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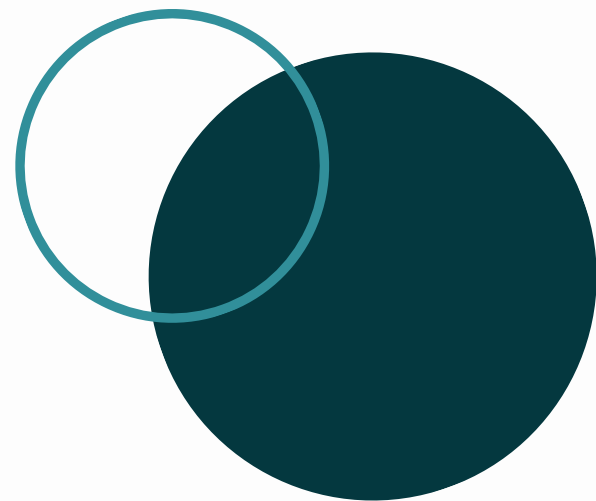
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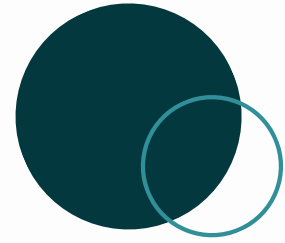
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Webinar on Accreditation

STRUCTURE



- **Benefits of accreditation**
- **The main takeaways from the compliance with the AF Environmental and Social Policy/ Gender policy**
- **Access to climate finance after accreditation**
- **Recommendations for entities seeking to pursue accreditation with the Adaptation Fund**





BENEFITS OF ACCREDITATION WITH THE AF (PART 1)

- Identification and management of challenges and gaps in institutional capacities
- Advanced and comprehensive adaptation activities through direct access to climate finance instruments
- Appropriately coordinated and documented projects
- Upgraded level of close cooperation with communities and new mechanisms for addressing the problems they face




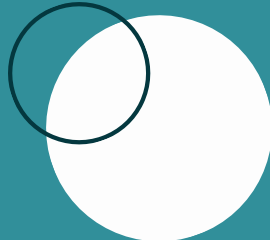
BENEFITS OF ACCREDITATION WITH THE AF (PART 2)

- Central role in the country's adaptation policy framework and extended responsibilities
- Enlarged accountability towards international and national partners
- New partnerships with global actors that face the same challenges
- Facilitated accreditation process in the framework of other relevant funds



THE MAIN TAKEAWAYS FROM THE COMPLIANCE WITH AF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL POLICY/ GENDER POLICY

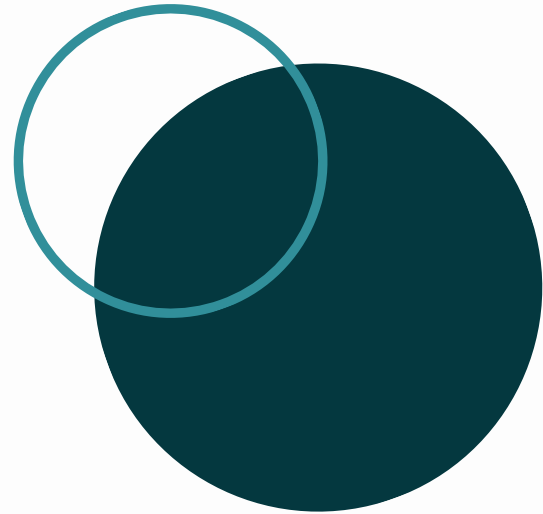


- Continuous trainings in the framework of gender mainstreaming, grievance mechanisms, environmental impact assessment
 - Appropriate monitoring of project activities from the perspective of environmental, social and gender requirements
 - Development of EPIU's own gender policy document and a manual on Environmental, social and gender mainstreaming, monitoring and evaluation
 - Consideration of EPIU as a central body disseminating environmental, social, gender-related principles among communities through sharing its best experience
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ACCESS TO CLIMATE FINANCE AFTER ACCREDITATION

In addition to the projects supported by the AF, EPIU has raised **\$ 6,263,000 million** for other climate-related projects:

- “Readiness Support” (GCF)
- “UNEP/GEF Project for Building Capacity for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing House” (UNEP/GEF)
- “De-Risking and Scaling-Up Investment in Energy Efficient Building Retrofits - Armenia” (UNDP/GCF)
- “Forest resilience of Armenia, enhancing adaptation and rural green growth via mitigation” (GCF/FAO)
- “Transition Towards Electric Mobility in Armenia” (UNEP/GEF)



Recommendations for entities seeking to pursue accreditation with the Adaptation Fund

- Appropriate knowledge of the Fund's policies and guidelines
- Transparent and fair approach to the process
- Provision of concise and relevant data
- Cooperation with experienced institutions

Thank you !



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