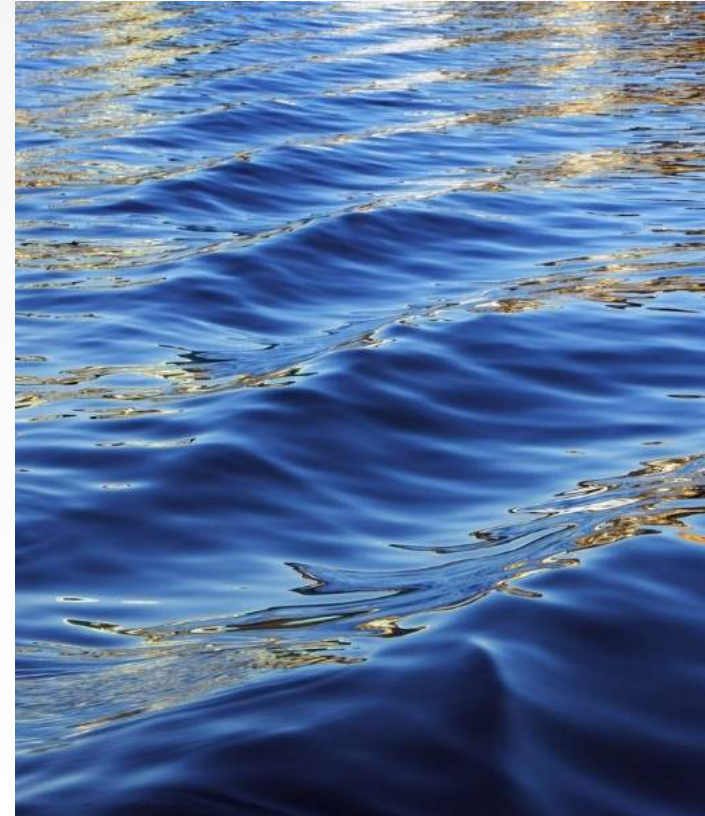




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Readiness Programme for Climate Finance

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Presentation Outline



Introduction



Readiness and capacity-building support for Direct Access and Project Development



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



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



Activities under the Readiness Programme

Implemented through 4 key components

- **Support to countries seeking accreditation**
- **Support to accredited IEs**
- **Cooperation/Partnership with climate finance readiness providers**
- **Knowledge management**

How the Readiness Programme delivers on its objectives

➤ Grants



➤ Accreditation, project preparation & design

➤ Contribution to KM



➤ Visibility of the Fund



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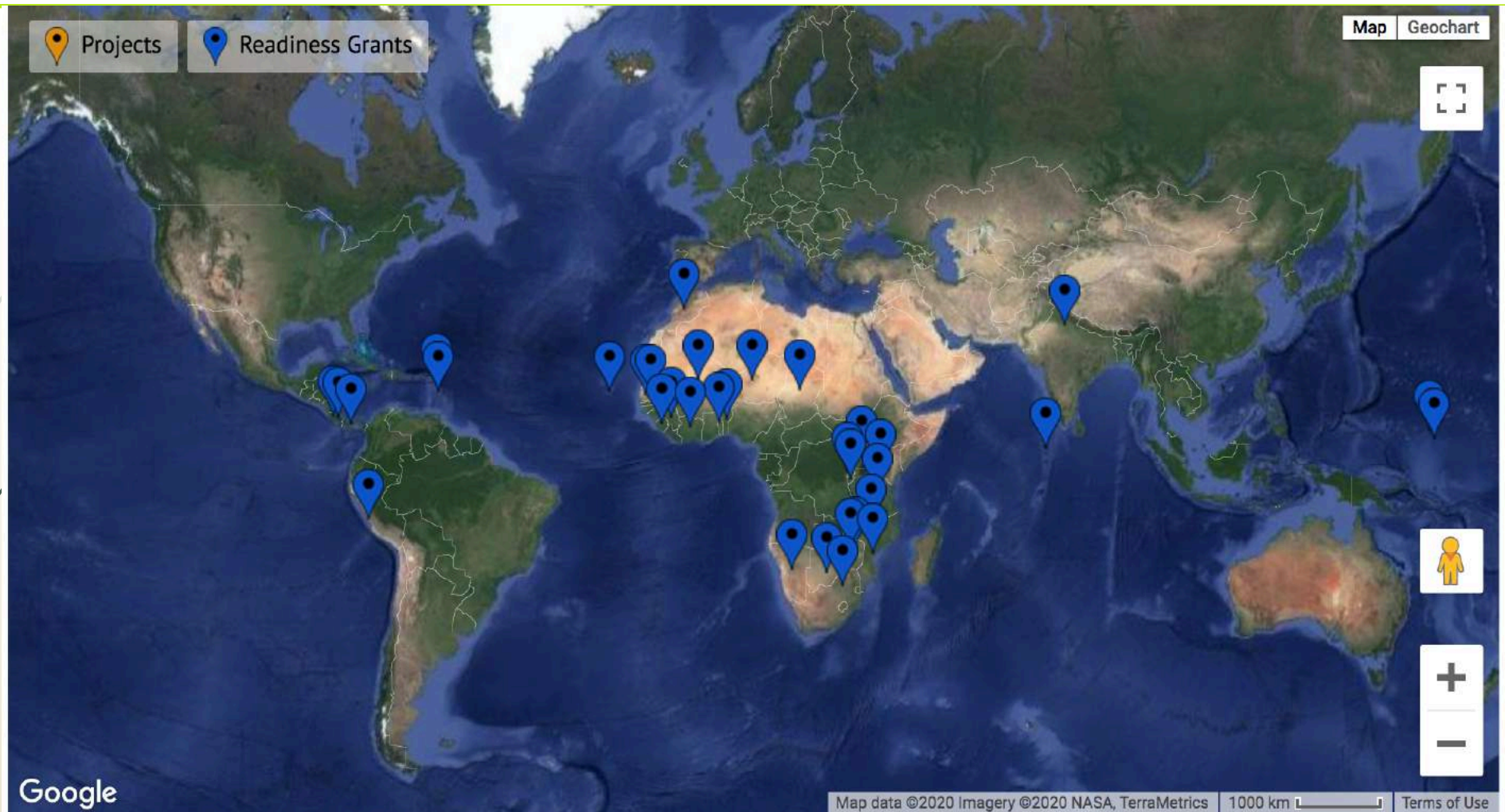
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3 Main delivery instruments

