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Agenda item 4

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT

Background

1. This report lists the activities undertaken by the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat (the secretariat) and the Adaptation Fund Technical Evaluation Reference Group (AF-TERG) Secretariat during the period of five months between the second session of the thirty-fifth meeting in October 2020 and the thirty-sixth meeting of the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) in April 2021.

Finalization and posting of the report of the second session of the thirty-fifth meeting

2. Following the second session of the thirty-fifth meeting held virtually on 26-28 October 2020, the secretariat supported the Chair in finalizing the report of the meeting. As agreed by the Board, the report was completed and circulated to Board members and alternates for comments and approval. The Board approved the report and it was posted on the website of the Adaptation Fund (the Fund) as documents AFB/B.35.b/8.

Events and meetings

3. During the reporting period, the secretariat participated in, and presented at, the following events and meetings (excluding meetings of the readiness programme that are described in a separate section below).

- (a) Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), Local Climate Solutions for Africa organized a Financing for Change event (4 November 2020, virtual): A member of the secretariat delivered remarks, as part of a panel, on examples of innovative finance through the Fund.
- (b) Micronesia Sub-Regional for the Engagement of the Private Sector (11-12 November 2020, virtual): A member of the secretariat participated as a speaker and presented the Fund's opportunities for the engagement of the private sector, especially under the innovation facility and an overview of the Fund's investments in the Pacific.
- (c) Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator virtual joint launch by UNDP, UNEP, CTCN and the Fund (18 November 2020, virtual): Two launch events were held in the same day in order to cover different time zones with participation from senior leadership as well as technical and program-level staff from the Fund and partners in the initiative, along with other prominent stakeholders.
- (d) Reforming climate finance to support locally led adaptation (18 November 2020, virtual): A member of the secretariat participated as a speaker at the event co-hosted by the World Resources Institute (WRI) and International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) at the London Climate Action Week 2020. The event addressed how funders, intermediaries, CSO groups and networks, and researchers can better support locally led adaptation.

- (e) Fourth Annual Dialogue of Climate Funds (26 November 2020, virtual): The manager and members of the secretariat joined the virtual annual dialogue organized by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and attended by the CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the head of the Climate Investment Funds (CIFs). The Fund shared its adaptive capacity and experiences to supporting vulnerable countries during the unprecedented times due to COVID-19.
- (f) UN Climate Change Dialogues, Technology Day (30 November 2020, virtual): A member of the secretariat delivered remarks, as part of a panel, on innovation at the Fund.
- (g) UN Climate Change Dialogues, Adaptation Fund Event (3 December 2020, virtual): The Fund organized an event to showcase key achievements of the Fund serving the Paris Agreement based on the Board's strategic vision of enhancing adaptation action, innovation and learning, with speakers including the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board, high level representatives of governments and UNFCCC, implementing entities, civil society and the secretariat.
- (h) Adaptation Fund Contributor Dialogue for Ambition in Adaptation finance in conjunction with the 2020 Climate Ambition Summit (14 December 2020, virtual): The event was hosted by the U.K. Presidency of COP 26 and the Chilean Presidency of COP 25 with high-level participation from governments, UNFCCC, and other prominent AF stakeholders.
- (i) Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) (16 December 2020, virtual): A member of the secretariat participated as a speaker at the 4th meeting of the facilitative working group of the LCIPP where it presented the policies in place, procedures and different funding windows of the Fund available to indigenous peoples.
- (j) Virtual Workshop on Financing Transboundary Water Cooperation and Basin Development (16-17 December 2020, virtual): A member of the secretariat participated as a speaker in the session "Financing transboundary water cooperation and management: what public financial mechanisms are available for countries and river basin organizations?"
- (k) Local Leadership in Adaptation Finance: Learning from Locally-led Action in Adaptation Fund Projects and Programmes (18 January 2021, virtual): The secretariat organized a session at the Gobeshona Global Conference on Locally-Led Adaptation hosted by International Center for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD). The event provided an overview of relevant financing modalities, policies and practices of the Fund that are designed to support locally led action and it included first-hand experiences from National Implementing Entities of the Fund.
- (I) Adaptation Innovation Marketplace (19 January 2021, virtual): A member of the secretariat delivered remarks at a UNDP-organized session at the Gobeshona Global

Conference on Locally-Led Adaptation hosted by International Center for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD).

- (m) Meeting of the Alliance for Hydromet Development (19 January 2021, virtual): Members of the secretariat attended the alliance meeting organized by WMO and joined by all members. The secretariat team discussed the issues presented including the update of the Systematic Observation Finance Facility (SOFF) and its structuring, the hydromet gap report as well as the SOFF roadmap to COP 26.
- (n) Climate Adaptation Summit: Locally-led action anchoring event, "Innovative programs to take action to the ground" (25-26 January 2021, virtual): The manager of the secretariat delivered pre-recorded remarks session on the current programs to take action to the ground for locally led adaptation.
- (o) Inception workshop of the project "Enhancing Adaptive Capacity of Andean Communities through Climate Services in Peru, Colombia and Chile" (2-4 February 2021, virtual): the manager of the secretariat provided opening remarks at the inception workshop of the project implemented by the World Meteorological Organization.
- (p) NGO Committee on Financing for Development (FfD) (3 February 2021, virtual): A member of the secretariat gave an overview of its mandate, its portfolio and the different financing windows. The NGO Committee on FfD is a substantive committee of the conference of NGOs in consultative relationship with the United Nations.
- (q) Access to climate finance workshop by IIED (23 February 2021, virtual): A member of the secretariat joined the part one of the workshop organized by IIED in partnership with WRI and Climate Center on access to climate finance and attended by about 50 participants including representatives from the UK COP26 presidency bureau. The AF discussed the fund's experience on delivering climate finance including its direct access modality and enhanced direct access.
- (r) GEF Introduction Seminar 2021 (22-25 February 2021, virtual): Members of the secretariat joined the seminar and gave an overview presentation on the Fund, including its strategic directions, results and collaboration with other climate funds.
- (s) Technical workshop on quantity, quality and composition of climate finance (26 February 2021, virtual): The manager of the secretariat joined the workshop organized by the World Resources Institute aimed at identifying challenges and priorities for the mobilization of predictable climate finance in the run-up to COP 26 in Glasgow and beyond.
- (t) 7th Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum (8-12 March 2021, virtual): The manager of the secretariat joined a panel organized by the Asian Development Bank with the theme "Climate Finance for Catalysing Transformative Economic Development" and shared the Fund's approach to and experience on supporting resilience in economic sectors.

