000;
- d) Request OSS to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Governments of Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, the Republic of the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo; and

- e) Encourage the Governments of Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, the Republic of the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo to submit, through OSS, a concept note that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.34/30)

Proposals from Multilateral Implementing Entities (MIEs)

Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Saint Lucia: Increasing resilience of the education system to climate change impacts in the Eastern Caribbean region (Pre-concept note; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); LAC/MIE/Urban/2019/PPC/1; US\$ 14,000,000)

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

- a) Endorse the pre-concept note 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 technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
 - (i) The concept note should specify the adaptation measures to be adopted within each of the target countries;
 - (ii) The concept note should provide further information with regard to the innovative elements of the planned adaptation measures;
 - (iii) The concept note should provide a better-informed account of the overall sustainability of the project with respect to the long-term impact of the planned implementation activities;
- c) Approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 20,000;
- d) Request UN-Habitat to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, and Saint Lucia; and
- e) Encourage the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, and Saint Lucia to submit, through UN-Habitat, a concept note that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.34/31)

Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran: Urbanization and Climate Change Adaptation in the Caspian Sea Region (Pre-concept note; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); ASI/MIE/Urban/2019/PPC/1; US\$ 14,000,000)

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

- a) Endorse the pre-concept note 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 technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
 - (i) The concept note should explain how the project plans to scale-up to other countries in the region and what that scaling-up mechanism would look like;
 - (ii) The concept note should provide further details on the concrete adaptation measures to be implemented in the target communities;
 - (iii) The concept note should explain how capacity building will be organized at the local, national and regional level;
- c) Approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 20,000;
- d) Request UN-Habitat to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Governments of Azerbaijan and Islamic Republic of Iran; and
- e) Encourage the Governments of Azerbaijan and Islamic Republic of Iran to submit, through UN-Habitat, a concept note that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.34/32)

MIE aggregator programme proposals

(a) Proposal for Special Financing Window in Support of Innovation for Adaptation

Multiregional: Special Financing Window in Support of Innovation for Adaptation (Fully-developed project; United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment); GLO/MIE/Multi/2019/1/Innovation; US\$ 5,000,000)

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

- a) Approve the fully-developed programme proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Approve the funding of US\$ 5,000,000 for the implementation of the programme, as requested by UN Environment; and
- c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with UN Environment as the multilateral implementing entity for the programme.

(Decision B.34/33)

(b) Proposal for Adaptation Fund-UNDP Innovation Small Grant Aggregator Platform (ISGAP)

Multiregional: Adaptation Fund-UNDP Innovation Small Grant Aggregator Platform (ISGAP)
(Fully-developed project; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
GLO/MIE/Multi/2019/2/Innovation; US\$ 5,000,000)

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

- a) Approve the fully-developed programme proposal, 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\$ 5,000,000 for the implementation of the programme, as requested by UNDP; and
- c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with UNDP as the multilateral implementing entity for the programme. Prior to the signature of the agreement, UNDP should submit to the Board a revised programme proposal, including the following:
 - (i) A section on the visibility of the Fund; and
 - (ii) A note on UNDP's proactive role on identifying small innovation projects for consideration under the Adaptation Fund-UNDP Innovation Small Grant Aggregator Platform (ISGAP), using its existing networks and initiative, with the participation of the beneficiaries' countries.

(Decision B.34/34)

Innovation small grant project proposals

Armenia: Engaging Future Leaders: Digital Education Module on Adaptation Challenges and Best Practices for Youth (Innovation small grant; Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU);
ARM/NIE/DRR/2019/1/Innovation; US\$ 231,250)

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

- a) Approve the innovation small grant, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Approve the funding of US\$ 231,250 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.34/35)

Chile: Water Security: Improving Water Access during Emergency Situations in San Antonio Province, Region Valparaíso (Innovation small grant; Chilean International Cooperation Agency for Development (AGCID);
CHL/NIE/Water/2019/1/Innovation; US\$ 230,000)

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

- a) Approve the innovation small grant, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by Chilean International Cooperation Agency for Development (AGCID) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Approve the funding of US\$ 230,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by AGCID; and
- c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with AGCID as the national implementing entity for the project.

