



ADAPTATION FUND

Overview of Readiness and capacity building support for accreditation

2020 VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON
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Presentation Outline



Introduction



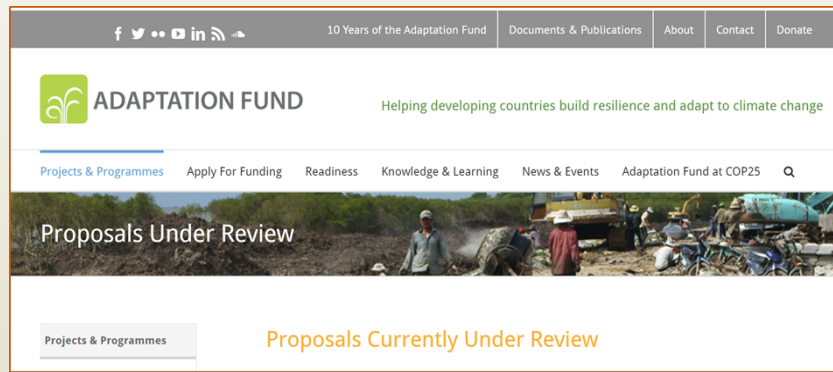
Readiness and capacity-building support for accreditation



Post-accreditation support

Background

- **Goal:**
 - ✓ To increase the number of accredited national implementing entities (NIEs), and strengthen the overall capacity of NIEs
- **Specific objectives:**
 - i. To increase the preparedness of applicant NIEs seeking accreditation by the Adaptation Fund



- ii. To increase the number of high-quality project/programme proposals submitted to the Board after accreditation

Activities under the Readiness Programme

Implemented through 4 key components

- Support to countries seeking accreditation
- Support to accredited IEs
- Cooperation/Partnership with climate finance readiness providers
- Knowledge management

How the Readiness Programme delivers on its objectives

➤ Grants



➤ Accreditation, project preparation & design

➤ Contribution to KM



➤ Visibility of the Fund





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3 Main delivery instruments

- Grants
- Global and Regional Workshops and Conferences
- Tools and Guidance document



South-South Cooperation (SSC) Grants

The maximum amount of grant is US\$ 50,000 per NIE candidate/recipient country.

Eligibility Requirement:

- Must be an accredited national implementing entity of the Adaptation Fund;
- Must have experience implementing an Adaptation Fund project or program, hence demonstrating effective compliance with the Fund's fiduciary standards, operational policies and guidelines; and
- Must have experience advising, participating in, or organizing support to other NIEs.

Support in one or more of the following:

- identifying potential NIE candidates;
- assisting NIE candidates in the preparation of applications to be submitted to the Fund;
- providing support and advice during the application process.

The Readiness Support Package (pilot phase)



- Approved at AFB
29, March 2017

- Tailored support
to countries



Readiness support package pilot phase

- **Grant of up to US\$ 100,000**

- NIE candidate expected to drive process of its own accreditation (*put in place necessary institutional arrangements, policies, procedures and capacities; make the necessary management decisions, inter-departmental/organizational coordination, and avail the necessary human and financial resources to actively drive the accreditation process within the entity*)

