Overview of Readiness and capacity building support for accreditation

2020 VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON ACCESSING ADAPTATION FINANCE

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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
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)
Virtual Workshop on accessing adaptation

Accreditation training workshop at APCW, Bangkok, Thailand

Global and Regional Workshops and Conferences
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

Guidelines for selection of NIE – Updated March 2018
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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
Thank You!

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