- (u) Climate and Development Expert Roundtable (17 March 2021, virtual): The manager and representatives of the secretariat joined the roundtable event organized by the COP 26 Presidency, which brought together policy experts from countries that are highly vulnerable to climate change and donor countries, plus relevant institutions, to collectively shape international discussions and approaches across the climate, development and recovery agendas. The event focus on the practical issues of greatest concern to countries most vulnerable to climate change: how to respond to the growing impacts of climate change, such as frequent floods and drought and how to better finance this response including helping address the fiscal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (v) Climate and Development Ministerial (31 March 2021, virtual): The manager of the secretariat joined the ministerial meeting organized by the Government of the United Kingdom. Conducted virtually, the event brought together ministers and stakeholders to identify practical next steps on a series of priority issues for climate vulnerable communities ahead of COP26: access to climate finance, responding to the impacts of climate change, quantity, quality and composition of climate finance, and fiscal space and debt sustainability.

Preparations for the thirty-sixth Board meeting

Meeting arrangements

4. Following the Board decision to hold its thirty-sixth meeting in Bonn, Germany from 22 to 26 March 2021, the secretariat made a reservation of conference rooms for physical meeting but cancelled it when it became evident that it was not possible to hold that meeting as planned.

5. The secretariat made arrangements for committee meetings and Board meeting in a virtual format to take place on 22-25 March 2021 and 6-8 April 2021, respectively.

Meeting documents

6. The secretariat, working closely with the Board Chair and the Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs, and the trustee, prepared the documents for the thirty-sixth meeting of the Board and for the twenty-seventh meetings of the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC), and of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC).

7. The full list of documents is contained in document AFB/B.36/Inf.1, List of documents.

Membership of the Board

8. There were no changes in the membership of the Board as of the date of the issuance of this document.

Intersessional decisions approved by the Board

9. The secretariat, in consultation with the Board Chair and Vice-Chair, prepared and circulated draft decision texts, of which 27 were approved by the Board during the intersessional period as of the date of this document. All the decisions listed below have been posted on the Fund website.

B.35-36/1	Fast-Track Re-accreditation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as a Multilateral Implementing Entity (MIE)
B.35-36/2	Fast-Track Accreditation of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) as a Multilateral Implementing Entity (MIE)
B.35-36/3	Approval of Direct Project Services, SANBI (South Africa)
B.35-36/4	Legal Agreement Template for Learning Grant
B.35-36/5	Fast-Track Re-accreditation of the Department of Environment (DoE) of Antigua and Barbuda as a National Implementing Entity (NIE)
B.35-36/6	Approval of Technical Assistance Grant: Benin (FNEC)
B.35-36/7	Approval of Technical Assistance Grant: Côte d'Ivoire (FIRCA)
B.35-36/8	Approval of Technical Assistance Grant: Mexico (IMTA)
B.35-36/9	Procedural steps for receiving contributions from sources alternative to government funding
B.35-36/10	Privileges and Immunity Clause and AF Standard Legal Agreement
B.35-36/11	Fast Track Re-accreditation of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) as a Multilateral Implementing Entity (MIE)
B.35-36/12	Approval of no cost extension of project completion date: Lao People's Democratic Republic (UN-Habitat)
B.35-36/13	Approval of Innovation Small Grant for Antigua and Barbuda
B.35-36/14	Endorsement of Principles for Locally-Led Adaptation Action by the Adaptation Fund
B.35-36/17	Accreditation of the International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) as a Regional Implementing Entity (RIE)
B.35-36/18	Approval of request for change of project outcome, outputs and related indicators, budget revision and amendment of disbursement schedule: Federated States of Micronesia (SPREP)
B.35-36/19	Accreditation of the Comisión Acción Social Menonita (CASM) of Honduras as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund
B.35-36/20	Organization of meeting of the Adaptation Fund Board during March – April 2021
B.35-36/21	Approval of Proposal for Jordan and Lebanon
B.35-36/22	Approval of Proposal for Thailand and Viet Nam
B.35-36/23	Approval of Proposal for Republic of the Gambia
B.35-36/24	Approval of Direct Project Services: Costa Rica (Fudecooperación)
B.35-36/25	The Updated Gender Policy and Gender Action Plan
B.35-36/26	Approval of no cost extension of project completion date: Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda (UNEP)

B.35-36/27 Approval of no cost extension of project completion date: Antigua and Barbuda (DoE)

Implementation of decisions adopted by the Board at its second session of the thirty-fifth meeting and during the ensuing intersessional period

Application of the environmental and social policy by implementing agencies

10. The secretariat launched an intersessional survey among the Board during the period of 16 January - 7 February 2021 with a view to identify options deemed most feasible and optimal for further analysis by the secretariat. Before launching the survey, to facilitate the survey, the secretariat had prepared a supplementary information document which contains preliminary reflections by the secretariat and the Accreditation Panel exert members on the potential operational implications of the options as outlined in document AFB/B.35.b/4/Add.1. The outcome document was circulated to the Board as part of the intersessional survey. Based on the results of the survey, in line with Decision B.35.b/18, the secretariat had conducted further analysis on the selected options and prepared documents (AFB/B.36/9 and AFB/B.36/9/Add.1) to be presented for consideration at the thirty-sixth meeting of the Board (April 2021). (Decision B.35.b/18)

Strategic discussion on objectives and further steps of the Fund. Potential linkages between the Fund and the Green Climate Fund (GCF)

11. The secretariat continued discussions with the GCF to advance the collaborative activities identified at the Annual Dialogue in November 2017, the Technical Workshop in February 2018 and the informal meetings between the Chair and Vice-Chair of the AFB and the Co-Chairs of the GCF in May and September 2018 and at the margins of the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 24) held in Katowice, Poland; and (e) Request the Chair and the secretariat to provide to the Board. The secretariat also assisted the Chair of the Board to prepare a report on the progress made in the activities to be presented at its thirty-sixth meeting. (Decision B.35.b/19).

