



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board

**REQUEST FOR SECOND EXTENSION OF PROJECT  
COMPLETION DATE: SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL  
BIODIVERSITY INSTITUTE (SANBI)**

## Background

1. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) at its twenty-fourth meeting, approved a four-year project titled "Taking Adaptation to the Ground: A Small Grants Facility for Enabling Local Level Responses to Climate Change", submitted by the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) for a requested amount of US\$ 2,442,682 (decision B. 24/15).
2. The objective of the project is to incorporate climate adaptation response strategies into local practices so that assets, livelihoods and ecosystem services are protected from climate-induced risks associated with expected droughts, seasonal shifts and storm-related disaster events.
3. The project includes three main components: i) Providing small grants to vulnerable communities that deliver tangible and sustainable benefits; ii) Empowering local institutions to identify and implement adaptation response measures; and iii) Compiling and sharing lessons learned to facilitate future scaling up and replication of small grant-financing approaches.
4. On 8 March 2019, SANBI had submitted a request for extension of the project completion date from 30 September 2019 to 30 June 2020 in compliance with the Adaptation Fund Project/Programme Delay Policy (AFB/B.29-30/3/Rev.1 and Decision B.29-30/15).
5. The Board through its decision B.33-34/3 approved the request for a nine-month extension of the project completion date until 30 June 2020.
6. On 19 December 2019, SANBI had submitted a second request for extension of the project completion date until 31 March 2021 (see Annex 1). The request for a further nine-month no-cost extension is requested to allow the project to complete the activities on the ground which are still under implementation.
7. At the time that the initial no-cost extension was requested and approved, it was expected that all activities under Small Grant project would be concluded by June 2019. Due to the complexities associated with local level implementation, this was not the case and some of the Small Grant Recipients will only complete their site-based work by March 2020.
8. As of January 2020, a total amount of US\$ 2,307,018 had been disbursed to the project by the trustee, corresponding to 94% of the project funding. In addition, the project has submitted its third project performance report (PPR) in May 2019 which was cleared by the Adaptation Fund Secretariat during the same month, and the fourth and last PPR is expected during the first quarter of 2020.
9. As outlined in the Adaptation Fund Project/Programme Delay Policy, a request for an extension of the project/programme completion date must be submitted by the implementing entity at least six months prior to the official completion date. This second request for extension of the completion date is in line with the Project/Programme Delay Policy.

## Secretariat's review of the request

10. Following a review of the request, the secretariat finds that given the explanation provided by SANBI, this request of a further nine-month extension is justified and will allow the completion of all the sub-projects which are under implementation. It should also be noted that this extension

will allow adequate time to complete the learning and reflection processes of the project, and to allow for project reporting and closure processes.

11. Finally, the secretariat acknowledges that this no-cost project extension request has been agreed with the Executing Entity and the Designated Authority has been notified, in accordance with the Adaptation Fund Policy for Project/Programme Delays, as specified in Annex 1.

### **Recommendation**

12. Therefore, the Board may consider and decide to approve the request for a further nine-month extension of the project completion date from 30 June 2020 to 31 March 2021 for the project “Taking Adaptation to the Ground: A Small Grants Facility for Enabling Local Level Responses to Climate Change” as requested by SANBI.

### **Annex**

1. Request for an extension of the project completion date from SANBI

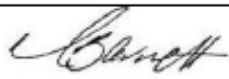
**Annex 1: Request for an extension of the project completion date****ANNEX A: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONCRETE ADAPTATION PROJECT/PROGRAMME***Request for extension of project/programme completion date:*

<b>Implementing Entity Name:</b> South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)			
<b>AF Project/programme ID:</b> ZAF/NIE/Multi/2013/2			
<b>Project/programme Title:</b> Taking Adaptation to the Ground: A Small Grants Facility for Enabling Local Level Responses to Climate Change			
<b>Country:</b> South Africa			
<b>Project/Programme Approval (date):</b> 10 October 2014			
<b>Expected Project/programme Completion (date):</b>	30 June 2020	<b>Proposed Revised Completion (date):</b>	31 March 2021

*Reasons/justifications for the extension of project/programme completion:*

<p>SANBI would like to request a further nine month no-cost extension for the project entitled: Taking Adaptation to the Ground: A Small Grants Facility for Enabling Local Level Responses to Climate Change. This request is in addition to the nine month no-cost extension was approved by the Adaptation Fund Board in April 2019.</p> <p>At the time that the initial no-cost extension was requested, it was expected that all Small Grant project on the ground activities would be concluded by June 2019. Due to the complexities associated with local level implementation, this was not the case and some of the Small Grant Recipients will only complete their site based work by March 2020.</p> <p>This further extension is requested to allow adequate time to complete the learning and reflection processes of the project, and to allow for project reporting and closure processes.</p> <p>The project is on track to deliver all of its contracted outcomes, and the additional time will allow for a consolidation of the outcomes and learning in anticipation of a scaled up project with Green Climate Fund resources.</p>
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*Implementing Entity certification*

This request has been prepared in accordance with Adaptation Fund policies and procedures, has been agreed by participating executing entities, and the designated authority (DA) has been notified.	
	
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