



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board
Thirty-eighth meeting
Bonn, Germany (Hybrid meeting), 7-8 April 2022

Agenda item 5

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIR

1. During the intersessional period between the thirty-seventh meeting and the thirty-eighth meetings of the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board), the Chair, Mr. Mattias Broman (Sweden, Western Europe and Others) carried out the below-listed activities for the Fund.

- (a) Finalized the report of the thirty-seventh meeting, assisted by the secretariat;
- (b) Liaised with and provided guidance to the secretariat on planning of work after the thirty-seventh meeting, including:
- Resource mobilization initiatives under the resource mobilization action plan;
 - 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 and moderating the Glasgow Climate Change Conference (COP 26), and contributor dialogue organized there;
 - The Adaptation Fund joining the COP26 Catalyst Access to Finance "Call to Action" and representing the Adaptation Fund at the Catalyst launch event at COP26;
 - Nomination of Board officers for 2022;
 - Preparations for organization of the thirty-eighth Board meeting in hybrid format, due to partially relaxed 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) Liaised with the AF CSO Network on civil society engagement in the Adaptation Fund;
- (d) Liaised with the Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund (AF-TERG) on the preparations for the 29th meeting of the Ethics and Finance Committee;
- (e) Project/Programme agreements signed:
- Djibouti: "Integrated water and soil resources management project" (International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), US\$ 5,339,285)
 - Indonesia: "EMBRACING THE SUN: Redefining Public Space as a Solution for the Effects of Global Climate Change in Indonesia's Urban Areas" (Kemitraan, US\$ 824,835)
 - Indonesia: "Safekeeping-Surviving-Sustaining towards Resilience: 3S Approach to Build Coastal City Resilience to Climate Change Impacts and Natural Disasters in Pekalongan City, Central Java Province" (Kemitraan, US\$ 5,972,670)

- [Regional] Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia (Republic of The), Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo: "Scaling-up Climate-Resilient Rice Production in West Africa" (Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS), US\$ 14,000,000)

Amendment letter for concrete adaptation projects

- Morocco: "Climate change adaptation project in oasis zones – PACC-ZO" (Agency for Agricultural Development (ADA))

(f) Cash transfer requests signed:

1st tranche

- Djibouti: "Integrated water and soil resources management project" (IFAD)
- Indonesia: "EMBRACING THE SUN: Redefining Public Space as a Solution for the Effects of Global Climate Change in Indonesia's Urban Areas" (Kemitraan)
- Indonesia: "Community Adaptation for Forest-Food Based Management in Saddang Watershed Ecosystem" (Kemitraan)
- Tanzania, United Republic of: "Bunda Climate Resilience and Adaptation Project" (National Environment Management Council (NEMC))
- [Regional] Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia (Republic of The), Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo: "Scaling-up Climate-Resilient Rice Production in West Africa" (OSS)

2nd tranche

- India: "Community Adaptation for Forest-Food Based Management in Saddang Watershed Ecosystem" (Kemitraan)
- [Regional] Comoros, Madagascar, Malawi and Mozambique: "Building Urban Climate Resilience in South-eastern Africa" (UN-Habitat)

3rd tranche

- Armenia: "Artik city closed stonepit wastes and flood management pilot project" (Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU))
- Dominican Republic: "Enhancing Climate Resilience in San Cristóbal Province, Dominican Republic - Integrated Water Resources Management Programme" (Dominican Institute of Integral Development (IDDI))
- Panama: "Adapting to climate change through integrated water management in Panama" (Fundacion Natura)
- [Regional] Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali and Togo: "Integrating Flood and Drought Management and Early Warning for Climate Change Adaptation in the Volta Basin" (WMO)

- [Regional] Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda: “Agricultural Climate Resilience Enhancement Initiative (ACREI)” (World Meteorological Organization (WMO))
- [Regional] Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda: “Adapting to Climate Change in Lake Victoria Basin” (UNEP)

