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Agenda item 3

**REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIR
(FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN AFB.34 AND AFB.35.A)**

1. During the intersessional period between the thirty-fourth meeting and the first session of the thirty-fifth meeting (virtually held) of the Adaptation Fund Board, the Chair, Ms. Sylviane Bilgischer (Belgium, Annex I Parties) carried out the below-listed activities for the Fund.

- (a) Finalization of the report of the thirty-fourth meeting assisted by the secretariat;
- (b) Representation of the Board at the Madrid Climate Change Conference (the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (COP 25), the fifteenth session of Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 14), and the second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 2), 2-13 December 2019, Madrid, Spain), assisted by the secretariat; with activities including:
- Negotiations on the agenda item of CMP and CMA related to the Adaptation Fund;
 - Presentation of the AFB report to the CMP at the High-level Segment
 - Representation of Board and remarks at AF Contributor Dialogue, 9 December 2019;
 - Panel discussion as part of the technical part of the stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition, 4 December 2019;
 - Representation of Board at 3rd Annual Dialogue of Climate Funds organized by Green Climate Fund, 11 December 2019;
 - Signing event of the Declaration for the Alliance for Hydromet Development organized by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), 10 December 2019;
 - Signing event of the project agreement for the project “Climate Change adaptation in vulnerable coastal cities and ecosystems of the Uruguay River (Argentina, Uruguay)” with the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), 11 December 2019;
 - Opening remarks at the Adaptation Fund side event: “Advancing Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in Climate Finance”, 3 December 2019;
 - Opening remarks at the Adaptation Fund side event: “Bridging the gaps between climate finance access and building resilience on the ground – Climate Finance Access and project development”, 5 December 2019;
 - Opening remarks at the Adaptation Fund side event: “Adaptation Fund Fosters Innovation for Vulnerable Countries and Private Sector”, 6 December 2019;

- Opening remarks at the Adaptation Fund Spanish-speaking side event: *“Reduciendo las brechas entre el Acceso al Financiamiento del clima - Acceso a Financiamiento climático y al desarrollo de proyectos”*, 9 December 2019;
- Launching the first issue of the bulletin by providers of readiness and capacity-building support for adaptation in partnership with the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) and the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB), 10 December 2019;

(c) Project/Programme agreements signed

- Congo: Building Adaptive Capacity to Climate Change in Vulnerable Communities Living in the Congo River Basin (World Food Programme (WFP); US\$ 9,999,909)
- Georgia: Dairy Modernization and Market Access: Adaptation Component (DiMMAdapt) (International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); US\$ 4,644,794)
- Malawi: Adapting to Climate Change Through Integrated Risk Management Strategies and Enhanced Market Opportunities for Resilient Food Security and Livelihoods (World Food Programme (WFP); US\$ 9,989,335)
- Moldova, Republic of: Talent Retention for Rural Transformation – Adapt (TRTP-Adapt) (International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); US\$6,008,095)
- Regional (Djibouti, Kenya, Sudan, Uganda): Strengthening Drought Resilience for Small Holder Farmers and Pastoralists in the IGAD Region (Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS); US\$ 13,079,540)

MIE aggregator project for innovation

- Multiregional: Adaptation Fund-UNDP Innovation Small Grant Aggregator Platform (ISGAP) (United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); US\$ 5,000,000)

(d) Project Formulation Grant (PFG) agreements signed

- Belize: Enhancing the Resilience of Belize’s Coastal Communities to Climate Change Impacts (Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT); US\$ 29,830)
- Indonesia: Adapting to Climate Change through Sustainable Integrated Watershed Governance in Indigenous People of Ammatoa Kajang Customary Area in Bulukumba Regency, South Sulawesi Province (Partnerships for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan); US\$ 30,000)
- Indonesia: Embracing the Sun - Redefining Public Space as a Solution for the Effects of Global Climate Change in Indonesia's Urban Areas (Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan); US\$ 30,000)
- 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 (Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan); US\$ 30,000)

- Regional (Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam): Groundwater Resources in the Greater Mekong Subregion: Collaborative Management to Increase Climate Change Resilience (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); US\$ 80,000)
- Regional (Angola, Namibia): Resilience Building as Climate Change Adaptation in Drought Struck South Western African Communities (Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS); US\$ 20,000)
- Regional (Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo): Scaling-up Climate-Resilient Rice Production in West Africa (Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS); US\$ \$20,000)
- Regional (Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Saint Lucia): Increasing resilience of the education system to climate change impacts in the Eastern Caribbean region (United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); US\$ 20,000)
- Regional (Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran): Urbanization and Climate Change Adaptation in the Caspian Sea Region (United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); US\$ 20,000)
- Tanzania, United Republic of: Enhancing Climate Change Resilience of Coastal Communities of Zanzibar (National Environment Management Council of Tanzania (NEMC); US\$ 30,000)