12. The manager of the secretariat accompanied by members of the secretariat attended the 4th Annual Dialogue Climate Funds on November 26th, 2020, organized virtually by the GCF and joined by both GEF and CIFs. The dialogue between heads of all funds was focused on sharing experiences and lessons learned from the fund's support to vulnerable countries in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds also did a stocktaking exercise on progress in implementing the six activities of the 2019 roadmap and agreed on two additional and priority joint actions to be added to the collaboration roadmap, namely (i) jointly crafting an advocacy and communication plan towards COP 26 including side events and (ii) a joint forward-looking communique with a common message of support to developing countries facing growing challenges due to COVID-19.

13. In addition, the Fund is in discussion with the GCF secretariat to identify potential projects for scaling up in the context of complementarity and coherence between the climate funds. An approach for projects scaling up is under discussion between the two secretariats and its operationalization is envisaged in the next months. These developments are included in document to be presented to the Board at its thirty-sixth meeting (AFB/B.36/6).

Resource mobilization

14. The secretariat highlighted, in its communications and outreach activities, how the overall adaptation funding needs according to the strategic priorities of the Adaptation Fund set out in its Medium-term Strategy on action, as well as due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly on poor and vulnerable populations, have increased and how this is reflected in increased need for support by the Fund. (Decision B.35.b/22)

15. At the second session of its thirty-fifth meeting, to meet the continuous high demand¹, the Board decided (Decision B.35.b/22) to raise its annual resource mobilization target to US\$ 120 million for both 2020 and 2021. In December 2020 during its virtual Contributor Dialogue to further Ambition in Adaptation Finance, an event coinciding with the 5th Anniversary of the Paris Agreement and Climate Ambition Summit 2020, the Fund raised US\$ 116 million in new contributions for 2020 with pledges from Germany, Italy, Sweden and Ireland, as well as Belgium's Walloon Regional Government and Brussels-Capital Regional Government. The total almost reached the set target and represents a remarkable effort during a challenging economic year ravaged by the COVID-19 pandemic.

16. In January 2021 as a new contributor to the Fund, Qatar broke ground by becoming the first non-Annex I Party to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change to provide financial support to the Adaptation Fund and is further the first country from the Middle East to contribute to the Fund.

Further analysis of project inception delays

17. The secretariat prepared a document which contains proposed options for dealing with project inception delays and improving portfolio performance to be presented at the twenty-seventh meeting of the EFC for consideration. (Decision B.34/45)

Review of the project and programme review process

18. The secretariat was requested by the Board to prepare a document which contains options for further supporting the work of the PPRC to be presented to the twenty-seventh meeting of the PPRC for consideration. The preparation of this document and its discussion is to be deferred until when the PPRC face-to-face meetings will resume, as for the time being it is not considered a priority, considering virtual PPRC meeting arrangements. (Decision B.34/50)

¹ the Fund received record highs in new proposals for review cycles in 2019 and 2020 and has an active project pipeline of about US\$ 280 million

Readiness Programme

19. During the reporting period, the secretariat implemented the following activities under the Readiness Programme²:

- a) The secretariat hosted a virtual global accreditation training workshop titled: Bridging the gaps in accessing adaptation finance - Lessons from the Adaptation Fund Secretariat, Accreditation Panel and Accredited Entities on 3 and 5 November 2020. The workshop sought to enhance understanding on the Fund's accreditation process among developing countries, to close the gaps on accreditation and to promote the Fund's e-learning course on accreditation.
- b) The secretariat jointly hosted an event in partnership with the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) at the local level roundtable event on 4 November 2020 which was held as part of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) Capacity-building Momentum to Recover Better event series. The event shone the light on the enormous surge of support for activities underway across the globe that are moving the world toward a highly resilient, low-carbon future.
- c) The secretariat held the 11th readiness webinar on 10 and 11 November 2020. The webinar discussed the topic: Climate change adaptation reasoning to support project development and assessing broader vulnerabilities. The report of the webinar is available on the Fund website at: <u>https://www.adaptation-fund.org/readiness/news-seminars/</u>.
- d) The secretariat hosted in partnership with the *Centre de Suivi Ecologique* (CSE), an accredited national implementing entity (NIE) of the Fund, a virtual country exchange under the themes of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Coastal Zone Management. The events for the exchange took place on 30 November, 3 and 10 December and supported South-South peer to peer learning among the Fund's accredited NIEs based on CSE's project funded by the Fund.

Communications

19. From 29 October 2020 to 10 February 2021, the secretariat has developed and distributed seven press releases, including on topics ranging from recognition of the Fund's work pronounced by contributors during the Contributor Dialogue, progress of the Fund over the year in adapting and building resilience amid the pandemic and continuing to deliver and grow through its concrete projects, ongoing record demand and project examples highlighted through its expanding tools via its MTS grants, as well as its growing and diverse donor base, two videos (one focused on the Fund's pillars of Action, Innovation & Learning & Sharing and Serving the Paris Agreement, and one on the launch of the innovation accelerator); two Flickr photo sharing

² Reports for the events held are available on the Fund website: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/readiness/news-seminars/

albums on virtual events, a year in review e-newsletter on the Fund's achievements and highlights of 2020, three event video recordings, and multiple event flyers and sets of talking points. The secretariat also shared multiple external stories and videos from Fund implementing entities and partners on its digital platforms.

20. Website performance has done well so far in FY21, with 194,553 page views (2.87% increase from last year) and 30,513 users (5.36% increase from last year). The Fund has also put out 204 tweets, and received 1,282 new Twitter followers, reaching 229,500 impressions. Facebook has 11,786 likes and LinkedIn 1,388 followers. Media mentions grew, with 116 received to date (87 in English, 24 in Spanish and 5 in French).

21. The secretariat has continued to innovate and grow its communications platforms, including developing new podcast, blog and media stories to extend its audience reach. It produced new podcast and blog stories on readiness, capacity building and youth engagement in adaptation during the reporting period, as well as a new story in partnership with Climate Home News on the Fund's new innovation grants in action and trends and programmes in innovation.

