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Adaptation Fund Readiness Webinar #12:

Topic: Understanding Project Review Criteria and Vulnerability Assessment in Preparation of Project Activities

The 12th Readiness Webinar will take place on **Thursday, 25 March 2021 via Zoom from 07:00-08:45 am EDT** (Washington DC time, GMT -04:00) to discuss the topic: Understanding Project Review Criteria and Vulnerability Assessment in Preparation of Project Activities. Please note a repeat session with different NIE speakers is planned for the same day **from 05:00-07:00 pm EDT** (Washington DC time, GMT -04:00) in order to accommodate NIEs in all geographic regions.

The webinar topic was the most requested subject from topics identified by NIEs in a pre-event survey administered by the secretariat to all accredited NIEs.

About Understanding Project Review Criteria and Vulnerability Assessment in Preparation of Project Activities.

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. 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, for Adaptation Fund funded projects/programmes, relevant climate change scenarios and the social, economic, environment and development context need to be outlined and explained.

The webinar will discuss the Adaptation Fund's project review criteria based on the Fund's Operational Policies and Guidelines (OPGs) and will facilitate peer to peer exchange and lesson sharing among NIEs on the approaches they have used and best practice applied across different geographic regions on project design and development that is based on evidence and data collected through assessments, studies and other observations of vulnerability due to adverse climate impacts, including the options to address such vulnerabilities.

Agenda

Agenda on Thursday, 25 March 2021 from 7:00-8:45am EDT, (Washington DC time)

Moderator: Mr. Farayi Madziwa, AFB secretariat.

Introduction

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

AF project review criteria and assessments to support full project development

7:05am Ms. Imen Meliane, Consultant, AFB secretariat

NIE experiences in meeting the Adaptation Fund project review criteria and undertaking vulnerability assessment and other technical assessments for project preparation, design and development

7:30am Ms. Meryem Andaloussi, Agency for Agricultural Development (ADA),
Morocco

7:45am Mr. Mike Jennings, South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI),
South Africa

8:00am Ms. Lusine Hovhannisyan, Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU),
Armenia

8:15am Open Dialogue

8:40am Wrap up

8:45am Webinar Closure

Agenda on Thursday, 25 March 2021 from 5:00-7:00pm EDT, (Washington DC time)

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Introduction

5:00pm Mr. Farayi Madziwa, Team Lead (Readiness Programme), AFB secretariat

AF project review criteria and assessments to support full project development

5:05pm Ms. Imen Meliane, Consultant, AFB secretariat

5:30pm Roundtable discussion: NIE experiences to meet the AF project review criteria and undertaking vulnerability assessment and other technical assessments for project preparation, design and development

Speakers:

Mr. William N. Kostka, Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT), Federated States of Micronesia

Mr. Pedro Zuccarini, Dominican Institute of Integral Development (IDDI), Dominican Republic

6:15pm Open dialogue

6:50pm Wrap up

7:00pm Webinar Close

About the Speakers

Imèn Meliane

is a consultant with the Adaptation Fund. She is an international expert with over 18 years of experience in environmental management, climate adaptation and international policy with a particular focus on nature-based solutions and marine environment. She has worked for several organizations including the International Union for Conservation of Nature, The Nature Conservancy and UNDP and has an excellent understanding of interplay between environmental sustainability, climate change and development challenges.



Meryem Andaloussi

is currently the Head of the Environment Service at the Agency for Agricultural Development (ADA) in Morocco. She obtained her degree in 2010, in Agro-economic Engineering from the Agronomy and Veterinary Institute Hassan II in Rabat, Morocco. She started her professional career in December 2010 at the Agency for Agricultural Development as a project manager in the Department of Project Management and in 2016, was appointed head of the Environment Service in the Agency for Agricultural Development.



Mike Jennings

is the Strategic Grant Manager at the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), South Africa. Mike has over 10 years of experience in developing and overseeing the implementation of climate change adaptation projects, initially for Multilateral Implementing Entities such as UNDP and UNEP. In 2013 Mike joined the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) to support the development and oversight of South Africa's projects under the Adaptation Fund, and more recently to develop a pipeline of Green Climate Fund projects which focus on Nature-based Solutions to climate change.



William N. Kostka

is the Executive Director of the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT), a charitable and irrevocable corporation organized to support biodiversity conservation, climate change adaptation and related sustainable development for the people of Micronesia by providing long term sustained funding and capacity building support. He serves on the Pacific Islands Forum Committee on Regionalism, and serves as Coordinator of the IUCN-WCPA Micronesia Program.

**Pedro Zuccarini**

is presently a Project Manager with the Dominican Institute of Integral Development (IDDI). He has extensive experience in Emergency Preparedness Based on Climate Risk Forecasts, Climate Change and Risk Management, Humanitarian aid and Emergency Relief, Coastal Management, Community Development, Management of Cooperatives, Community Education for Disaster Prevention and other related Climate Change and Risk Management initiatives.

**About Readiness Webinars**

The Adaptation Fund has facilitated eleven successful webinars since November 2015. In addition to learning from each other's experiences, NIEs participating in the webinars have the opportunity to delve deeper into topical or thematic issues under discussion and to engage with each other on practical issues and best practices regarding the development, implementation and closure of adaptation projects.

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