- **Support in one or more of the following:**

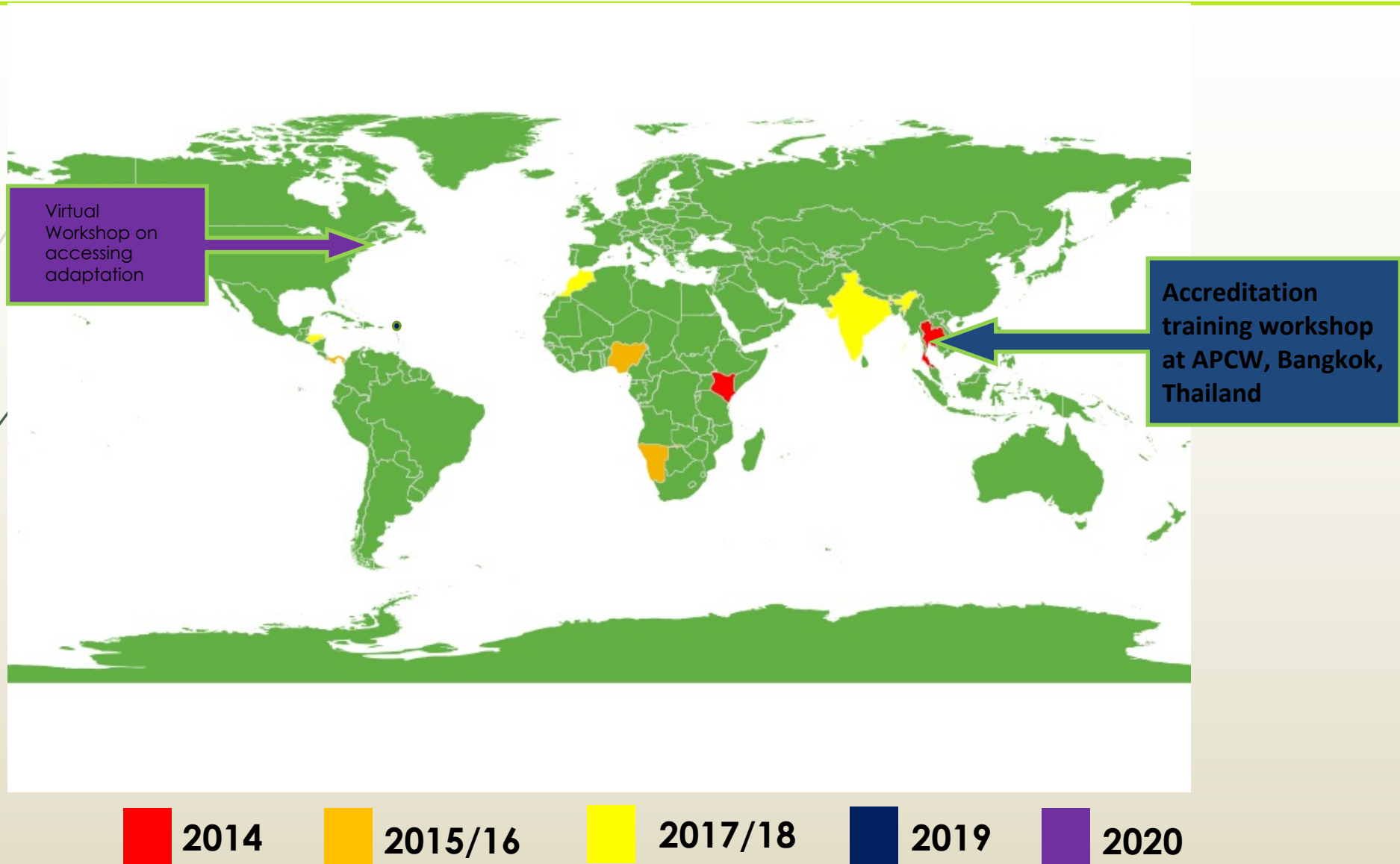
- In-country support to prepare an application;

- Technical support to address gaps in policies, procedures and other institutional arrangements (*demonstration remains the responsibility of the NIE candidate*);

- Organization of “regional” consultations/workshops to support several NIE candidates.