Knowledge Management

22. The secretariat completed a virtual training course on learning grants aimed at enhancing the understanding of NIEs of learning grants requirements and activities eligible for funding. The course is available in English and there is work in process to make it available in Spanish and French.

23. The secretariat hosted a knowledge fair that was part of a virtual country exchange hosted by CSE, Senegal around the topic of coastal zone management and disaster risk protection. The knowledge fair facilitated an exchange of information, experiences and lessons learned by NIEs from the implementation of their projects around this topic. A knowledge brochure will be produced capturing these lessons learned and applied from the participating NIEs.

24. The secretariat entered into a partnership with the Global Commission on Adaptation (GCA) and the World Resources Institute on work related to locally-led adaptation action. As part of this the Fund endorsed principles of locally led adaptation put forward by the GCA and presented during the Climate Adaptation Summit in January 2021. The Fund also prepared a blogpost in collaboration with the GCA capturing findings from the AF produced publication on Local Leadership in Adaptation Finance.

Accreditation

25. The Panel held its thirty-fifth meeting in a virtual manner on 3-4 February 2021. For the meeting, the secretariat had received four new complete accreditation applications for 4 potential NIEs. The Panel has continued reviewing 13 re-accreditation applications (7 NIEs, 2 RIE and 4 MIEs) and 11 accreditation applications of 8 potential NIEs, 2 potential RIEs and 1 potential MIE that were previously reviewed but required additional information for the Panel's review. At its thirty-fifth meeting, the Panel held a discussion on the analysis on how to classify implementing

entities applicants as RIEs. The secretariat also provided updates to the Panel on (i) the issue of the IE's/Applicant IE's top-level management statement (TLMS) on Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) and Gender Policy (GP) commitment; and (ii) the AF Readiness Programme Activities related to accreditation.

26. During the intersessional period, the Board accredited the International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) as RIE; accredited the Comisión Acción Social Menonita (CASM) of Honduras as NIE; accredited, using the fast track process, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) as MIE; re-accredited, using the fast-track process, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as MIE; the Department of Environment (DoE) of Antigua and Barbuda as an NIE; and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) as MIE. Details of the Panel's thirty-fifth meeting will be published on the Fund's website.

	NIE	RIE	MIE
Accredited	33	7	14
Re-accredited	13	4	11

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 Table 1: Status of accreditation applications submitted to the secretariat as of 26 February 2021

(Table does not include unscreened, withdrawn, or closed applications and re-accreditation applications)

Screening/technical review of project/programme proposals

Screened by secretariat pending completion of accreditation

Currently under review by Accreditation Panel

application during this report period

Not accredited

27. In preparation for the thirty-sixth Board meeting in April 2021, the secretariat screened and prepared technical reviews of eight fully-developed single-country project documents and three single country concepts, as well as two regional fully-developed project documents, two regional project concepts, and three regional pre-concepts. In addition, the secretariat screened and technically reviewed three innovation small grant proposals and one learning small grant proposal. In performing these tasks, the dedicated team of officials of the secretariat was supported by GEF Secretariat technical staff, and seven contracted technical experts, including ones with environmental and social expertise.

28. During the intersessional period between the second session of the thirty-fifth meeting of the Board and its thirty sixth meeting, four projects that were listed as waitlisted were approved given the availability of funding under the MIE cap. Of these, two proposals are single-country projects and two proposals are regional projects. Additionally, one innovation small grant was approved.

Review of Project Performance Reports (PPRs) and project/programme no-cost extension requests

29. Following the Board Decision B.28/47 at its twenty-eighth meeting to delegate to the secretariat its authority to approve technical review and clearance of the PPRs prior to authorization by the Chair of the cash transfer of funding tranches, the secretariat has completed the review, cleared and made publicly available on the Fund's website:

- a) The first Project Performance Report (PPR) for the projects implemented in: Paraguay (UNEP, inception date: April 2019); Peru (PROFONANPE, inception date: April 2018); Armenia "Artik city closed stonepit wastes and flood management pilot project" (EPIU, inception date: July 2019); Armenia "Strengthening land-based adaptation capacity in communities adjacent to protected areas in Armenia" (EPIU, inception date: September 2019).
- b) The second PPR for the projects implemented in: Peru (CAF, inception date: October 2018); India "Building Adaptive Capacities of Communities, Livelihoods and Ecological Security in the Kanha-Pench Corridor of Madhya Pradesh" (NABARD, inception date: April 2017); Namibia (DRFN, inception date: July 2018); Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda (WMO, inception date: August 2018); Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, United Republic of Uganda (UNEP, inception date: June 2018); Ethiopia (MOFEC, inception date: July 2017); Federated States of Micronesia (MCT, inception date: July 2017).
- c) The third PPR for the projects implemented in: India "Climate Smart Actions and Strategies in North Western Himalayan Region for Sustainable Livelihoods of Agriculture-Dependent Hill Communities" (NABARD, inception date: October 2016); Jordan (MOPIC, inception date: July 2017); Chile (AGCID, inception date: August 2017); India "Building Adaptive Capacities of Communities, Livelihoods and Ecological Security in the Kanha-Pench Corridor of Madhya Pradesh" (NABARD, inception date: April 2017); Uganda (OSS, inception date: May 2017);
- d) The fourth PPR for the project implemented in: South Africa "Building Resilience in the greater uMngeni Catchment, South Africa" (SANBI, inception date: December 2015); Myanmar (UNDP, inception date: September 2015).
- e) The fifth PPR for the project implemented in: Uzbekistan (UNDP, inception date: May 2014).
- f) The seventh PPR for the project implemented in: Cambodia (UNEP, inception date: May 2013).

30. Additionally, the secretariat received intersessionally two regular no-cost project/programme extension requests. The secretariat proceeded screening the requests and prepared corresponding Board documents. The requests were approved by the Board and

corresponding decisions were transmitted to the IEs. The requests received and approved by the Board as of the date of the issuance of this document are listed below:

- 1) B.35-36/12 Approval of no cost extension of project completion date: Lao People's Democratic Republic (UN-Habitat);
- 2) B.35-36/15 Approval of no cost extension of programme completion date: Panama (Fundación Natura).

