



Technical Evaluation
Reference Group
ADAPTATION FUND

Discussing the new Adaptation Fund Evaluation Policy with the AF-TERG

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Introduction to the AF-TERG

- Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund
- Established in 2019
- Modeled after the TERG of the Global Fund
- 3 functions
 - Evaluation*
 - Advisory*
 - Oversight*



Two key work elements of the AF-TERG

**Adaptation Fund
Evaluation Policy**

**Ex post evaluations of
Adaptation Fund projects**

Agenda

Objectives of today's presentation

Adaptation Fund Evaluation Policy

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Introducing the new Evaluation Policy

Understanding the changes induced by the new Evaluation Policy

Surveying the room



Who has read the **new Adaptation Fund Evaluation Policy**?



What have you found **most useful** in the new Evaluation Policy?



What would you find **most difficult to apply** in the new Evaluation Policy?

The new Adaptation Fund Evaluation Policy

- Request from the Board to review the current Evaluation Framework (2011-2) and to develop a new policy
- Evaluation Policy was developed collaboratively by the AF-TERG with the AFB secretariat
- Evaluation Policy adopted in April 2022 by the Board
- It will replace the current Evaluation Framework
- It will enable the Fund's evaluation function to foster the Fund's mission, goal, and vision of helping countries build resilience and adapt to climate change.
- It adopts a 'whole of Fund' approach and will foster alignment with the Paris Agreement processes



Available at:


<https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/evaluation-policy-of-the-adaptation-fund-graphically-edited/>

Main changes with the new Evaluation Policy

Broadens and deepens the EF

- ➡ Elevates the evaluation function to a **policy level**
- ➡ Connects evaluation to the **Fund's strategies, policies, goal, mission, and niche;**
- ➡ Adds **7 evaluation principles and 9 criteria** that are linked to the Fund's niche;
- ➡ Encourages **utilization of evaluation evidence and lessons,**
- ➡ Encourages **evaluation capacity development** and adaptive management;
- ➡ **Expands types of evaluation,** which now includes non-mandatory evaluations;
- ➡ Suggests **evaluation function budget guidelines.**

What does the new Evaluation Policy mean for Implementing Entities?

Key changes	Implications for IEs
<p>1 Stronger and more systematic focus on learning and adaptive management</p> <p>2 Alignment/harmonization of evaluation with in-country evaluation systems to reduce duplication. </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducting more and better-quality evaluation work arising from the integration of MEL throughout all stages of the project/programme cycle• Increasing institutional capacity for evaluation and use of evaluation products• Reviewing IE evaluation systems in line with the provisions of the Board-approved EP and in harmony with national evaluation systems

What does the new Evaluation Policy mean for Implementing Entities?

Cost implications of the new Evaluation Policy for Implementing Entities:

The new EP proposes the development of MEL budget guidelines for Board approval

- IEs will have to **resource their operational-level evaluations** in line with the EP
- Each project proposal will continue to reflect separate but complementary M&E budget lines in accordance with the Fund's OPG.
- This could include provision for :
 - Baseline data report
 - Mid-term Review (MTR), if duration of project is four years or more
 - Final project and programme evaluation.
- Each **IE will decide whether to conduct non-mandatory operational evaluations** such as Real-time Evaluation (RTE), as well as other evaluation activities appropriate and relevant to the project



Timeline for the operationalization of the new Evaluation Policy

- The new Policy will come into effect in **October 2023**
- April 2022 > October 2023 is a **transition period for Fund's stakeholders**
 - **IEs can use the Evaluation Framework to evaluate all projects approved before October 2023*
 - **During the transition time, any implementation of the Policy is voluntary*
- **Evaluation guidance documents and resources** are currently being developed for the operationalization of the new Policy
- Guidance documents will be **introduced to IEs** after their approval by the Board in March 2023

Comments?
Questions?



discussion

...Any interest in using the new Policy to evaluate projects before October 2023?



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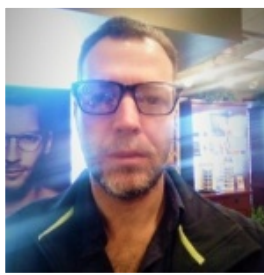
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