(Decision B.34/36)

United Republic of Tanzania: Piloting Climate Resilience Livelihood Systems in Runyinya Village, Kyerwa District (Innovation small grant; National Environment Management Council (NEMC); TZA/NIE/Rural/2019/1/Innovation; US\$ 250,000)

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

- a) Not approve the innovation small grant, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Suggest that the NEMC reformulate the proposal taking into account the observations in the technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision; and
- c) Request the NEMC to transmit the observations under item b) to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania.

(Decision B.34/37)

Report of the secretariat on initial screening/technical review of project scale-up grant proposals

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

- a) That proposals for project scale-up grants should be submitted for consideration by the Board during the regular meetings of the Board;
- b) To align the review cycle for project scale-up grants with the regular review cycle for concrete projects and programmes;
- c) To request the secretariat to continue to review project scale-up grants in line with the review cycles for concrete projects and programmes at regular meetings of the Board;
- d) To request the PPRC to consider, at its twenty-eighth meeting, the possibility of including an intersessional review cycle for project scale-up grants;

- e) To request the secretariat to inform national implementing entities (NIEs) and other stakeholders by sending a notification about the arrangements outlined in subparagraphs (a) – (c) and to make the calendar of upcoming regular review cycles for project scale-up grants available on the Fund’s website;
- f) To approve the updated documents related to the submission and review of project scale-up grant proposals as follows:
 - (i) The application form and accompanying instructions for preparing a request for project scale-up grant funding from the Fund;
 - (ii) The project review template;
 - (iii) The project screening review sheet; and
- g) To request the secretariat to post on the Fund’s website for use by NIEs that wish to submit proposals for project scale-up grants, the updated application form and accompanying instructions for preparing a request for project scale-up grant funding from the Fund.

(Decision B.34/38)

Scale-up grant project proposals

Rwanda: Reducing Vulnerability to Climate Change in North West Rwanda through Community Based Adaptation (Project scale-up grant; Ministry of Environment of Rwanda (MoE); RWA/NIE/Rural/2019/1/Scale-up; US\$ 99,000)

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

- a) Approve the application by the Ministry of Environment of Rwanda (MoE) for a grant to develop a scale-up proposal for the project titled: “Reducing Vulnerability to Climate Change in North West Rwanda through Community Based Adaptation” as requested by MoE;
- b) Approve the funding of US\$ 99,000 for the development of a scale-up proposal for the above-mentioned project; and
- c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with MoE as the National Implementing Entity for the requested project scale-up grant. The agreement should include a commitment by MoE to acknowledge the support received from the Adaptation Fund in the project proposal for scale-up and include the Fund’s logo and other recognition in all documents related to implementation of the scaled-up project.

(Decision B.34/39)

Senegal: Adaptation to coastal erosion in vulnerable areas (Project scale-up grant; *Centre de Suivi Ecologique* (CSE); SEN/NIE/Coastal/2019/1/Scale-up; US\$ 99,937)

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

- a) Not approve the project, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the *Centre de Suivi Ecologique* (CSE) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Suggest that CSE reformulate the proposal taking into account the observations in the technical review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
 - (i) The proposal should clarify what elements from the terminal evaluation have been taken into consideration in the project scale-up grant proposal;
 - (ii) The proponents should comply with the Fund's policy on implementing entity management fees in relation to audit costs and should also provide a justification for the proposed translation costs;
 - (iii) The proponent should identify potential source(s) of finance for scaling-up the identified completed project components and/or aspects in line with the Fund's eligibility criteria for project scale-up grants;
 - (iv) The proponent should provide a description of the process flow leading to scale-up;
- c) Request CSE to transmit the observations under item b) to the Government of Senegal; and
- d) Request the secretariat to notify CSE of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.34/40)

Report of the secretariat on initial screening/technical review of learning grant proposals

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

- a) That proposals for learning grants should be submitted for consideration by the Board during the regular meetings of the Board;
- b) To align the review cycle for learning grants with the regular review cycle for concrete projects and programmes;
- c) To request the secretariat to continue to review learning grants in line with the review cycles for concrete projects and programmes at regular meetings of the Board;
- d) To request the PPRC to consider, at its twenty-eighth meeting, the possibility of including an intersessional review cycle for learning grants;
- e) To request the secretariat to inform national implementing entities (NIEs) and other stakeholders by sending a notification about the arrangements outlined in subparagraphs (a) – (c) and to make the calendar of upcoming regular review cycles for learning grants available on the Fund's website;

