



ADAPTATION FUND

Agenda

Webinar 11: Climate change adaptation reasoning to support project development and assessing broader vulnerabilities

Background

The Adaptation Fund's Readiness Webinars continue in November with the topic: Climate change adaptation reasoning to support project development and assessing broader vulnerabilities.

The eleventh Readiness Webinar will take place on **Tuesday, 10 November 2020 via Zoom from 07:00-08:30am EST** (Washington DC time, GMT -05:00) and will be repeated on **Wednesday, 11 November 2020 via Zoom from 5:00-6:30pm EST** (Washington DC time, GMT -05:00) to accommodate NIEs in different time zones.

Please note that at the webinar time on Wednesday, 11 November at 5:00pm in Washington, DC, it will be the following day and times **for NIEs in the Pacific:**

12:00pm Wednesday, 11 November in Avarua District, Cook Islands

09:00am Thursday, 12 November in Micronesia

10:00am Thursday, 12 November in Funafuti, Tuvalu

Participants are welcome to join either of the two webinars convenient to them or both.

The webinar connection will be available 15 minutes before the webinar start time. An email will be sent to register and confirm your attendance for the event.

About the topic: Climate change adaptation reasoning to support project development and assessing broader vulnerabilities.

The Adaptation Fund's Operational Policies and Guidelines (OPGs) require that proposals provide a description of the problem that a proposed project/programme is aiming to solve. This is part of adaptation reasoning which entails that the implementing entity describe how proposed activities and adaptation measures will help with adaptation to climate change, will improve climate resilience, and are suited or adequate for the identified climate threats. Analyses and/or assessments, which may include vulnerability assessments, at the earliest stage of project/programme preparation to determine the vulnerabilities and needs of the target vulnerable communities could be useful to support the adaptation reasoning. In addition, relevant climate change scenarios and the social, economic, environment and development context would need to be outlined and explained.

Projects have frequently identified the increased intensity of extreme events such as floods, droughts, warming trends and sea level rise, as climate related drivers giving rise to risks in food security and disrupting livelihoods. Projects are typically concerned with reducing vulnerability

through the securing of assets, both human and natural. Vulnerability being a key component of adaptation has an increasing complexity as a multidimensional issue, and social and economic drivers of vulnerability should be considered along with physical hazards. With respect to the broadened definition of vulnerability, the Fund's mandate to finance concrete adaptation projects and programmes (which typically address the risk from physical hazards and impacts) is not at the expense of considering the wider social and economic drivers of vulnerability.

The webinar will discuss how NIEs have approached adaptation reasoning during project design and development and the lessons that can be learnt from these experiences. NIEs will also share experiences on how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the conceptualization of adaptation reasoning and the context in which adaptation rationale is or will be presented in projects and programmes.

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Moderator: Mr. Farayi Madziwa, AFB secretariat.

Introduction

7:00am Mr. Farayi Madziwa, Team Lead (Readiness Programme), AFB secretariat

How adaptation is defined by the AF and expectations for adequately addressing the adaptation reasoning criteria

7:05am Ms. Alyssa Gomes, Climate Change Analyst, AFB secretariat

Q&A

NIE experiences discussing project design, preparation and development experiences in the context of the pandemic

7:30am Mr. Fredrick Mulinda, NEMC, Tanzania

Q&A

7:50am Mr. Ugyen Lhendup, BTFEC, Bhutan

Q&A

8:10am Mr. Callist Tindimugaya, MoWE, Uganda

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8:30am Webinar Closure

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5:30pm Mr. Pedro Zuccarini, IDDI, Dominican Republic

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5:50pm Ms. Shirley Ann Pelep and Ms. Tamara Greenstone-Alefaio, MCT, Micronesia

Q&A

6:10pm Mr. Mani Jeremiah Mate, MFEM, Cook Islands

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6:30pm Webinar Closure

Questions the presenters will address during the webinar

1. Please share your experience with the process of devising climate change adaptation rationale of your AF funded project in terms of making the project investments more resilient to climate change.
2. What was your experience in finding or generating the information needed to justify the adaptation rationale? What kind of information (climate and impact data, local knowledge and development priorities, etc.) did you gather and were there any unconventional sources or innovative methods employed to determine and justify the adaptation rationale?
3. Can you describe the process used in designing and developing the proposed adaptation interventions/ approaches as an appropriate response to climate risks? for e.g. Starting with a scientific basis (understanding the climate variables and projected changes), followed by clearly presenting climate impact and vulnerabilities (on ecosystem and communities), the chosen solutions and finally how the interventions align with national priorities/ strategies, if at all. What were the main difficulties or shortcomings in this process?
4. What are key resources that would have aided the development of the project? What are the key remaining challenges?