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Adaptation Fund Board
Thirty-seventh meeting
Bonn, Germany (Virtually held), 19-21 October 2021

Agenda item 3

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIR

1. During the intersessional period between the thirty-sixth meeting and the thirty-seventh meetings of the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) (both virtually held), the Chair, Mr. Mattias Broman (Sweden, Annex I Parties) carried out the below-listed activities for the Fund.

(a) Finalized the report of the thirty-sixth meeting, assisted by the secretariat;

(b) Liaised with and provided guidance to the secretariat on planning of work after the thirty-sixth meeting, including:

- Resource mobilization initiatives under the resource mobilization action plan;
- Fiduciary issues related to the United Nations Development Programme;
- Joint statement by climate funds on responses to COVID-19 recovery;
- Survey on enhancing civil society engagement;
- Report of the Board to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its sixteenth session, and to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at its third session, and preparations for developing its addendum;
- Preparations for attendance at the Glasgow Climate Change Conference (COP 26), and contributor dialogue to be organized there;
- Preparations for organization of the thirty-seventh Board meeting in virtual format, due to continuing restrictions on travel and meetings, as well as its agenda and particularly:
 - i. Election of officers for the period of office starting from March 2022;
 - ii. Launching discussion on the possible development of a new Medium-term Strategy to succeed the current one that continues until 2022;

(c) Provided inputs to the Technical Evaluation Reference Group (AF-TERG) consultation on the Mid-term review of the Medium-Term Strategy;

(d) Supported by the secretariat, signed project agreements through DocuSign to overcome the challenges under the COVID-19 pandemic;

(e) Project/Programme agreements signed:

- Republic of the Gambia: Rural Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resilience Building Project (RICAR) (World Food Programme (WFP), US\$ 10,000,000)
- Syrian Arab Republic: Increasing the climate change resilience of communities in Eastern Ghouta in Rural Damascus to water scarcity challenges through integrated natural resource management and immediate adaptation interventions (United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat)), US\$ 9,997,156)

- United Republic of Tanzania: Strategic Water Harvesting Technologies for Enhancing Resilience to Climate Change in Rural Communities in Semi-Arid Areas of Tanzania (SWAHAT) (National Environment Management Council (NEMC), US\$ 1,280,000)
- [Regional] Thailand and Viet Nam: Mekong EbA South: Enhancing Climate Resilience in the Greater Mekong Subregion through Ecosystem based Adaptation in the Context of South-South Cooperation (United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), US\$ 7,000,000)
- [Regional] Jordan and Lebanon: Increasing the resilience of both displaced persons and host communities to climate change related water challenges in Jordan and Lebanon (UN-Habitat), US\$ 13,973,509)
- [Regional] Angola and Namibia: Resilience building as climate change adaptation in drought-struck South-western African communities (Observatoire du Sahara et du Sahel (OSS), US\$ 11,941,038)

Amendment letters for concrete adaptation projects

- Federated States of Micronesia: Enhancing the Climate Resilience of vulnerable island communities in Federated States of Micronesia, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

(f) Cash transfer requests signed:

1st tranche

- Republic of the Gambia: Rural Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resilience Building Project (RICAR) (WFP)
- Syrian Arab Republic: Increasing the climate change resilience of communities in Eastern Ghouta in Rural Damascus to water scarcity challenges through integrated natural resource management and immediate adaptation interventions (UN-Habitat)
- United Republic of Tanzania: Strategic Water Harvesting Technologies for Enhancing Resilience to Climate Change in Rural Communities in Semi-Arid Areas of Tanzania (SWAHAT) (NEMC)
- [Regional] Jordan and Lebanon: Increasing the resilience of both displaced persons and host communities to climate change related water challenges in Jordan and Lebanon (UN-Habitat)
- [Regional] Thailand and Viet Nam: Mekong EbA South: Enhancing Climate Resilience in the Greater Mekong Subregion through Ecosystem based Adaptation in the Context of South-South Cooperation (UNEP)

2nd tranche

- Fiji: Increasing the resilience of informal urban settlements in Fiji that are highly vulnerable to climate change and disaster risks (UN-Habitat)

