



## ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board  
Project and Programme Review Committee  
Twenty-seventh Meeting  
Bonn, Germany (virtual), 22-23 March 2021

### **ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

#### **1. Opening of the meeting**

The Chair of the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC), Mr. Lucas di Pietro (Argentina, Non-Annex I Parties) will open the meeting.

#### **2. Transition of the Chair and Vice-Chair**

The outgoing Chair of the PPRC, Mr. Lucas di Pietro (Argentina, Non-Annex I Parties) will hand over the Chairmanship of the PPRC to the incoming Chair, Ms. Susana Castro-Acuña Baixauli (Spain, Western European and Others). Ms. Susana Castro-Acuña Baixauli (Spain, Western European and Others) will hand over the Vice-Chairmanship of the PPRC to Ms. Ala Druta (Moldova, Eastern Europe).

#### **3. Organizational matters**

##### **a) Adoption of the agenda**

Documents: AFB/PPRC.27/1, Provisional agenda and AFB/PPRC.27/2, Annotated provisional agenda.

Action expected: The PPRC will be invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting and to raise any other matters it may wish to discuss. The other matters will be included on the agenda under item 16.

##### **b) Organization of work**

Documents: AFB/PPRC.27/1, Provisional agenda and AFB/PPRC.27/2, Annotated provisional agenda.

Background: The Chair will propose to the PPRC the organization of work as suggested in the attached provisional timetable.

Action expected: The PPRC will be invited to approve the organization of work as proposed by the Chair.

#### **4. Report of the secretariat on initial screening/ technical review of project and programme proposals**

Document: AFB/PPRC.27/4, Report of the secretariat on initial screening/technical review of project and programme proposals.

Background: There are currently 17 concrete project/programme proposals that have been processed and technically reviewed by the secretariat for the consideration of the PPRC and Board.

The report contained in document AFB/PPRC.27/4 presents a summary of 17 concrete project/programme proposals. The proposals consist of seven fully-developed project single country project proposals, three single country project concepts, two fully developed regional project proposal, two regional project concepts and three regional pre-concepts.

Action expected: The PPRC will be invited to take note of the report on the initial review of the proposals contained in document AFB/PPRC.27/4 and to make recommendations to the Board if necessary if necessary.

#### **5. Review of single-country project and programme proposals.**

Document: AFB/PPRC.27/4, Report of the secretariat on initial screening/technical review of the project and programme proposals

##### ***Fully-developed project/programme documents***

*Proposals from NIEs:*

Small-size proposal:

AFB/PPRC.27/5      Proposal for Indonesia (1) (Kemitraan)

AFB/PPRC.27/6      Proposal for Indonesia (2) (Kemitraan)

Regular proposals:

AFB/PPRC.27/7      Proposal for Belize (PACT)

AFB/PPRC.27/8      Proposal for Tanzania (United Republic of) (NEMC)

*Proposals from MIEs:*

Regular proposals:

AFB/PPRC.27/9 *Proposal for Djibouti (IFAD)*

AFB/PPRC.27/10 *Proposal for Syria (UN-Habitat)*

AFB/PPRC.27/11 *Proposal for Zimbabwe (United Republic of) (UNESCO)*

**Concepts**

*Proposals from MIEs:*

Regular proposals:

AFB/PPRC.27/12 *Proposal for Lebanon (FAO)*

AFB/PPRC.27/13 *Proposal for Viet Nam (FAO)*

AFB/PPRC.27/14 *Proposal for Yemen (UN-Habitat)*

**6. Review of regional project and programme proposals**

Document: AFB/PPRC.27/4, *Report of the secretariat on initial screening/technical review of the project and programme proposals.*

**Concepts**

*Proposals from MIEs:*

AFB/PPRC.27/17 *Proposal for Azerbaijan, Iran (Islamic Republic of) (UN-Habitat)*

AFB/PPRC.27/17/Add.1 *Project formulation grant for Azerbaijan, Iran (Islamic Republic of) (UN-Habitat)*

AFB/PPRC.27/18 *Proposal for Chad, Sudan (FAO)*

AFB/PPRC.27/18/Add.1 *Project formulation grant for Chad, Sudan (FAO)*

**Pre-concepts**

*Proposals from RIEs:*

AFB/PPRC.27/19 *Proposal for Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal (OSS)*

AFB/PPRC.27/19 *Project formulation grant Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal (OSS)*

*Proposals from MIEs:*

AFB/PPRC.27/20 *Proposal for Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Niger, Nigeria (WMO)*

AFB/PPRC.27/20/Add.1 *Project formulation grant for Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Niger, Nigeria (WMO)*

AFB/PPRC.27/21 *Proposal for Costa Rica, Panama (UNEP)*

AFB/PPRC.27/21/Add.1 *Project formulation grant for Costa Rica, Panama (UNEP)*

## **7. Report of the secretariat on initial screening/technical review of innovation small grant proposals**

Document: AFB/PPRC.27/22, *Report of the secretariat on initial screening/technical review of innovation small grant proposals.*

Background: There are currently three innovation small grants that have been processed and technically reviewed by the secretariat for the consideration of the PPRC and the Board.