31. Additionally, as per Board Decision B.35.b/16, which includes a provision for temporary no-cost extension of the project completion date up to 12 months for projects/programmes which have been delayed due to COVID-19 and which are set to be completed within 24 months from the date of the extension request, the secretariat received intersessionally seven no-cost project/programme extension requests. The secretariat proceeded screening the requests and found that these are compliant with the criteria as described in paragraph 33 of document AFB/EFC.26.b/4. The requests received and cleared by the secretariat as of the date of the issuance of this document are listed below:

- 1) No cost extension of project completion date: Ethiopia (MOFEC);
- 2) No cost extension of project completion date: Uganda (OSS);
- No cost extension of the programme completion date: Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda (WMO);
- 4) No cost extension of project completion date for the project "Building Resilience in the Greater uMngeni Catchment": South Africa (SANBI);
- 5) No cost extension of project completion date for the programme "Taking Adaptation to the Ground: A Small Grants Facility for Enabling Local Level Responses to Climate Change": South Africa (SANBI);
- 6) No cost extension of project completion date: Cook Islands (MFEM);
- 7) No cost extension of project completion date: Chile (AGCID).

Gender

32. As part of collaboration and communication efforts on gender, the secretariat continued collaboration with the UNFCCC secretariat gender team and other partner organizations including climate funds and UN-Women sharing gender experiences, knowledge and update of gender work of the Fund as well as exploring opportunities for collaboration on gender work.

33. The secretariat provided support in preparation of the report by the Women's Environment & Development Organization (WEDO) on a best practice guide on gender mainstreaming within the four primary climate funds for governmental focal points and implementing entities, by providing relevant experiences and knowledge on gender and adaptation projects, gender capacity-building and technical assistance information, as well as implementation of the Fund's Gender Policy and Action Plan.

34. The proposal for the update to the Gender Policy (GP) and Gender Action Plan (GAP) was finalized and submitted to the Board for intersessional consideration in March 2021 (Document AFB/B.35-36/8). The updated GP and GAP was approved by the Board on 16 March 2021 (Decision B.35-36/25). The update to the Gender Policy had been prepared through multistep and participatory approaches: from the independent overall assessment of the implementation of the original GP and GAP, which served as a basis for the draft of updated GP and GAP; to two rounds of call for comments on draft GP and GAP, and the comments were considered and reflected as appropriate in the final proposal for the updated GP and GAP. The comments received through the call for comments were also presented to the Board as Annex III to document AFB/B.35-36/8.

Resource mobilization

35. The Fund has continued to be very active in its effort to support activities related to resource mobilization both at the communication level and at a policy level. The secretariat has continued to have bilateral conversations with potential and existing contributors. In particular, the secretariat has followed up with the European Union (European Commission, EU) and the Trustee to finalise the disbursement of the EU pledge for contribution made in December 2018. Following lengthy discussions involving the EU, the Trustee and the secretariat, it turned out not to be possible for the EU to transfer the resources to the Fund. A number of attempts were made to explore alternative routes involving the help of third organizations to channel the resources to the Fund, but such solutions could not be found within the timeline imposed by the EU for the placement of the funds by 31 December 2020. In order to secure the contribution for activities in line with the Fund's mandate, the EU suggested to proceed swiftly to the only remaining option identified with directly funding a project or programme approved by the Board. The secretariat suggested channelling the funds to the Fund financed programme "Adaptation Fund-UNDP Innovation Small Grant Aggregator Platform (ISGAP)". The contractual arrangement between the EU and UNDP were swiftly completed in December 2020.

36. As per Board decision B.33-34/33, the secretariat communicated the approval of the Board on the engagement of the Fund in the 'Research Phase" of the "Corporate Air Passenger Solidarity (CAPS)" proposal to BVRio Institute and Oxford Climate Policy. The secretariat also reviewed the outcome of the Research Phase in view of the Fund's potential engagement in the 'Development Phase' and the 'Campaign Phase' of the CAPS Proposal in consultation with the Resource Mobilization Task Force, and submitted its review to the Board for its consideration. The Board, having considered the information and the recommendation by the Resource Mobilization Task Force contained in document AFB/B.35.a-35.b/24 decided to take note of the report on the Research phase of the CAPS proposal and the fact that it had been found to be "not feasible" and has requested the secretariat to engage with the authors of the CAPS proposal on possible, other options for the implementation of the CAPS (Decision B.35.a-35.b/84).

37. The secretariat liaised with the United Nations Foundation (UNF) to transfer the financial donations received through the UNF's private donation route ("Donate Button"), which included

the donations collected through the VISA's interactive social giving kiosk at COP 24 as well as a donation from the Greta Thunberg Foundation, among others.

38. The Fund has also expanded its experience in dealing with alternative sources of funding despite the limited financial resources and limited capacity at the Secretariat. The Adaptation Fund Board at its thirty-second meeting, held a discussion on the topic of the importance of documenting the procedural steps for receiving contributions from sources alternative to government funding. Considering the documents AFB/B.32/Inf.6 and AFB/B.32/Inf.7 and decision B.31-32/27, the Resource Mobilization Task Force recommended that the Board provide guidance to the secretariat and the trustee regarding engagement with non-governmental donors and a procedure for receiving funds from such donors. The secretariat intersessionally presented the document on the matter of 'procedural steps for receiving contributions from sources alternative to government funding' to the Board and the Board intersessionally decided to approve the procedural steps (Decision B.35-36/9).

Ad Hoc Complaint Handling Mechanism

39. The secretariat has not received any eligible complaint during this reporting period.

Technical Evaluation Reference Group (AF-TERG) secretariat

40. The two major AF-TERG work elements, being the review and revision of the Fund's Evaluation Framework and the mid-term review of the Medium-term Strategy are progressing well and on schedule.

41. The team of consultants working on the review and revision of the Fund's Evaluation Framework started the inception phase in September 2020 and held a kick-off meeting with the secretariat on 17 November 2020, which fed into the inception phase. An extensive desk review took place, peers involved in the development of evaluation frameworks and policies in comparable organizations were interviewed and an inception report was developed to inform the revision work. A progress update on the review and revision of the Evaluation Framework (AFB/EFC.27/7) will be presented at the twenty-seventh meeting of the EFC.

