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Adaptation Fund Board
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Agenda item 3

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

1. During the intersessional period between the first and second sessions of the thirty-fifth meeting of the Adaptation Fund Board (both virtually held), the Chair, Mr. Ibila Djibril (Benin, Africa) carried out the below-listed activities for the Fund.

- (a) Finalized the report of the first session of the thirty-fifth meeting, assisted by the secretariat;
- (b) Liaised with and provided guidance to the secretariat on planning of work after the first session of the thirty-fifth meeting, including:
 - Scheduling and re-scheduling the second session of the thirty-fifth meeting;
 - Organizing the intersessional review and approval of project proposals;
 - Organizing the intersessional review and approval of the administrative budgets, work plan, and AF-TERG Strategy and Work Programme;
 - Conducting a survey among Board members on innovation;
 - Organizing a virtual meeting of the Resource Mobilization Task Force;
 - Preparing the report of the Board to the CMP and CMA;
 - Launching the recruitment of a new Chair for the Technical Evaluation Reference Group (AF-TERG);
 - Writing letter to H.E. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica, selected as CEO of the GEF, 3 June 2020;
 - Providing opening remarks in the virtual seminar organized with the *Institut de la Francophonie pour le développement durable* (IFDD) on 21 July 2020;
 - Writing letters to contributor governments: three letters to the Government of France, 21 September 2020;
 - Extending Board members' and alternates' terms as advised by UNFCCC COP Bureau;
 - Organizing the second session of the thirty-fifth meeting.
- (c) In cooperation with the secretariat, launched the new project agreement signing method (DocuSign) to overcome the challenges under the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (d) Project/Programme agreements signed:
 - Ecuador: Increasing adaptive capacity of local communities, ecosystems and hydroelectric systems in the Río Blanco upper watershed (Toachi-Pilatón watershed) with a focus on Ecosystem and Community Based Adaptation and

Integrated Adaptive Watershed Management (Development Bank of Latin America; US\$ 2,489,373)

- El Salvador: Enhancing climate resilience of rural communities and ecosystems in Ahuachapán-Sur, El Salvador (United Nations Development Programme; US\$ 8,484,503)
- Mongolia: Flood Resilience in Ulaanbaatar Ger Areas - Climate Change Adaptation through community-driven small-scale protective and basic-services interventions (UN-Habitat; US\$ 4,495,235 - Amendment)
- Pakistan: Enhance community, local and national-level urban climate change resilience to water scarcity, caused by floods and droughts in Rawalpindi and Nowshera, Pakistan (UN-Habitat; US\$ 6,094,000)
- Tanzania: Enhancing Climate Change Resilience of Coastal Communities of Zanzibar (National Environment Management Council; US\$ 1,000,000)
- Tanzania: Enhancing Climate Change Adaptation for Agro-Pastoral Communities in Kongwa District (National Environment Management Council; US\$ 1,200,000)
- Tunisia: Economic, Social and Solidarity Insertion for Resilience in the Governorate of Kairouan (IESS Adapt) (International Fund for Agricultural Development; US\$ 9,997,190)
- Viet Nam: Enhancing the resilience inclusive and sustainable eco-human settlement development through small scale infrastructure interventions in the coastal regions of the Mekong Delta in Viet Nam (UN-Habitat; US\$ 6,345,292).

MIE aggregator project for innovation

- Adaptation Fund-UN Environment Special Financing Window in Support of Innovation for Adaptation (UNEP, US\$ 5,000,000).

(e) Cash transfer requests signed

1st tranche

- El Salvador: Enhancing climate resilience of rural communities and ecosystems in Ahuachapán -Sur, El Salvador (UNDP)
- Georgia: Dairy Modernization and Market Access: Adaptation Component (DiMMAdapt) (IFAD)
- Indonesia: Community Adaptation for Forest-Food Based Management in Saddang Watershed Ecosystem (Kemitraan)
- Moldova: Talent Retention for Rural Transformation - Adapt (TRTP-Adapt) (IFAD)
- Pakistan: Enhance community, local and national-level urban climate change resilience to water scarcity, caused by floods and droughts in Rawalpindi and Nowshera, Pakistan (UN-Habitat)
- Tanzania: Enhancing Climate Change Adaptation for Agro-Pastoral Communities in Kongwa District (NEMC)
- Tanzania: Enhancing Climate Change Resilience of Coastal Communities of Zanzibar (NEMC)

- Tunisia: Economic, Social and Solidarity Insertion for Resilience in the Governorate of Kairouan - IESS-Adapt (IFAD)
- Vietnam: Enhancing the resilience inclusive and sustainable eco-human settlement development through small scale infrastructure interventions in the coastal regions of the Mekong Delta (UN-Habitat)
- Global: Adaptation Fund-UN Environment Special Financing Window in Support of Innovation for Adaptation (UNEP).

