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23 September 2020

Adaptation Fund Board

**Proposal for Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Gambia (Republic of The), Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo**

Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Gambia (Republic of The), Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo: Scaling-up Climate-Resilient Rice Production in West Africa (Concept note; Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS); AFR/RIE/Food/2019/PPC/1; US$ 14,000,000).

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 Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) to the request made by the technical review;
2. Request the secretariat to notify OSS 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 provide a full demonstration of compliance with all of the fund’s environmental and social principles.
4. Approve the project formulation grant of US $ 80,000;
5. Request OSS to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Governments of Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Republic of The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo; and
6. Encourage the Governments of Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Republic of The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo to submit, through OSS, a fully-developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

**Decision B.35.a-35.b/66**