(e) Cash transfer requests signed

1st tranche

- Congo, Republic of: Building adaptive capacity to climate change in vulnerable communities living in the Congo River Basin (WFP)
- Lesotho: Improving Adaptive Capacity of vulnerable and food insecure populations in Lesotho (WFP)
- Lao People's Democratic Republic: Building climate and disaster resilience capacities of vulnerable small towns in Lao PDR (UN-Habitat)
- Malawi Adapting to climate change through integrated risk management strategies and enhanced market opportunities for resilient food security and livelihoods (WFP)
- Regional (Argentina, Uruguay): Climate change adaptation in vulnerable coastal cities and ecosystems of the Uruguay River (CAF)
- Regional (Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger): Integration of climate change adaptation measures in the concerted management of the WAP transboundary complex: ADAPT-WAP (OSS)
- Regional (Chile, Colombia, Peru): Enhancing adaptive capacity of Andean communities through climate services (WMO)
- Regional (Comoros, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique): Building Urban Climate Resilience in South-eastern Africa (UN-Habitat)
- Regional (Djibouti, Kenya, Sudan, Uganda): Strengthening drought resilience of small holder farmers and pastoralists in the IGAD region (OSS)

- Sierra Leone: Promoting Climate Resilience in the Cocoa and Rice Sectors as an Adaptation Strategy in Sierra Leone (IFAD)
- Tajikistan: An integrated landscape approach to enhancing the climate resilience of small-scale farmers and pastoralists in Tajikistan (UNDP)
- Global: Adaptation Fund - UNDP Innovation Small Grant Aggregator Platform (ISGAP) (UNDP)

2nd tranche

- Ethiopia: Climate Smart Integrated Rural Development Project (MOFEC)
- Namibia: Pilot rural desalination plants using renewable power and membrane technology (DRFN)
- Peru: AYNINACUY: Strengthening the livelihoods of vulnerable highland communities in the provinces of Arequipa, Caylloma, Condesuyos, Castilla and La Union in the Region of Arequipa, Peru (CAF)
- Regional (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, United Republic of, Uganda): Adapting to Climate Change in Lake Victoria Basin (UNEP)
- Regional (Colombia, Ecuador): Building adaptive capacity through food and nutrition security and peacebuilding actions in vulnerable Afro and indigenous communities in the Colombia-Ecuador border area (WFP)
- Regional: (Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda) Agricultural Climate Resilience Enhancement Initiative (ACREI) (WMO)

3rd tranche

- Chile: Enhancing resilience to climate change of the small agriculture in the Chilean region of O'Higgins (AGCI)
- India: Climate Proofing of Watershed Development Projects in the States of Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan (NABARD)
- India: Climate smart actions and strategies in north western Himalayan region for sustainable livelihoods of agriculture-dependent hill communities (NABARD)
- India: Enhancing Adaptive Capacity and Increasing Resilience of Small and Marginal Farmers in Purulia and Bankura Districts of West Bengal (NABARD)
- Lao People's Democratic Republic: Enhancing the climate and disaster resilience of the most vulnerable rural and emerging urban human settlements in Lao PDR (UN-Habitat)
- Mali: Programme Support for Climate Change Adaptation in the vulnerable regions of Mopti and Timbouctou (UNDP)
- Uganda: Enhancing resilience of communities to climate change through catchment-based integrated management of water and related resources in Uganda (OSS)

4th tranche

- Costa Rica: Reducing the Vulnerability by Focusing on Critical Sectors (Agriculture, Water Resources and Coastlines) in order to Reduce the Negative Impacts of Climate Change and Improve the Resilience of these Sectors (FDS)

- Ghana: Increased Resilience to Climate Change in Northern Ghana through the Management of Water Resources and Diversification of Livelihoods (UNDP)
- Sri Lanka: Addressing Climate Change Impacts on Marginalized Agricultural Communities Living in the Mahaweli River Basin of Sri Lanka (WFP)

5th tranche

- Seychelles: Ecosystem Based Adaptation to Climate Change in Seychelles (UNDP)
- Uzbekistan: Developing Climate Resilience of Farming Communities in the drought prone parts of Uzbekistan (UNDP)

(f) Fostered promotion of Fund's work through Outreach

1. Provided official quotes as AFB Chair in several of the news releases prepared by the Secretariat during the reporting period:

- Oct 17, 2019: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-fund-board-approves-us-63-million-in-new-projects-including-first-innovation-and-scale-up-grants/>
- Nov 27, 2019: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-funds-new-e-learning-course-on-direct-access-designed-to-help-countries-and-stakeholders-unlock-climate-finance/>
- Dec 5, 2019: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-fund-launches-new-grant-programme-to-foster-innovation-of-adaptation-practices-in-vulnerable-countries/>
- Dec 13, 2019: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-fund-reaches-close-to-usd-90-million-in-new-pledges-for-2019-at-cop-25-climate-conference/>
- Dec 19, 2019: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/pair-of-decisions-made-at-cop-25-help-solidify-institutional-arrangements-of-adaptation-fund/>
- March 9, 2020: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-fund-board-meeting-in-bonn-postponed-due-to-covid-19-shortened-virtual-meeting-being-planned/>
- March 19, 2019: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/notification-to-national-regional-and-multilateral-implementing-entities-of-the-adaptation-fund-in-relation-to-covid-19-outbreak/>

2. New pledges to the Adaptation Fund announced at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 25) in Madrid in December 2019 included those from **Germany** (USD 33.6 million), **Switzerland** (USD 15.3 million), **Norway** (USD 15.3 million), first-time contributor **Poland** (USD 1.0 million), **Ireland** (USD 330,000), and the **Walloon** (USD 4.2 million), **Flanders** (USD 1.9 million), and **Brussels** (USD 450,000) Regional Governments of Belgium. These followed three earlier pledges from Sweden, Spain and the Government of Quebec announced at the Climate Action Summit in October 2019, to bring resource mobilization for 2019 to about USD 90 million from 11 different national and regional governments.