42. The mid-term review of the Medium-term Strategy started with a kick-off presentation and discussion with the Secretariat on 20 October 2020, follow by a survey and interviews with key Fund stakeholders. In parallel, interviews were conducted with external experts in the fields of strategy development, sustainability and environmental and resilience-focused programming. The interviews culminated in a virtual round table discussion "Bringing Strategy to Life in Challenging Times – Where to from here?" with strategy and evaluation experts, which took place on 2 February 2021. An update and preliminary findings were presented to the Secretariat, and a short overview of preliminary findings (AFB/EFC.27/Inf.2) will be presented at the twenty-seventh meeting of the EFC.

43. Ms. Debbie Menezes commenced as the new AF-TERG Chair on 23 November 2020, taking over from AF-TERG member Mr. Mutizwa Mukute who was the acting Chair since the stepping down of Ms. Eva Lithman as AF-TERG Chair on 15 July 2020.

44. The first quality review of final evaluation reports, complying with the requirement – originally tasked to the EFC and Board Secretariat – to assess the overall quality of final evaluation reports according to a set a criteria described in Guidelines for Project/Programme Final Evaluations (AFB/EFC.5/.5) has been completed and the final evaluation synthesis report (AFB/EFC.27/8) will be presented at the twenty-seventh meeting of the EFC.

45. During the 35.b meeting the Board requested the AF-TERG to provide more information about the proposed Project Working Groups (PWGs) and the potential participation of Board members, as presented in the Decision B.35.b/17. The AF-TERG has subsequently renamed the PWGs as Advisory Groups (AGs) to highlight their advisory nature and purpose, though the focus on supporting engagement from all the Fund's key stakeholders in AF-TERG work elements has not changed. A report to explain the AGs and options for participation by the Board (AFB/EFC.27/9) will be presented at the twenty-seventh meeting of the EFC.

46. As part of continued co-learning a facilitated discussion is being planned for the start of March 2021 with interested implementing entity stakeholders.

47. A concise work update report (AFB/EFC.27/Inf.1) will be presented at the twenty-seventh meeting of the EFC by AF-TERG Chair, Ms. Debbie Menezes, with a focus on completed and ongoing work. As part of the work update report AF-TERG member Mr. Claudio Volonte will present on the preliminary findings on the mid-term review of the Medium-Term Strategy of the Fund.

Personnel

AFB Secretariat

48. There was no change in the members of the AFB secretariat.

Technical Evaluation Reference Group (AF-TERG) Secretariat

49. Personnel working on specific AF-TERG work elements are mentioned in the Work Update Report of the AF-TERG. The below consultants provide support across work elements.

50. Ms. Eva Louise Lithman, Short-Term Consultant ended her tenure as the Chair of the AF-TERG on 30 June 2020. She re-joined on 1 July 2020 as advisor to the acting Chair and future new Chair, for which the tenure will end on 30 June 2021.

51. Mr. Daniel Ramirez-Raftree, Short-Term Consultant joined the AF-TERG on 6 October 2020 as Zoom trainer and facilitator.

52. Ms. Maria Deborah (Debbie) Menezes, Short-Term Consultant joined the AF-TERG on 23 November 2020 as Chair of the AF-TERG.

53. Ms. Catherine Patricia Mcmullen, Short-Term Consultant joined the AF-TERG on 18 December 2020 to support the AF-TERG secretariat with copy editing.

54. Mr. Mark Foss, Short-Term Consultant joined the AF-TERG on 18 December 2020 to support the AF-TERG secretariat with copy editing.

Annex I: Activities of the secretariat (From 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 – FY21)

AFB Secretariat

Meetings and Work Organization

Activity	Time frame/Status
Preparation and consideration of the draft report to CMP 16	July-August 2020
	[Completed]
Organization of the second session of the thirty-fifth Meeting of the	3 rd and 5 th weeks
Adaptation Fund Board (Virtual)	of October 2020
	[Completed]
Proposal of FY22 workplan and budget	January -
	February 2021
	[Completed]
Organization of the thirty-sixth Meeting of the Adaptation Fund Board	6-8 April 2021
Meetings of the Green Climate Fund Board (Three times a year)	18-21 August
	2020; 9-13
	November 2020;
	and 16-19 March
	2021 (Virtually
	attended)
Meetings of the Adaptation Committee (Two times a year)	9-12 November
	2020 (Virtually
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Meetings of the Standing Committee of Finance (Three times a year)	28 - 30 September 2020 (Virtually
	(1.1.10.0)
	attended)
UN Climate Change Conference (COP26/CMP16/CMA5), Glasgow, UK	Postponed to 1-12
	November 2021

Strategies³

Activity	Time frame/Status
Implementation of the Medium-term Strategy	Throughout FY21
(5-year work programme from FY19 to FY23)	_
Implementation of the resource mobilization strategy	Throughout FY21
Implementation of the knowledge management strategy	Throughout FY21

Projects and Programmes

Activity	Time frame/Status
Completion of the intersessional and the intersessional Ad Interim	July - September
project and programme proposal review cycle	2020 [Completed]
Review of and decisions on project and programme proposals for the	August-October
second session of the thirty-fifth meeting of the Adaptation Fund Board	2020 [Completed]

³ Other strategies including several action items are listed below in separate sections (knowledge management, gender).