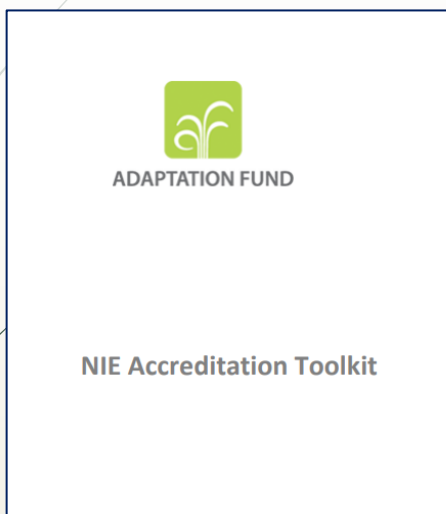
- May set aside small portion of the grant to address and respond to feedback provided by the Accreditation Panel (recommended)

Global and Regional Workshops and Conferences



Tools and Guidance Documents

❖ Accreditation toolkit



- Module 1: Basics – NIE definition, role of DA, case studies.
- Module 2: IE accreditation and standards (Financial integrity & mgmt.; Institutional capacity; Transparency, self investigative powers & anti-corruption measures
- Quiz



❖ Accreditation Application Form



Accreditation Application Form

Please fill out all of the background and contact information contained in Section I.

For Sections II-IV, provide a description of how the organization meets the specific required capabilities and attach supporting documentation. Examples of the types of supporting documentation that would provide evidence of meeting the Fund's fiduciary and management standards are included at the end of each of these sections.

SECTION I: Background/Contact

Nominated Entity (if NIE):
Invited Entity (if MIE):
Address:
Country:
Postal Code:
Telephone:
Fax:
Web Address:
Contact Person:
Telephone:
Email:

Useful Background: If there is other relevant information that provides recent background of the applicant please upload (e.g. recent donor reviews of the Entity):

❖ Guidelines for selection of NIE – Updated March 2018



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Information Note for Designated Authorities to select a National Implementing Entity candidate for accreditation with the Adaptation Fund

The purpose of this information note is to assist [Designated Authorities](#) in selecting the most suitable National Implementing Entity (NIE) candidate for the country to seek accreditation with the Adaptation Fund. The information below describes the essential capabilities and system that an NIE candidate is expected to demonstrate during the accreditation process. For further information, please contact afaccreditation@adaptation-fund.org.

The Designated Authority should consider the following aspects:

1. The nominated NIE can demonstrate and give evidence of its fiduciary abilities and obtain the accreditation from the Adaptation Fund. The Designated Authority is encouraged to refer to the accreditation fiduciary standards that NIEs must meet during the accreditation process, which are available at <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/accreditation/>.
2. The nominated NIE is the most capable and suitable within the country to take responsibility and accountability for the full climate change adaptation project cycle in an agile, efficient and effective manner.
3. The nominated NIE has the appropriate processes and management for implementing climate change adaptation projects, which in most cases means that implementation of these projects is one of its significant or core activities.
4. The nominated NIE promotes a zero tolerance for fraud and corruption that is clearly demonstrated by its top management; has the ability to take on the responsibility of the full climate change adaptation project cycle in an environment free from direct and indirect fraud and corruption from its own staff and from third parties; has its own avenue and/or

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Post-Accreditation Grants and other support Available to NIEs

Technical Assistance (TA) Grants (TA-ESGP and TA-GP)

- ❖ TA Grant for ESP and Gender – 25k (All accredited NIEs)
- ❖ TA Grant for Gender – 10k (All accredited NIEs)

Project Formulation Assistance (PFA) Grants – No Deadline

- ➡ PFA available for undertaking of specialist technical assessments.
- **Can apply at concept stage** only (Projects following 2-Step approval process)
 - ❖ Up to a maximum of **20k** per project (available on an on-going basis and application window and deadlines are aligned to the review cycle for concrete projects and programs under the US \$10 million cap)

Project Scale-up Grants

- ❖ Up to a maximum of **100K** per project/programme

Post-Accreditation Grants and other support Available to NIEs



❖ Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities (CPDAE)

❖ Annual NIE seminar for accredited NIEs



❖ Readiness webinars

❖ S-S Country Exchange



❖ Regional Workshops

❖ Bulleting By Providers of Readiness Support for Adaptation



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