- f) To approve the updated documents related to the submission and review of learning grant proposals as follows:
 - (i) The application form and accompanying instructions for preparing a request for learning grant funding from the Fund;
 - (ii) The project review template; and
- g) To request the secretariat to post on the Fund's website for use by NIEs that wish to submit proposals for learning grants, the updated application form and accompanying instructions for preparing a request for learning grant funding from the Fund.

(Decision B.34/41)

Learning grant project proposals

Senegal: Grant to facilitate learning and knowledge sharing (Learning grant; *Centre de Suivi Ecologique* (CSE); SEN/NIE/Multi/2019/1/Learning; US\$ 149,993)

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

- a) Not approve the project, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the *Centre de Suivi Ecologique* (CSE) to the request made by the technical review;
- b) Suggest that CSE 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 more information on the sustainability of proposed learning activities post-grant;
 - (ii) The proponent should provide clarification on how proposed learning activities tie in with knowledge and learning products produced under the Fund-financed projects implemented by CSE;
 - (iii) The proposal should consider expanding the reach of the learning products from the help desk beyond just the local and national stakeholders;
 - (iv) The proponent should explain how to operationalize proposed new assessments and knowledge products and to detail more on how these will be disseminated;
- c) Request CSE to transmit the observations under item b) to the Government of Senegal; and
- d) Request the secretariat to notify CSE of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the observations under subparagraph b), above.

(Decision B.34/42)

Agenda Item 8: Report of the twenty-fifth meeting of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC)

Annual performance report

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

- a) Approve the Adaptation Fund's Annual Performance Report (APR) for the fiscal year 2019, as amended based on comments by the EFC and contained in document AFB/EFC.25/3/Rev.1;
- b) Request the secretariat to prepare a summarized version for the general public in a reader friendly format, following the approval of the APR by the Board; and
- c) Request the secretariat to include in the reporting requirements of the APR for the fiscal year 2020 the following additional information:
 - (i) countries that have reached or almost reached the country cap;
 - (ii) a table of project extension requests received, including the stated reasons for the requests;
 - (iii) the number of waitlisted projects; and
 - (iv) reporting on the Fund level strategic outcomes that would link, if possible, financial investments towards those outcomes with project results achieved through those investments.

(Decision B34/43)

Revision of the results tracker and an updated guidance on the revised results tracker

44. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC), the Board decided to:

- a) Approve the amendments made to the project/programme performance report (PPR) template, as contained in Annex 1 to document AFB/EFC.25/4/Rev.1;
- b) Approve the guidance document for implementing entities (IEs) on the results tracker, as contained in Annex 2 to document AFB/EFC.25/4/Rev.1;
- c) Request the secretariat to inform IEs of the amendments to the PPR template and to make available the amended template and the guidance document, referred to above, on the Adaptation Fund website; and
- d) Request the secretariat to revise the Draft Guidance to Complete PPRs as contained in document AFB/EFC.9/4/Add.1, to align it with the new PPR template and to circulate it for intersessional approval by the Board between the Board's thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth meetings.

(Decision 33/44)

Further analysis of project inception delays

45. Having considered the comments and recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC), the Board decided to:

- a) Approve the form for notification of delay of project/programme inception as contained in Annex II to document AFB/EFC.25/5;
- b) Request the implementing entity that experiences delay in its project inception to submit, to comply with its notification requirement as described in the Policy for Project/Programme Delays, the form referred to in subparagraph a) to the Board through the secretariat;
- c) Request the secretariat to revise the Policy for Project/Programme Delays by reflecting the changes as referred to in subparagraphs a) and b), and present the revised Policy for Project/Programme Delays for intersessional approval by the Board between its thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth meetings; and
- d) Request the secretariat to prepare a document which contains options for dealing with project inception delays, including measures to ensure compliance with the Policy for Project/Programme Delays and to address significant delays, and to present it at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Ethics and Finance Committee for consideration.