Action expected: The PPRC will be invited to take note of the report on the initial review of the proposals contained in document AFB/PPRC.27/22 and to make recommendations to the Board if necessary.

## **8. Review of innovation small grant project proposals**

Proposals

AFB/PPRC.27/23 *Proposal for Bhutan (BT FEC)*

AFB/PPRC.27/24 *Proposal for Dominican Republic (IDDI)*

AFB/PPRC.27/25 *Proposal for Zimbabwe (EMA)*

## **9. Report on Report of the secretariat on initial screening/technical review of learning grant proposal.**

Document: AFB/PPRC.27/26, *Report of the secretariat on initial screening/technical review of learning grant proposal.*

Background: There is currently one learning grant that has been processed and technically reviewed by the secretariat for the consideration of the PPRC and the Board.

Action expected: The PPRC will be invited to take note of the report on the initial review of the proposal contained in document AFB/PPRC.27/26 and to make a recommendation to the Board if necessary.

## **10. Review of learning grant proposal**

Proposal

AFB/PPRC.27/27      Proposal for Kenya (NEMA)

## **11. Programme on innovation: Large Grants Projects' call for proposals**

Document: AFB/PPRC.27/28 Operationalization of the large grants for innovation (Funding Proposal template and review criteria).

Background: This document presents the Adaptation Fund Programme on Innovation: Large Grants Call for Proposals, as per the Medium-Term Strategy that was adopted by the Board in its thirtieth meeting which refers to support via grants of up to \$5 million. The Board approved through decision B.35.b/8 the process for providing funding for innovation through large grants to Implementing Entities (IEs) as described in document AFB/PPRC.26.b/16, including the proposed objectives, review criteria, expected grant sizes, implementation modalities, review process and other relevant features. Through the same decision, under subparagraph (c), the Board requested the secretariat to prepare the first Request for Proposals to IEs for US \$30 million to be launched by the first quarter of calendar year of 2021. In order to launch the large grants as mandated by Decision B.35.b/8, the secretariat has developed, and is submitting for approval, the application templates (Annex II), the review template (Annex III) and 'Instructions for Preparing a Request for Innovation Large Grants' (Annex IV), to accompany the 'Call for proposals for innovation large grant' presented in Annex I.

Action expected: The PPRC will be invited to take note of the report on the operationalization of the large grants for innovation contained in document AFB/PPRC.27/28 and to make recommendations to the Board if necessary.

## **12. Report on the Readiness Support Package Pilot**

Document: AFB/PPRC.27/29 Report on the Readiness Support Package Pilot.

Background: The Board approved the readiness support package grant as a pilot as included in the workplan for the Readiness Programme for Fiscal Year 2018 at its twenty-ninth meeting in March 2017. Following completion of the pilot, this document presents an analysis of the pilot readiness package grant, including grant benefits and added value, challenges faced, and a proposed way forward regarding the Fund's financial support for NIE accreditation.

Action expected: The PPRC will be invited to take note of the report on the Readiness Support Package Pilot contained in document AFB/PPRC.27/29 and to make recommendations to the Board as necessary.

### **13. Report of the secretariat on the intersessional review cycle for readiness grants**

Document: AFB/PPRC.27/30 *Report of the secretariat on the intersessional review cycle for readiness grants.*

Background: Three readiness grants were approved by the Board during the intersessional review period between the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth meetings of the Board. The grants included two Technical Assistance Grants for the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy (TA-ESGP) and one Technical Assistance Grant for the Gender Policy (TA-GP). This document presents an analysis of the review cycle for this intersessional period and presents a proposed way forward for increasing access to readiness grants.

Action expected: The PPRC will be invited to take note of the report of the secretariat on the intersessional review cycle for readiness grants contained in document AFB/PPRC.27/30 and to make recommendations to the Board if necessary.