Activity	Time frame/Status
Development of a paper on Options for further defining innovation in	October 2020
adaptation	[Completed]
Development of the Adaptation Fund's Innovation small grants training	November 2020
	[Completed]
Translation of the Adaptation Fund's Innovation small grants training in	November 2020
French and Spanish	[Completed]
Launch of the Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA)	November 2020
through UNDP and UNEP, in partnership with the	[Completed]
Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) at COP25 in December	
2019	
Support on innovation programming: SG for NIEs, AFCIA co-ordination,	Throughout FY21
Innovation Large Grants	
Review of and decisions on project and programme proposals for the	January-March
thirty-sixth Meeting of the Adaptation Fund Board	2021
Intersessional review of and decisions on project and programme	April-June 2021
proposals	
Document on further defining innovation and the vision for innovation	January-March
under the Fund, including guidance on review criteria for innovation grant	2021
proposals	
Launch of Innovation Large Grants.	April 2021

Accreditation

Activity	Time frame/Status
Accreditation review support	Throughout FY21
Accreditation Panel field visit to IE applicants	Cancelled due to
	the COVID-19
	pandemic
34th meeting of the Accreditation Panel	9-10 September
	2020 [Completed]
35th meeting of the Accreditation Panel	3-4 February 2021
	[Completed]

Result Based Management

Activity	Time frame/Status
Review of Project Performance Reports (PPRs)	Throughout FY21
Review of project change requests	Throughout FY21
Project Monitoring Missions (two times a year - virtual)	July-October 2020
	(virtual PMM in
	Costa Rica); 2 nd
	virtual PMM TBC
Ad-hoc monitoring mission (virtual)	TBC
Production of Annual Performance Report (APR) and production of user-	July – September
friendly version of the APR following approval of APR presented to the	2020 [completed]
Board 35.b (second session) meeting	Friendly version of
	APR November
	2020 - January
	2021 [completed]

Update/Development of the project implementation issues policy (delays, cancellation or change)	Translation of user-friendly APR in French and Spanish [in progress] Policy on Project Delays to be presented at 36 AFB meeting
Enhancement of FIF platform (e.g. online submission of PPR)	Throughout FY21

Communications

Activity	Time frame/Status
Publication of 2-3 written project stories focused on successful or innovative projects; two stories in progress, two more being explored	Throughout FY21
Updates of AF and Direct Access flyers and briefing notes; updates to briefing note and overall AF flyer planned for after April Board meeting; themed flyers planned in meantime on ESP and nature-based solutions	Updates twice/year: November 2020 and April 2021;
Produce 15-20 press releases on AF news stories and timely program updates; Publication of 2-4 e-newsletters summarizing AF's key stories, media and social media	Throughout FY21 Periodically; 11 news releases completed, 1 e- newsletter
Write speeches or talking points for key AF appearances, or relevant templates	Throughout FY21, particularly during key events; several completed and archived
Production of 2-3 short to medium-length videos on COP and special themes (such as AF work in knowledge, SIDS, readiness, etc.) Production of 2-3 thought leadership podcasts on key AF themes	Throughout FY21; four videos, two podcasts completed
Readiness communications support; press releases, video and/or social media coverage of key readiness programs and events	Periodically; social media coverage of virtual events, including NIE seminar and PMM with Costa Rica; news story completed; CR video in progress
Media Relations: outreach and ongoing communications with reporters, including drafting of talking points and facilitating interviews, developing risk communications when needed, responding to interview requests, updating media lists; Sharing AF stories from media and IEs	Ongoing; many stories shared from IEs on social media and web
Planning and implementation of COP 26 communications-related events, such as the COP mini website, develop campaign themes,	Postponed until 2021

Activity	Time frame/Status
designs/posters for exhibit, media and video events, talking point template, timely social media, photos and news releases	
Social Media: post to Twitter ca. 3-5 times a day; Facebook ca. 3-5 times a week, LinkedIn 2-4 times a week, create 3-4 Flickr photo albums a year; review social media, press and website google analytics periodically	Throughout FY21
Climate Home News sponsored content arrangement to increase AF engagement and reach. Extension of Pilot Project: Climate Home News has total of 2.6 million followers on web and social media, with a core audience composed of climate negotiators and international organizations interested in climate change Update and maintenance of AF website with focus on keeping content fresh, relevant and user-friendly for mass audiences, Constant Contact, Social Media and website upkeep costs	Throughout FY21; two stories completed; one video being planned Throughout FY21
Learning communications support: Provide general input and suggestions, and timely news releases about KM news and publications and products	Throughout FY21
Board meeting support: press releases on results, photos, social media	October 2020 and April 2021
Maintain relationships with communications colleagues among AF partners, AF NGO Network, and other relevant entities; amplify AF's key messages and stories through these networks; develop joint stories and releases as opportunities arise	Throughout FY21

Knowledge Management

Activity	Time frame/Status
Publication showcasing best practices/case studies/lessons learned from	TOR in
IEs on key project knowledge:	development. To
Nature-based solution in AF projects	be completed by
	May-June 2021
	cancelled
Best practices on Direct Access	June 2021
- Best practices/lessons learned from PPRs around a certain theme/sector	
- Lessons learned from Project Monitoring Mission conducted	
around a specific sector	
Launching of learning grants, reviewing proposals and preparation of	October 2020 and
Board documents	ongoing
Publication on lessons learned on streamlined accreditation	by May 2021
Publication capturing and integrating knowledge from readiness and capacity building	
- Repackaging of study on Readiness and capacity-building for	[Completed in
Direct Access study into a condensed version/brochure to be disseminated	December 2020]
 Lessons learned from country exchange 	[Nearing
	completion by
	February 2021]

Publication on specific adaptation issue in collaboration with learning	June 2021
institution	
 Increasing resilience through AF projects/food security 	

