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Adaptation Fund Board  
Thirty-sixth meeting  
Bonn, Germany (Virtually held), 6-8 April 2021

Agenda item 4

## **REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIR**

1. During the intersessional period between the second session of the thirty-fifth meeting and the thirty-sixth 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 second 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 second session of the thirty-fifth meeting, including:

- The Fund endorsing the principles of Locally-led Adaptation championed by the Global Commission on Adaptation at the Climate Adaptation Summit in January 2021;
- Re-channeling the contribution by the European Commission to Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator;
- Completing the recruitment process of a new Chair for the Technical Evaluation Reference Group (AF-TERG);

(c) In cooperation with the secretariat, signed project agreements through DocuSign to overcome the challenges under the COVID-19 pandemic;

(d) Project/Programme agreements signed:

- Cambodia: Climate Change Adaptation through small-scale and protective infrastructure interventions in coastal settlements of Cambodia (United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); US\$ 5,000,000)
- Cameroon: Increasing Local Communities' Resilience to Climate Change through Youth Entrepreneurship and Integrated Natural Resources Management (International Fund Agricultural Development (IFAD); US\$ 9,982,000)
- Egypt: Building resilient food security systems to benefit the Southern Egypt region – Phase 2 (United Nations World Food Programme (WFP); US\$ 3,094,962)
- Indonesia: Safekeeping-Surviving-Sustaining towards Resilience: 3S Approach to Build Coastal City Resilience to Climate Change Impacts and Natural Disasters in Pekalongan City, Central Java Province (Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan); US\$ 5,972,670)
- Indonesia: Adapting to Climate Change through Sustainable Integrated Watershed Governance in Indigenous People of Ammatoa Kajang Customary Area in Bulukumba Regency, South Sulawesi Province, Indonesia (Kemitraan; US\$ 1,125,015)
- Liberia: Building Climate Resilience in Liberia's Cocoa and Rice Sectors (IFAD; US\$ 9,592,082)
- Saint Lucia: Building resilience for adaptation to climate change and climate vulnerabilities in agriculture in Saint Lucia (Caribbean Development Bank (CDB); US\$ 9,858,570)

- [Regional] Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan: Reducing vulnerabilities of populations in the Central Asia region from glacier lake outburst floods in a changing climate (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); US\$ 6,500,000)

(e) Cash transfer requests signed

1<sup>st</sup> tranche

- Cameroon: Increasing local communities' resilience to climate change through youth entrepreneurship and integrated natural resources management (IFAD)
- Egypt: Building resilient food security systems to benefit the Southern Egypt region – Phase 2 (WFP)
- Indonesia: Safekeeping-Surviving-Sustaining towards Resilience: 3S Approach to Build Coastal City Resilience to Climate Change Impacts and Natural Disasters in Pekalongan City, Central Java Province (Kemitraan)
- Indonesia: Governance in Indigenous People of Ammatoa Kajang Customary Area in Bulukumba Regency, South Sulawesi Province, Indonesia (Kemitraan)
- Liberia: Building Climate Resilience in Liberia's Cocoa and Rice Sectors (IFAD)
- Saint Lucia: Building Resilience for Adaptation to Climate Change and Climate Vulnerabilities in Agriculture (CDB)
- [Regional] Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan: Reducing vulnerabilities of populations in the Central Asia region from glacier lake outburst floods in changing climate (UNESCO)

2<sup>nd</sup> tranche

- Armenia: Artik city closed stonepit wastes and flood management pilot project (Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU))
- Armenia: Strengthening land-based adaptation capacity in communities adjacent to protected areas in Armenia (EPIU)
- Paraguay: Ecosystem Based Approaches for Reducing the Vulnerability of Food Security to the Impacts of Climate Change in the Chaco region of Paraguay (United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP))
- Peru: Adaptation to the Impacts of Climate Change on Peru's Coastal Marine Ecosystems and Fisheries (Peruvian Trust Fund for National Parks and Protected Areas (PROFONANPE))

3<sup>rd</sup> tranche

- Antigua and Barbuda: An integrated approach to physical adaptation and community resilience in Antigua and Barbuda's Northwest McKinnon's watershed (Department of Environment (DoE), Antigua and Barbuda)

- India: Building Adaptive Capacities of Communities, Livelihoods and Ecological Security in the Kanha-Pench Corridor of Madhya Pradesh (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD))
- Jordan: Increasing the resilience of poor and vulnerable communities to climate change (Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC))
- Namibia: Pilot rural desalination plants using renewable power and membrane technology (Desert Research Foundation of Namibia (DRFN))
- Nepal: Adapting to Climate Induced Threats to Food Production and Food Security in the Karnali Region of Nepal (WFP)
- 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 (Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF))

#### 4<sup>th</sup> tranche

- Chile: Enhancing resilience to climate change of the small agriculture in the Chilean region of O'Higgins (Agencia chilena de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AGCID))
- India: Building Adaptive Capacities of Communities, Livelihoods and Ecological Security in the Kanha-Pench Corridor of Madhya Pradesh (NABARD)
- Morocco: Climate changes adaptation project in oasis zones - PACC-ZO (Agence pour le Développement Agricole (ADA))
- South Africa: Building Resilience in the greater uMngeni Catchment, South Africa (South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI))

#### 6<sup>th</sup> tranche

- Uzbekistan: Developing Climate Resilience of Farming Communities in the drought prone parts of Uzbekistan (United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

