



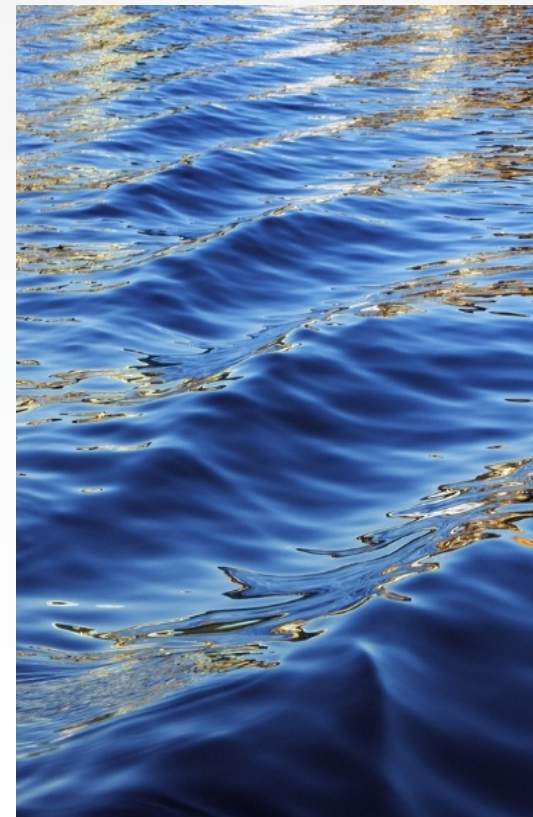
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Overview of Readiness and capacity building support for Accreditation

**2021 Webinar On Accessing Climate
Finance And Accreditation**

15 July 2021

**Presented by Ishani Debnath: Adaptation Fund Board
Secretariat**





Presentation Outline



Introduction



Readiness and capacity-building support for accreditation



Post-accreditation support

Background

- **Goal:**

- ✓ To increase the number of accredited national implementing entities (NIEs), and strengthen the overall capacity of NIEs
- ✓ to increase the capacity of developing country Parties to directly access climate adaptation finance and their overall capacity to develop and initiate implementation of concrete projects and programmes that increase the resilience of vulnerable communities to the impacts of climate change.

- **Specific objectives:**

- i. To increase the preparedness of applicant NIEs seeking accreditation by the Adaptation Fund

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- ii. To increase the number of high-quality project/programme proposals submitted to the Board after accreditation



How the Readiness Programme delivers on its objectives

➤ Grants



➤ Accreditation, project preparation & design

➤ Contribution to KM



➤ Visibility of the Fund



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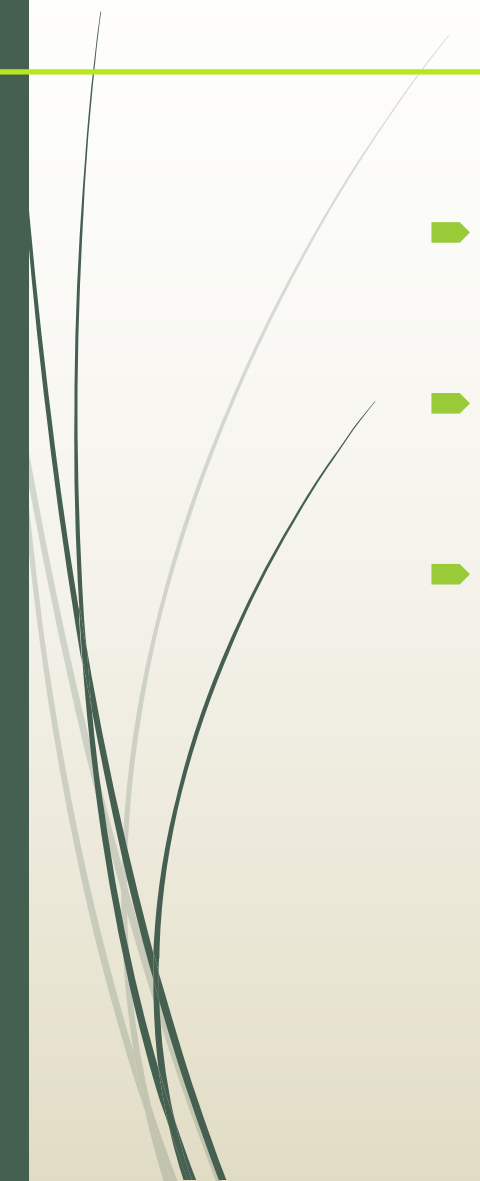
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Post-accreditation support



Readiness and capacity-building support for Accreditation

- Readiness Package Grant
 - Global and Regional Workshops and Conferences
 - Tools and Guidance document
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The Readiness Package Grant



- ❖ Approved at AFB36, April 2021
- ❖ The Readiness Package Grant is available for accreditation of NIEs only, up to a maximum of US\$ 150,000 per country.

- The grant continues to support South-South Cooperation (SSC) through a more comprehensive suite of tools to address accreditation gap areas within NIE candidates/applicants to help them adequately meet the Fund's accreditation criteria.
- Following a decision by the Board at AFB36, April 2021, countries may accredit 2 NIEs.



The Readiness Package Grant

Eligibility Requirement:

- All developing country Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that wish to have an NIE accredited with the Fund are eligible to receive the Readiness Package grant, including those that had previously accessed the SSC grant. The grant is available as a once off grant per country.