(Decision 33/45)

Assessment of the accreditation standards of the Green Climate Fund, including a gap analysis

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

- a) Take note of the gap analysis contained in document AFB/EFC.25/6 and in particular that:
 - (i) the Green Climate Fund (GCF) accreditation procedures as at 1 September 2019 continue to be consistent with those of the Fund;
 - (ii) the previous gap analysis as contained in AFB/EFC.19/7/Rev.1 is valid; and
 - (iii) the summary of the previous gap analysis conclusions continues to be the guideline used by the Accreditation Panel of the Fund during the fast-track accreditation and re-accreditation processes;
- b) Take note of the Accreditation Panel's request to engage in discussions with the GCF Accreditation Panel facilitated by the secretariats of the Adaptation Fund (the secretariat) and of the GCF, to improve the efficiency of the fast-track accreditation and fast-track re-accreditation processes;
- c) To request the secretariat to initiate discussion with the GCF secretariat with a view to facilitating the exchanges between the accreditation panels of the two funds; and

- d) To request the secretariat to assess, in collaboration with the Accreditation Panel, the GCF accreditation standards, including a gap analysis when the need arises, given the continuing evolution of the GCF accreditation process and related policies.

(Decision 33/46)

Agenda Item 11: Issues remaining from the thirty-third meeting

- a) *Strategic discussion on objectives and further steps of the Fund. Potential linkages between the Fund and the Green Climate Fund*

47. Having considered the ongoing efforts to enhance complementarity between the Green Climate Fund and the Adaptation Fund, the Board decided to:

- a) Continue consideration of the four options for fund-to-fund arrangements, as described in document GCF/B.22/09 and its Annex 1, from the perspective of whether they are comprehensive of all potentially feasible options of operational linkages between the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Adaptation Fund (the Fund);
- b) Take note of the information that an independent legal analysis is being undertaken by the GCF with a view to producing, as its expected outcome, the independent legal opinion for the GCF to determine whether any potential legal arrangements between the GCF and the Fund are implementable;
- c) Request the secretariat to report to the Board at its thirty-fifth meeting, on any available information related to the legal analysis referred to in subparagraph b) to be received from the GCF secretariat;
- d) Defer its consideration on the four options referred to in subparagraph a), pending the GCF's issuance of the legal opinion referred to in subparagraph b).
- e) Request the Chair and Vice-Chair to continue to actively engage, assisted by the secretariat, in a structured conversation with the GCF Board, with a view to exploring and taking concrete steps to advance the options for fund-to-fund arrangements described in document GCF/B.22/09 and its Annex I;
- f) Request the secretariat to continue discussions with the GCF secretariat to advance the collaborative activities identified at the Annual Dialogue in November 2017, the Technical Workshop in February 2018 and the informal meetings between the Chair and Vice-Chair of the AFB and the Co-Chairs of the GCF in May and September 2018 and at the margins of the of the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 24) held in Katowice, Poland; and
- g) Request the Chair and the secretariat to report to the Board at its thirty-fifth meeting on the progress made in the activities described in subparagraphs e) and f).

(Decision B.34/47)

b) *Late-stage withdrawals of proposals by multilateral implementing entities*

48. The Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- a) To take note of the letter dated 10 October 2018, from the Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), namely the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and the World Bank, addressed to the Adaptation Fund Board, attached as Annex to the report of the thirty-fourth meeting of the Board; and
- b) To request the secretariat to prepare a response to the letter referred to in subparagraph a) to be signed off by the Chair of the Board which contains the summary of the Board's discussion on this matter during its thirty-fourth meeting and to send it to the MDBs on behalf of the Board.

