



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board

Proposal for Syrian Arab Republic

Syrian Arab Republic: Climate Change Resilient Communities through Integrated Natural Resource Management in Eastern Ghouta in Rural Damascus, Syria (Concept note; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); SYR/MIE/Water/2019/1; US\$ 10,000,000).

Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decides 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 review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
 - (i) The fully-developed project proposal should fully identify all activities and risks, including risks to biodiversity;
 - (ii) The fully-developed project should provide a more detailed quantitative cost-effectiveness analysis of the proposed measures;
 - (iii) The fully-developed proposal should include lessons learned, linkages and synergies with all the relevant past and ongoing projects in the region, including areas of overlap and complementarity; and
- c) Encourage the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic to submit, through UN-Habitat, and following the reaccreditation of UN-Habitat, a fully-developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

Decision B.35.a-35.b/63