Gender

Activity	Time frame/Status
Regular reporting to the Board on the implementation of the updated Gender Policy and Action Plan through (i) Secretariat's activities report; and (ii) annual performance report (APR) and report of the Board to CMP/CMA (gender section)	Throughout FY21 [Completed]
Update to the Gender Policy and Gender Action Plan	July 2020-March 2021 [Completed in Mach 2021]
Guidance document for IEs which contain: (1) model outlines /template(s) for initial gender assessment; (2) guidelines on how to develop data baseline against which results of gender responsive approaches and actions can be measured; (3) design and selection of SMART gender-responsive indicators and results monitoring arrangements	March -June 2021
Study on 'Gender intersectionality in the adaptation project'	March-June 2021
Update of the OPG Annex 5 which consists of (1) Request for Project/Programme Funding from the Adaptation Fund; (2) Instructions for Preparing a Request for Project and Programme Funding from the Adaptation Fund; (3) Adaptation Fund Project/Programme Review Criteria	March-June 2021
Update the document of <i>Methodologies for Reporting AF Core Impact</i> Indicators	March-June 2021
Stocktaking and Analyzing gender-related lessons learned through the PPR submitted yearly, mid-term evaluation reports and project completion reports by the IEs and explore potential enhancement in implementation of updated GP and GAP (Linked to MTS SF3 Learning & Sharing, ER 2)	Throughout FY21 [ongoing]
Gender Trainings: for the secretariat; for NIEs; for Board	May -June 2021
Expanding Gender Partnership network and participating in/co-hosting Gender-related collaborative activities, learning/knowledge exchanges and int'l events on gender and climate change	Throughout FY21 [ongoing]
Co-hosting Gender side event during the UNFCCC COP 26, with other climate funds, UNFCCC and other AF partners (e.g. UN Women)	Deferred to FY22 (during COP 26) due to postponement of COP 26
Active communication of the Fund's commitment to gender equality and women's empowerment, its updated gender policy and action plan as well as Fund's experiences and lessons learned on gender	Throughout FY21 [ongoing]
Supporting the AF-TERG on updating the Evaluation Framework in line with the Updated Gender Policy	Throughout FY21 [ongoing]

Readiness Programme

Activity	Time frame/Status
Launch, review of, and decisions for readiness grants (TA-ESGP, TA-GP and SSC grants) for the intersessional period between the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth meetings of the Board	Completed
Review of and decisions on proposals for project scale-up (PSU) grants for the second part of the thirty-fifth Meeting of the Adaptation Fund Board	Completed
Project development training workshop at UNFCCC Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Climate Week, Dominican Republic.	Second half FY21
Seventh annual climate finance readiness seminar for accredited national implementing entities	1-3 September 2020 [Completed]
Adaptation Fund Readiness Webinar #11	Completed
Accreditation training workshop at the UNFCCC MENA Climate Week, Dubai	Completed as virtual global event
Review of and decisions on proposals for project scale-up (PSU) grants for the thirty-sixth Meeting of the Adaptation Fund Board	January-March 2021 - Ongoing
AF training workshop for NIEs at UNFCCC Regional Climate week 2021 or as stand-alone in covering entities from East Europe and Asia	Second half FY21. To be implemented at Asia-Pacific Climate Week hosted by Japan.
Adaptation Fund Readiness Webinar #12	March 2021
Country exchange with NIEs to provide additional technical support during project/programme implementation	April/May 2021
4 issues of quarterly bulletin by providers of readiness support	Quarterly (Ongoing)
Translations to support enhanced usability of Accreditation and Project tools and guidance documents.	1 accreditation and 1 project document translated into French and Spanish twice a year, in July 2020 and in January 2021. Completed for July 2020. Ongoing
Support for community of practice workplan implementation.	Throughout FY21
General cooperation with partners – (presence at each other's events, awareness raising etc.) – SBs attendance, COP26, other international forums as necessary. Includes public and private partnerships and collaborations to support the delivery of readiness and capacity-building support for accreditation and project development.	Throughout FY21

Activity	Time frame/Status
RBM for all readiness projects. Includes reviewing performance reports, providing input to the production of the annual performance report and enhancing the readiness section of the FIF platform.	Throughout FY21
Lessons learnt and shared from the capture and integration of knowledge from readiness and capacity building activities to support enhanced learning from the delivery of readiness and capacity-building process and outcomes.	June 2021. Ongoing

Technical Evaluation Reference Group (AF-TERG) Secretariat

Activity	Time frame/Status
Prioritization exercise to improve internal work processes and the development of AF-TERG operational guidance. This includes the hiring of an organizational development specialist to guide this process	Throughout FY21
Development and implementation of an annual implementation plan for the implementation of the AF-TERG work programme	Throughout FY21
Continued co-learning and capacity development with key Fund stakeholders	Throughout FY 21
Selection and recruitment of a new Chair	July 2020 – November 2020 [Completed]
Development of a terms of reference for the review and revision of the Fund's Evaluation Framework	July 2020 – August 2020 [Completed]
Appointment of focal point, and the hiring of a senior evaluator and data analyst for the review and revision of the Fund's Evaluation Framework	July 2020 – November 2020 [Completed]
Collaborative reviewing of the Fund's current Evaluation Framework. Progress report of the review and revision of the Evaluation Framework (AFB/EFC.27/7) to be presented at the 27th EFC meeting	August 2020 – March 2021 [Completed]
Implementation of the revision of the Evaluation Framework	FY21 – FY22 [Ongoing]
Development of a terms of reference for the mid-term review of the Adaptation Fund Medium-term Strategy	July 2020 – August 2020 [Completed]
Appointment of focal point, and the hiring of a senior evaluator and data analyst for the mid-term review of the Fund's Medium-term Strategy	July 2020 – November 2020 [Completed]
Implementation of the mid-term review of the Fund's Medium-term Strategy. Preliminary findings (AFB/EFC.27/Inf.2) to be presented at the 27th EFC meeting	August 2020 – March 2021 [Ongoing]
Development of two chapters in an edited volume – to be published October 2021 – as part of AF-TERG sharing and outreach	July 2020 – March 2021 [Completed]
Development of the synthesis of Adaptation Fund final evaluations. Final report (AFB/EFC.27/8) to be presented at the 27th EFC meeting	July 2020 – January 2021 [Completed]

Activity	Time frame/Status
Development of a synthesis of common challenges faced by the Adaptation Fund and adaptation evaluation practitioners, based on three deliberative working papers. (AFB/EFC.26.b/Inf.2) Presented at the 26.b EFC meeting	August 2020 – October 2020 [Completed]
Development of the concept of Advisory Groups (AGs), previously discussed as Project Working Groups (PWGs). Final report (AFB/EFC.27/9) to be presented at the 27th EFC meeting Development of one thematic evaluation, in line with the approved work programme	December 2020 – March 2021 [Ongoing] January 2021 – June 2021 [Ongoing]
Development of a Fund-specific ex-post evaluation approach and the piloting of the approach in at least one ex-post evaluation, in line with the approved work programme Presentation of the AF-TERG work update report (AFB/EFC.27/Inf.1) at the 27th EFC meeting	December 2021 – June 2021 [Ongoing] March 2021