- ▶ **Grants**
 - ▶ **Global and Regional Workshops and Conferences**
 - ▶ **Tools and Guidance document**
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Approved Readiness Grants to date



- 45 readiness grants approved as of 8 June 2021

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.



Technical Assistance (TA) Grants (TA-ESGP)

❖ **Technical Assistance Grant for the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy – US \$25,000**

This grant is aimed at strengthening the capacity of NIEs to identify, screen, address and manage environmental and social risks as well as gender related issues in their projects and programs in line with the Fund's Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy.

Eligibility Requirement:

- All accredited NIEs of the Fund that have not previously received a technical assistance grant are eligible to apply.

Support in one or more of the following:

- Developing procedures/manuals/guidelines for screening projects for ES risks as well as gender-related risks;
- Developing procedures/manuals/guidelines for undertaking ES risk assessments, gender assessments and for formulating risk management plans that are gender responsive
- Developing Policies for public disclosure and consultation that are gender- responsive
- Developing transparent, accessible, fair and effective complaint handling mechanisms
- Training of staff

Technical Assistance (TA) Grants (TA-GP)

❖ Technical Assistance Grant for the Gender Policy – US \$10,000

This grant is meant for NIEs that already have robust environmental and social policies to put in place measures to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate adverse gender impacts in accordance with the Adaptation Fund's Gender Policy.

Eligibility Requirement:

- All accredited NIEs of the Fund that have not previously received a technical assistance grant are eligible to apply.

Support in one or more of the following:

- Updating of existing procedures/manuals/guidelines
- Development of procedures for undertaking gender assessments
- Development of a policy/avenues for public disclosure and consultation that are gender responsive
- Development of transparent, accessible, fair and effective mechanisms for receiving and addressing complaints
- Training of staff for gender mainstreaming

Project Formulation Assistance (PFA) Grants

- ▶ PFA grants are available for undertaking of specialist technical assessments. The grants are meant to help NIEs tap into external (international or national) expertise in the form of short-term consultant assignments to undertake specific technical assessments such as an environmental impact assessment (EIA) a vulnerability assessment (VA), a risk assessment, a gender study, and other environmental and social assessments.
- **Can apply at concept stage** only (Projects following 2-Step approval process)
 - ❖ **Up to a maximum of US \$20,000 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)

Support any of the following assessments:

- ▶ Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- ▶ Vulnerability Assessment (VA)
- ▶ Risk Assessment
- ▶ Other Environmental and Social Assessments for adaptation projects

Project Scale-Up Grants

- ❖ Up to a maximum of US \$100,000 per project/programme

The objective of the Project Scale-Up Grants is to provide readiness funding to support planning, assessment, capacity enhancement (individual, organization and institutional) for designing and developing scaling up pathways for Adaptation Fund project/programmes under implementation and nearing completion or completed.

Eligibility Requirement:

To be eligible to receive a project scale-up grant, the NIE must meet all of the below criteria. The NIE:

- Must be an accredited national implementing entity of the Adaptation Fund and have an accreditation status of "Accredited".
- Must have, at minimum, completed the medium-term review/evaluation or, for projects with a life span of less than 4 years, have submitted at least two project performance reports (PPR) for the project/programme being proposed for scale up.
- Must submit together with the application form, a letter of endorsement by the Designated Authority to the Adaptation fund in support of the scale-up grant application.
- Must have identified a potential source, or sources, where the entity could seek funding to scale up the proposed 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.
- ❖ **Readiness Package Grant:** 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.
- ❖ **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.



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Post-Accreditation support Available to NIEs



❖ Annual NIE seminar for accredited NIEs



❖ Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities (CPDAE)



❖ Readiness webinars



❖ S-S Country Exchange



❖ Regional Workshops

❖ Bulletin By Providers of Readiness Support for Adaptation

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TWO MODULES

Course objectives

Module 1

- Learn requirements for **Accreditation to the Adaptation Fund**

Module 2

- Learn requirements for **Project formulation and implementation in compliance with the Adaptation Fund's Environment and Social Policy (ESP) and Gender Policy (GP)**



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