- Senegal: Reducing vulnerability and increasing resilience of coastal communities in the Saloum Islands (Dionewar and Fadiol) (Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE))
- Solomon Islands: Enhancing urban resilience to climate change impacts and natural disasters: Honiara (UN-Habitat)
- [Regional] Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia: Integrated climate-resilient transboundary flood risk management in the Drin River basin in the Western Balkans (United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))
- [Regional] Chile and Ecuador: Reducing climate vulnerability and flood risk in coastal urban and semi urban areas in cities in Latin America (Development Bank of Latin America (CAF))

3rd tranche

- Cook Islands: Akamatutu'anga kia Tukatau te Ora'anga ite Pa Enuu" Pa Enuu Action for Resilient Livelihoods (PEARL) (Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (MFEM))
- Honduras: Ecosystem-Based Adaptation at Communities of the Central Forest Corridor in Tegucigalpa (UNDP)
- Federated States of Micronesia: Enhancing the Climate Resilience of vulnerable island communities in Federated States of Micronesia (SPREP)
- Mongolia: Flood Resilience in Ulaanbaatar Ger Areas - Climate Change Adaptation through community driven small-scale protective and basic-services interventions (UN-Habitat)

5th tranche

- Costa Rica: Reducing the Vulnerability by Focusing on Critical Sectors (Agriculture, Water Resources and Coastlines) in order to Reduce the Negative Impacts of Climate Change and Improve the Resilience of these Sectors (Fundecooperacion Para el Desarrollo Sostenible)
- South Africa: Building Resilience in the greater uMngeni Catchment, South Africa (South Africa National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI))

(g) Other grants agreements and their cash transfer requests signed

Project formulation grants (PFGs)

- [Regional] Azerbaijan and the Islamic Republic of Iran: Urbanisation and Climate Change Adaptation in the Caspian Sea Region (UN-Habitat, US\$ 80,000)

Readiness grants

- Mexico: Project to support National Implementing Entity sourcing of Technical Assistance for Assessment and Management of Environment, Social and Gender

Risks within Projects and Programmes in Mexico (Instituto Mexicano de Tecnología del Agua (IMTA), US\$ 25,000)

Learning grants

- Kenya: Learning Grant for Kenya (National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), US\$ 143,545)

Amendment letter for a readiness grant

- Mexico: Project to support National Implementing Entity sourcing of Technical Assistance for Assessment and Management of Environment, Social and Gender Risks within Projects and Programmes in Mexico (IMTA)

(h) Fostered promotion of Fund's work through outreach, including:

- Delivered remarks on the progress of work of the Board, including achievements and challenges in 2021, in a panel discussion moderated by the United Kingdom COP 26 Presidency, as part of an Informal Dialogue with the constituted bodies, convened by the Chairs of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body on Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the SBI, a representative of the Presidency and the incoming Presidency, on 15 June 2021;
- Presentation on the Fund to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden on 21 April 2021;
- Participated in the informal consultations on the fourth review of the Adaptation Fund, organized by the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) on 14 April 2021;
- Signing letters of appreciation to contributor governments.

2. Provided official quotes or appearances as Board Chair in 7 news releases and other communications, including ones prepared by the Secretariat, during the reporting period:

- a) October 2021: Interview with Devex on the Adaptation Fund, its importance, advantages and challenges ahead of the COP26 (in press)
- b) September 8, 2021: Adaptation Fund Accredits Pacific Community to Accelerate Climate Action in Pacific Region ([link](#))
- c) August 18, 2021: Adaptation Fund Expands Access to Climate Finance in Bangladesh through PKSF's Direct Access Accreditation ([link](#))
- d) July 22, 2021: NIE Country Exchange: Senegal video ([link](#))
- e) April 22, 2021: Adaptation Fund Launches Call for Proposals for Projects Up to US\$ 5M to Support Innovation and Enhanced Direct Access ([link](#))
- f) April 8, 2021: Adaptation Fund Doubles the Amount of Funding Countries Can Access, Enhancing Access to Climate Finance Among Most Vulnerable ([link](#))

- g) April 5, 2021: New Adaptation Fund Board Chair Envisions Continued Growth and Innovation to Meet Demands of Future ([link](#))