2nd tranche

- Cook Islands: "Akamatutu'anga kia Tukatau te Ora'anga ite Pa Enea" Pa Enea Action for Resilient Livelihoods (PEARL) (MFEM)
- Dominican Republic: Enhancing Climate Resilience in San Cristóbal Province, Dominican Republic - Integrated Water Resources Management Programme (IDDI)
- Honduras Ecosystem-Based Adaptation at Communities of the Central Forest Corridor in Tegucigalpa (UNDP)
- Lebanon: Climate Smart Agriculture: Enhancing Adaptive Capacity of the Rural Communities in Lebanon (AgriCAL) (IFAD)
- Micronesia, Federated States of: Enhancing the Climate Resilience of vulnerable island communities in Federated States of Micronesia (SPREP)
- Micronesia, Federated States of: Practical Solutions for Reducing Community Vulnerability to Climate Change in the Federated States of Micronesia (MCT)
- Mongolia: Flood Resilience in Ulaanbaatar Ger Areas - Climate Change Adaptation through community-driven small-scale protective and basic-services interventions (UNHAB)
- Nepal: Adapting to Climate Induced Threats to Food Production and Food Security in the Karnali Region of Nepal (UNWFP)
- Panama: Adapting to climate change through integrated water management in Panama (FNCO).

3rd tranche

- Kenya: Integrated Programme To Build Resilience to Climate Change & Adaptive Capacity of Vulnerable Communities In Kenya (NEMA).

4th tranche

- India: Conservation and Management of Coastal Resources as a Potential Adaptation Strategy for Sea Level Rise (NABARD)
- Morocco: Climate changes adaptation project in oasis zones - PACC-ZO (ADA).

5th tranche

- South Africa: Taking adaptation to the ground: A small Grants Facility for enabling local-level responses to climate change (SANBI).

(f) Other grants agreements and their cash transfer requests signed

Readiness grants

1. Tanzania: Technical Assistance Grant for ESP and Gender (National Environment Management Council (NEMC, US\$ 25,000)
2. Zimbabwe: Technical Assistance Grant for ESP and Gender (Environmental Management Agency (EMA, US\$ 25,000)
3. Uganda: Technical Assistance Grant for ESP and Gender (Ministry of Water and Environment (MoWe), US\$ 25,000)
4. Mozambique: South-South Cooperation Grant (National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) - Kenya: US\$ 50,000)
5. Botswana: South-South Cooperation Grant (National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) - Kenya: US\$ 50,000)
6. Rwanda: Project Scale-Up Grant for “Reducing Vulnerability to Climate Change in North West Rwanda through Community Based Adaptation (RV3CBA)” (Ministry of Environment, Rwanda, US\$ 99,000)
7. Belize: Project formulation assistance grant for “Enhancing the Resilience of Belize’s Coastal Communities to Climate Change Impacts” (PACT Belize, US\$ 20,000).

Innovation grants

8. Armenia: Innovation grant “Engaging Future Leaders: Digital Education Module on Adaptation Challenges and Best Practices for Youth” (EPIU, US\$ 231,250).

(g) Fostered promotion of Fund’s work through Outreach

1. Provided official quotes as AFB Chair in 10 news releases prepared by the Secretariat during the reporting period:
 - Sept 21, 2020 <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-funds-first-virtual-project-visit-a-success/>
 - Aug 3, 2020: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/curso-de-aprendizaje-virtual-del-fondo-de-adaptacion-dirigido-a-ampliar-el-acceso-al-financiamiento-para-el-clima-ahora-en-espanol/>
 - July 1, 2020: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-fund-board-accredits-united-nations-food-and-agriculture-organization-as-funds-51st-implementing-entity/>
 - June 29, 2020: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/le-fonds-dadaptation-lance-la-version-francaise-de-la-formation-en-ligne-concu-pour-faciliter-lacces-a-la-finance-climat/>

- June 2, 2020: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-fund-board-greenlights-six-new-concrete-adaptation-projects-on-the-ground-totaling-us-31-million/>
- May 28, 2020: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/hill-women-of-indias-himalayas-chart-path-in-fight-against-covid-19-impacts-for-isolated-communities/>
- May 29, 2020: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-fund-projects-build-climate-resilience-while-promoting-sustainable-development/>
- May 11, 2020: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-fund-board-accredits-new-direct-access-entity-firca-in-cote-divoire-enhancing-access-to-climate-finance/>
- April 13, 2020: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-fund-study-provides-concrete-successes-lessons-and-potential-models-for-integrating-gender-considerations-in-climate-change-adaptation-projects/>
- April 2, 2020: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/new-adaptation-fund-board-chair-aims-to-build-on-af-achievements-expand-af-revenue-sources-and-country-funding-opportunities/>