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23 September 2020

Adaptation Fund Board

**Proposal for Bhutan**

Bhutan: Adaptation to Climate-induced Water Stresses through Integrated Landscape Management in Bhutan (Concept note; Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation (BTFEC); BTN/NIE/Multi/2020/1; US$9,950,535).

Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decides to:

1. Endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation (BTFEC) to the request made by the technical review;
2. Request the secretariat to notify BTFEC of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board’s decision, as well as the following issues:
3. The fully developed project proposal should fully identify project activities and include quantifiable results in line with the environmental and social policy of the fund;
4. A clear description of alternative options to the proposed measures should be provided at fully developed proposal stage, to allow for a good assessment of the project cost effectiveness;
5. The fully developed proposal should include linkages and synergies with all the relevant projects, including areas of overlap and complementarity; and
6. The fully developed proposal environmental and social risk screening should identify all the possible inherent risks and a justification for the screening selection should be provided under each principle.
7. Approve the project formulation grant of US $ 30,000;
8. Approve the project formulation assistance grant of US $ 20,000;
9. Request BTFEC to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Bhutan; and
10. Encourage the Government of Bhutan to submit, through BFTEC, a fully developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

**Decision B.35.a-35.b/58**