4th tranche

- India: “Enhancing Adaptive Capacity and Increasing Resilience of Small and Marginal Farmers in Purulia and Bankura Districts of West Bengal” (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD))
- Jordan: "Increasing the resilience of poor and vulnerable communities to climate change (Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC))
- Uganda: "Enhancing resilience of communities to climate change through catchment based integrated management of water and related resources in Uganda" (OSS)

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

Project formulation grants (PFGs)

- Belize: “Building Community Resilience via Transformative Adaptation” (Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT), US\$ 30,000)
- United Republic of Tanzania: “Climate Change Adaptation in Saltwater Stressed and Freshwater Deficient Communities in Zanzibar” (National Environment Management Council (NEMC), US\$ 30,000)
- [Regional] Benin and Togo: “Towards a climate risks shield in the Mono River basin (Benin, Togo): Strengthening adaptation and resilience to climate change through integrated water resources and flood management (Project: BOUCLIER-CLIMAT/MONO) (OSS, US\$ 20,000)
- [Regional] Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Niger and Nigeria: “Integrated water resources management and early warning system for climate change resilience in the Lake Chad Basin” (World Meteorological Organization (WMO), US\$ 20,000)
- [Regional] Costa Rica and Panama: “Enhancing the Climate Resilience of Coastal Communities in Limon, Costa Rica and Bocas del Toro, Panama through Nature-based Solutions for Local Livelihoods” (United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), US\$ 20,000)
- [Regional] Guinea, Mali, Mauritania and Senegal: “Strengthening the resilience of climate-vulnerable communities in the Senegal River basin using a multi-hazard early warning system and enhancing adaptation capacity (OSS, US\$ 20,000)
- [Regional] India and Sri Lanka: “Strengthening resilience of vulnerable communities in Sri Lanka and India to increased impacts of climate change” (United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), US\$ 80,000)

Project formulation assistance grant (PFA)

- Belize: “Building Community Resilience via Transformative Adaptation” (PACT, US\$ 30,000)

Innovation grant

- Bhutan: “Building Adaptive Capacity through Innovative Management of Pests/Disease and Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Bhutan to Enhance Sustainable Agro-Biodiversity and Livelihoods” (Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation (BT FEC), US\$ 250,000)

Amendment letter for an innovation grant

- Armenia: “Engaging future leaders: Digital education module on adaptation challenges and best practices for youth” (Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU))

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

- Delivered opening remarks at the Adaptation Fund official side event at COP26 “Adapting to Climate Change through Locally-led Action” on 6 November 2021;
- Delivered closing remarks at the UNDP/CSM COP26 side event “Climate Finance for Sustaining Peace” on 8 November 2021;
- Delivered remarks at the ministerial event organized by the *Institute de la Francophonie pour le Développement Durable* (IFDD), on 9 November 2021;
- Signing letters of appreciation to contributor governments;
- Represented the Fund at its first full Pavilion at COP 26, which enhanced visibility.

2. Provided official quotes or appearances as the Board Chair in 6 news releases and a podcast prepared by the Secretariat, as well as numerous external media interviews during the reporting period:

- March 23, 2022: Adaptation Fund Receives US\$ 6 Million from Japan in Country’s First Ever Contribution to Fund ([link](#))
- March 8, 2022: [International Women’s Day 2022] New Adaptation Fund Study Demonstrates Value of Intersectional Approaches in Gender Mainstreaming ([link](#))
- February 28, 2022: Adaptation Fund Poised to Support Accelerated Adaptation Response, in Wake of New IPCC Report ([link](#))
- December 22, 2021: [Podcast] Adaptation Fund Building Climate Resilience : Reflections on Glasgow ([link](#))
- November 11, 2021: Interview with Times Radio
- November 9, 2022: Adaptation Fund Raises Record Amount of Pledges at COP26 ([link](#))

- g) October 2021: Interview with Devex on the Adaptation Fund, its importance, advantages and challenges ahead of the COP26 (in press)
- h) October 26, 2021: Adaptation Fund Board Clears Over US\$ 42 M in New Projects ([link](#))