(Decision B.34/48)

Agenda Item 12: Issues arising from the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the 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)

49. Having considered decision 1/CMP.14, documents AFB/B.34/9, AFB/B.34/9/Add.1/Rev.1, AFB/B.34/9/Add.2, AFB/B.34/9/Add.3, AFB/B.34/9/Add.4, AFB/B.34/9/Add.5 and AFB/B.34/9/Add.6, as well as the discussions at its 34th meeting in October 2019, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to:

- a) Approve the amendment of the Terms and Conditions of the trustee services to be provided by the World Bank as interim Trustee (T&Cs) as contained in document AFB/B.34/9/Add.1/Rev.1 and submit its recommendation to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its fifteenth session in December 2019 that the CMP adopt the amendment of the T&Cs at the fifteenth session for the timely extension of the arrangement for the trustee services beyond May 2020;
- b) Approve the amendment of the institutional arrangement (MoU) with Global Environmental Facility (GEF) for Secretariat services to the Board as contained in document AFB/B.34/9/Add.3 and submit its recommendation to the CMP at its fifteenth session that the CMP adopt the amendment of the MoU with GEF at the fifteenth session for the timely extension of the arrangement for the secretariat services beyond May 2020;
- c) Include the summary of the Board's consideration of the Rules of Procedure of the Adaptation Fund Board as contained in document AFB/B.34/9/Add.4 in the addendum to the Report of the Board to the CMP at the fifteenth session;
- d) Include the summary of the Board's consideration of the following matters as contained in document AFB/B.34/9/Add.5 in the addendum to the Report of the Board to CMP at its fifteenth session:
 - (i) 'Implications of the Fund receiving the share of proceeds from activities under Articles 6, 12 and 17 of the Kyoto Protocol when the Fund serves the Paris Agreement'; and

- (ii) 'any other matter so as to the Fund serves the Paris Agreement smoothly';
- e) Include the 'Board's recommendations for actions to be taken by the CMP' at its fifteenth session as contained in document AFB/B.34/9/Add.6 in the addendum to its report to the CMP at its fifteenth session; and
- f) Include, in the addendum to its Report to the CMP at its fifteenth session, the Board's invitation to the CMP and/or the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) to provide guidance on the issue of 'the Parties eligible for funding from Adaptation Fund' as referred to in paragraph 1 of decision 1/CMP.3, which is reflected in paragraphs 10 and 5 of the Adaptation Fund's Strategic Priorities, Policies and Guidelines (SPPG) which was adopted by Decision 1/CMP4.

(Decision B.34/49)

Agenda Item 13: Review of the project and programme review process

50. Having considered document AFB/B.34/10, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to:

- a) Request the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC) to pilot discussing technically-recommended pre-concepts, concepts and fully-developed project proposals for concrete adaptation projects only, with the understanding that the Board members may request discussion at the PPRC meeting on any proposal that has not been technically recommended;
- b) Request the PPRC to continue discussing innovation grants, project scale-up grants and learning grants, and other proposals from any new funding windows; and
- c) Request the secretariat to prepare a document which contains options for further supporting the work of the PPRC and present it to the twenty-seventh meeting of the PPRC for consideration.

(Decision B.34/50)

Agenda Item 14: Options to further enhance civil society participation and engagement in the work of the Board

51. Having considered the information presented in document AFB/B.34/11, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- a) To provide the secretariat with comments on the options provided in document AFB/B.34/11 during the intersessional period between its thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth meetings; and
- b) To request the secretariat to present a document which compiles comments and input received from the Board to the thirty-fifth meeting of the Board for consideration.

(Decision B.34/51)

Agenda Item 19: Election of officers for the next period of office

52. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- a) To elect Mr. Ibila Djibril (Benin, Africa) as Chair of the Board;
- a) To elect Mr. Mattias Broman (Sweden, Annex I Parties) as Vice-Chair of the Board;
- b) To elect Mr. Mohamed Zmerli (Tunisia, Non-Annex I) as Vice-Chair of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC);
- c) To elect Mr. Lucas di Pietro (Argentina, Latin America and the Caribbean) as Chair of the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC);
- d) To elect Ms. Elenora Cogo (Italy, Western European and Others) as Chair of the Accreditation Panel;
- e) To elect Mr. Evans Njewa (Malawi, Non-Annex I) as Vice-Chair of the Accreditation Panel; and
- f) To elect the Chair of the EFC and the Vice-Chair of the PPRC during the intersessional period.

(Decision B.34/52)

Agenda Item 20: Date and venue of the meetings in 2020 and onwards

53. The Adaptation Fund Board decided to change the date of its thirty-fifth meeting in Bonn, Germany to 24-27 March 2020 and confirmed that it will hold its thirty-sixth meeting in Bonn, Germany on 13-16 October 2020.

(Decision B.34/53)