### **14. Request for a change in project approval conditions**

Documents: AFB/PPRC.27/31 and AFB/PPRC.27/32, *Request for a change in project approval conditions*

Background: The Board through Decisions B.30/24 and B.30/26 approved projects in Fiji and Solomon Islands implemented by the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat) with approval conditions that required an updated Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) be submitted to the Board no later than the date of submission of the first Project Performance Report (PPR). The updated ESMP for both projects is linked with the finalization of comprehensive climate change vulnerability and disaster risk assessments in the target cities and informal settlements to remove any unidentified sub-project and reflect all environmental and social risks inherent with the identified adaptation activities. However, the IE has informed the secretariat that the condition of submitting an updated ESMP at the time of the first PPR is not in line with the approved projects workplan. The projects are unable to comply with the Board condition because specific activities to be undertaken in years two and three of the project implementation directly contribute to the finalization of the environmental and social and gender assessments which in turn would lead to the finalization of ESMP after year 3. In this respect, the IE has submitted a request for a change in the projects' approval conditions.

Action expected: The PPRC will be invited to take note of the documents for the request for a change in project approval conditions for the projects in Fiji (UN-habitat) and Solomon Islands (UN-Habitat), contained in documents AFB/PPRC.27/31 and AFB/PPRC.27/32, respectively and to make recommendations to the Board if necessary.

Proposals

AFB/PPRC.27/31 *Proposal for Fiji (UN-Habitat)*

AFB/PPRC.27/32 *Proposal for Solomon Islands (UN-Habitat)*

## **15. Report on the full cost of adaptation reasoning**

Document: AFB/PPRC.27/3, *Report on the full cost of adaptation reasoning*

Background: At its twenty-second meeting, the PPRC discussed an update on the full cost of adaptation reasoning criterion, following which the Board decided to request the secretariat to prepare an analysis of the full-cost-of-adaptation-reasoning criterion (document AFB/PPRC.22/25), revised in accordance with the medium-term strategy implementation plan contained in the Annex I to document AFB/B.31/5/Rev.1 and considering the views of governments of developing countries and relevant stakeholders of the Adaptation Fund on the issue, and to submit the analysis to the PPRC at its twenty-fourth meeting (Decision B.31/23). Document AFB/PPRC.27/4 was developed but was repeatedly deferred due to lack of time in the PPRC agenda. Given that the paper was originally prepared to be presented at the first Board after the approval of the implementation plan of the Medium-term Strategy (MTS), it does not include recent programmatic developments of the Fund. Moreover, since then, a growing number of proposals submitted for the Board's consideration have included different financing schemes, including different kinds of co-financing. This note includes the background on the full cost of adaptation and a rationale of why the PPRC would recommend to the Board to ask the secretariat to present a more comprehensive report in light of its technical but also political dimension. The original paper prepared is included as an annex to this note.

Action expected: The PPRC will be invited to take note of the report on the proposed process for an analysis on the full cost of adaptation reasoning AFB/PPRC.27/4 and to make a recommendation to the Board.

## **16. Other matters**

PPRC members will be invited to discuss any other matters raised during the adaptation of the agenda.

## **17. Adoption of the recommendations and report**

Document: The report of the PPRC including the recommendations will be prepared by the secretariat after the meeting.

Action expected: The secretariat will prepare the report of the meeting and circulate it after the meeting for PPRC endorsement before the thirty-sixth meeting of the Board. The PPRC Chair will report to the Board on the deliberations of the PPRC and on agreed recommendations to the Board.

## **18. Closure of the meeting**

The Chair of the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC) will close the meeting.

**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

All timetables are (UTC+01:00) Central European Time (Bonn, Germany).

**Day 1: Monday, 22 March 2021**

14:00 – 14:15	1	Opening of the meeting
	2	Transition of the Chair and Vice Chair
	3	Organizational matters
14:15 – 14:30	4	Report of the secretariat on initial screening/technical review of project and programme proposals
14:30 – 15:20	5	Review of single-country project and programme proposals
15:20 – 16:00	6	Review of regional project and programme proposals
16:00 – 16:10	7	Report of the secretariat on initial screening/technical review of innovation small grant proposals
16:10 – 17:00	8	Review of innovation small grant proposal

**Day 2: Tuesday, 23 March 2021**

14:00 – 14:10	9	Report of the secretariat on initial screening/technical review of learning grant proposal
14:10 – 14:20	10	Review of learning grant proposal
14:20 – 14:50	11	Programme on innovation: Large Grants Projects' call for proposals
14:50 – 15:10	12	Report on the Readiness Support Package Pilot
15:10 – 15:30	13	Report of the secretariat on the intersessional review cycle for readiness grants.
15:30 – 15:50	14	Request for change in project approval conditions
15:50 – 16:20	15	Full cost of adaptation reasoning.
16:20 - 16:40	16	Other matters
16:40 - 17:00	17	Adoption of the recommendations and report
	18	Closure of the meeting