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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:**
  1. To increase the preparedness of applicant NIEs seeking accreditation by the Adaptation Fund
  2. 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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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

Guidelines for selection of NIE – Updated March 2018
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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
Thank You!

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