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

#### Project formulation grants (PFGs)

- Bhutan: Adaptation to Climate-induced Water Stresses through Integrated Landscape Management in Bhutan (Bhutan Trust Fund for Environment Conservation (BTFEC); US\$ 30,000)
- Uganda: Enhancing resilience of communities and fragile ecosystems to climate change in Katonga catchment, Uganda (Ministry of Water and Environment (MoWE); US\$ 27,000)
- Zimbabwe: Enhancing resilience of communities and ecosystems in the face of a changing climate in arid and semi- arid areas of Zimbabwe (Environmental Management Agency (EMA); US\$ 30,000)

- [Regional] Angola and Namibia: Resilience building as climate change adaptation in drought-struck South-western African communities (Observatoire du Sahara et du Sahel (OSS); US\$ 80,000)
- [Regional] Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica and Saint Lucia: Increasing resilience of the education system to climate change impacts in the Eastern Caribbean region (UN-Habitat); US\$ 80,000)
- [Regional] Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau and Sao Tome and Principe: Building resilience of agricultural systems to climate change in three Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in West and Central Africa (IFAD; US\$ 100,000)
- [Regional] Burkina Faso, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Gambia (Republic of The), Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Senegal and Togo: Scaling-up climate-resilient rice production in West Africa (OSS; US\$ 80,000)
- [Regional] India and Sri Lanka: Strengthening resilience of vulnerable communities in Sri Lanka and India to increased impacts of climate change (WFP; US\$ 20,000)
- [Regional] El Salvador and Honduras: Strengthening the adaptive capacities of climate-vulnerable communities in the Goascorán watershed of El Salvador and Honduras through integrated community-based adaptation practices and services (WFP; US\$ 80,000)

#### Project formulation assistance grants (PFAs)

- Bhutan: Adaptation to Climate-induced Water Stresses through Integrated Landscape Management in Bhutan (BTFEC; US\$ 20,000)
- Uganda: Enhancing resilience of communities and fragile ecosystems to climate change in Katonga catchment, Uganda (MoWE; US\$ 20,000)
- Zimbabwe: Enhancing resilience of communities and ecosystems in the face of a changing climate in arid and semi- arid areas of Zimbabwe (EMA; US\$ 20,000)

#### Amendment letters for concrete adaptation projects

- Uruguay: Building resilience to climate change and variability in vulnerable smallholders (Agencia Nacional de Investigacion e Innovacion (ANII))
- South Africa: Taking adaptation to the ground: A small Grants Facility for enabling local-level responses to climate change (SANBI)
- South Africa: Building Resilience in the greater uMngeni Catchment, South Africa (SANBI)

#### Small innovation grants

- Antigua and Barbuda: Innovative technologies for improved water availability to increase food security in Antigua and Barbuda (DoE, Antigua and Barbuda, US\$ 250,000)
- Chile: Water Security: Improving Water Access during Emergency Situations in San Antonio Province, Region Valparaíso (AGCID, US\$ 230,000)

- Dominican Republic: Strengthening of a Replicable Micro Ecosystem of Accelerated Technological Innovation for Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change in Dominican Republic through the Development of a Pilot Thermo Solar Desalination Appropriate Technology (Dominican Institute of Integral Development (IDDI), US\$ 249,929).

#### Readiness grants

- Benin: Technical assistance for assessment and management of gender related issues and for compliance with the Gender Policy (Fonds National pour l'Environnement et le Climat (FNEC), US\$ 10,000)
- Cote d'Ivoire: Technical assistance for assessment and management of environmental, social and gender related issues and for compliance with the Fund's Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy (Fonds Interprofessionnel pour la Recherche et le Conseil Agricoles (FIRCA), US\$ 24,820)

(g) Fostered promotion of Fund's work through outreach, including:

- Providing opening remarks at Adaptation Fund event "Serving the Paris Agreement through financing adaptation action, innovation and learning" during the UNFCCC Climate Change Dialogues, on 3 December 2020
- Providing remarks at the closing event of the UNFCCC Climate Dialogue on 4 December 2020
- Signing invitation letters to and providing opening remarks at the Adaptation Fund Contributor Dialogue for Ambition in Adaptation Finance, held in conjunction with the 2020 Climate Ambition Summit on 14 December 2020
- Signing letters of appreciation to contributor governments
- Giving presentation on the progress of the Fund
- Agreeing with a Board member to represent the Board in a virtual meeting for gender focal points of UNFCCC constituted bodies, organized by the Technology Executive Committee (TEC)

2. Provided official quotes as AFB Chair in 10 news releases prepared by the Secretariat during the reporting period:

- March 8, 2021: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/international-womens-day-af-projects-foster-gender-equality/>
- March 5, 2021: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-fund-accredits-new-direct-access-entity-casm-in-honduras-further-enhancing-access-to-climate-finance/>
- February 19, 2021: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/nepal-based-center-becomes-7th-regional-implementing-entity-of-adaptation-fund/>

- January 28, 2021: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/qatar-announces-pledge-to-adaptation-fund-marking-first-non-annex-i-party-to-contribute-to-fund/>
- January 28, 2021 (for external news release): <https://gulf-times.com/story/683456/QFFD-signs-contribution-pact-with-Adaptation-Fund>
- December 16, 2020: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-fund-raises-nearly-us-116-million-in-new-pledges-for-adaptation-action-in-most-vulnerable-countries/>
- December 3, 2020: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-fund-accelerates-climate-responses-through-its-pillars-of-action-innovation-and-learning-and-sharing/>
- November 4, 2020: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-fund-board-approves-additional-funding-windows-to-provide-new-adaptation-opportunities-for-vulnerable-countries/>
- October 19, 2020: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-fund-study-shows-the-value-of-global-actions-to-enhance-country-ownership-over-climate-finance/>
- October 6, 2020: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/new-adaptation-fund-study-showcases-effective-locally-led-actions-on-the-ground/>