In addition, all applicants should meet the following criteria:

In cases where the DA has not yet identified a suitable NIE candidate/applicant to navigate the accreditation process of the Fund:

- The country must be a developing country Party to the Kyoto Protocol or Paris Agreement that does not have an NIE accredited with the Fund;

In cases where an NIE candidate/applicant has already been identified:

- The NIE candidate must be located in a developing country Party to the Kyoto Protocol or Paris Agreement that does not have an NIE accredited with the Fund;
- The country of the NIE candidate must have a Designated Authority (DA) to the Adaptation Fund;

The list of all accredited NOEs of the Fund, including their accreditation status with the Fund is available on the fund website through this path:

Apply For Funding ➤ Implementing Entities ➤ National Implementing Entities

Timeline

The Readiness Package grant is available every year during both intersessional periods of the Adaptation Fund board meetings, that is, between the March and October meetings and between the October and March meetings. Dates are announced to all stakeholders and are available on the Fund website.

The next window is expected to open in July 2021.

Global and Regional Workshops and Conferences in 2021

❖ Climate Finance Readiness Webinar #12



❖ UNFCCC Regional Climate Week for Latin America and the Caribbean

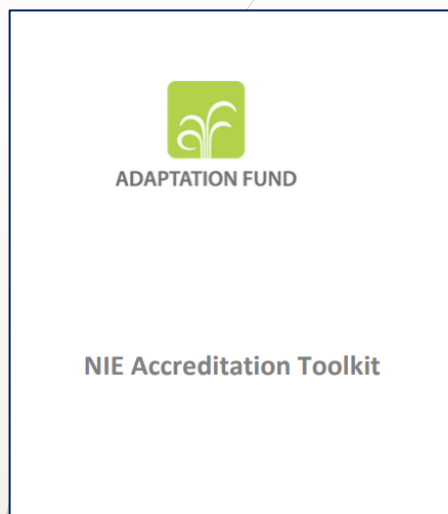
❖ Regional Workshop on Direct Access and Project Development for Asia and East Europe

❖ Webinar on Climate Finance Access and Accreditation



Tools and guidance documents

❖ Accreditation toolkit



- Module 1: Basics – NIE definition, role of DA, case studies.
- Module 2: IE accreditation and standards (Financial integrity & mgmt.; Institutional capacity; Transparency, self investigative powers & anti-corruption measures
- Quiz



❖ Accreditation Application Form



Accreditation Application Form

Please fill out all of the background and contact information contained in Section I.

For Sections II-IV, provide a description of how the organization meets the specific required capabilities and attach supporting documentation. Examples of the types of supporting documentation that would provide evidence of meeting the Fund's fiduciary and management standards are included at the end of each of these sections.

SECTION I: Background/Contact

Nominated Entity (if NIE):
Invited Entity (if MIE):
Address:
Country:
Postal Code:
Telephone:
Fax:
Web Address:
Contact Person:
Telephone:
Email:
Useful Background: If there is other relevant information that provides recent background of the applicant please upload (e.g. recent donor reviews of the Entity):

❖ Guidelines for selection of NIE – Updated March 2018



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Information Note for Designated Authorities to select a National Implementing Entity candidate for accreditation with the Adaptation Fund

The purpose of this information note is to assist [Designated Authorities](#) in selecting the most suitable National Implementing Entity (NIE) candidate for the country to seek accreditation with the Adaptation Fund. The information below describes the essential capabilities and system that an NIE candidate is expected to demonstrate during the accreditation process. For further information, please contact afaccreditation@adaptation-fund.org.

The Designated Authority should consider the following aspects:

1. The nominated NIE can demonstrate and give evidence of its fiduciary abilities and obtain the accreditation from the Adaptation Fund. The Designated Authority is encouraged to refer to the accreditation fiduciary standards that NIEs must meet during the accreditation process, which are available at <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/accreditation/>.
2. The nominated NIE is the most capable and suitable within the country to take responsibility and accountability for the full climate change adaptation project cycle in an agile, efficient and effective manner.
3. The nominated NIE has the appropriate processes and management for implementing climate change adaptation projects, which in most cases means that implementation of these projects is one of its significant or core activities.
4. The nominated NIE promotes a zero tolerance for fraud and corruption that is clearly demonstrated by its top management; has the ability to take on the responsibility of the full climate change adaptation project cycle in an environment free from direct and indirect fraud and corruption from its own staff and from third parties; has its own avenue and/or

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Post-Accreditation Grants

Technical Assistance (TA) Grants (TA-ESGP and TA-GP)

- ❖ TA Grant for ESP and Gender – 25k (All accredited NIEs)
- ❖ TA Grant for Gender – 10k (All accredited NIEs)

Project Formulation Assistance (PFA) Grants – No Deadline

► PFA available for undertaking of specialist technical assessments.

– **Can apply at concept stage** only (Projects following 2-Step approval process)

- ❖ Up to a maximum of **20k** per project (available on an on-going basis and application window and deadlines are aligned to the review cycle for concrete projects and programs under the US \$20 million cap)

Project Scale-up Grants

- ❖ Up to a maximum of **100K** per project/programme



Timeline for Submission of Request

- ❖ **Technical Assistance (TA) Grants:** The TA grants are available every year during both intersessional periods of the Adaptation Fund board meetings, that is, between the March and October meetings and between the October and March meetings. Dates are announced to all stakeholders and are available on the Fund website. The next window is expected to open in July 2021.
- ❖ **Project Formulation Assistance (PFA) Grants:** The calls for PFA grants are open on an ongoing basis and can be submitted with each project going through the two-step approval process.
- ❖ **Project Scale-UP Grants:** The grant applications are only considered at regular meetings of the Board and submission deadlines are the same as for concrete projects/programmes under the recently announced new country cap of US\$20 million per country.

Other Post-Accreditation support Available to NIEs



❖ Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities (CPDAE)

❖ Annual NIE seminar for accredited NIEs



❖ Readiness webinars

❖ S-S Country Exchange

❖ Regional Workshops

❖ Bulleting By Providers of Readiness Support for Adaptation





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www.climatefinanceready.org