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Bonn, Germany, 11-14 October 2022

Agenda item 3

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIR

1. During the intersessional period between the thirty-eighth meeting and the thirty-ninth meetings of the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board), the Chair, Mr. Albara E. Tawfiq (Saudi Arabia, Asia-Pacific) carried out the below-listed activities for the Fund.

- (a) Finalized the report of the thirty-eighth meeting, assisted by the secretariat;
- (b) Liaised with and provided guidance to the secretariat on planning of work after the thirty-eighth meeting, including:
 - Preparations for and attending the Bonn Climate Change Conference in June 2022 (SB56);
 - Providing opening remarks at the Adaptation Fund side event at SB56;
 - Facilitating meetings of the secretariat with the incoming COP27 (Egypt) and COP28 (United Arab Emirates) Presidencies at SB56;
 - Preparations for organization of the thirty-ninth Board meeting in in-person format, including its agenda.
- (c) Represented the Adaptation Fund in the UNFCCC Executive Secretary's informal initiative on strengthening observer engagement in the UNFCCC process, on 15 June 2022;
- (d) Attended the UNFCCC Training Workshop on access and mobilization of climate finance for Arab States in Tunis, Tunisia, on 18-20 September 2022, in which also the Board secretariat presented the Fund's work and access modalities.
- (e) Project/Programme agreements signed:
 - Côte d'Ivoire: "Increasing Rural Communities' Adaptive Capacity and Resilience to Climate Change in Bandama Basin in Côte d'Ivoire", International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (US\$ 6,000,000)
 - Haiti: "Implementing Measures for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Mitigation of School Facilities in Haiti", United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (US\$ 9,916,344.00)
 - Malaysia: "Nature-Based Climate Adaptation Programme for the Urban Areas of Penang Island", United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (US\$ 10,000,000)
 - Trinidad and Tobago: "Multisectoral Adaptation Measures to Climate Change in the South Oropouche River Basin for Flood Relief", Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) (US\$10,000,000)

Amendment letter for concrete adaptation projects

- Chile and Ecuador: "Reducing Climate Vulnerability and Flood Risk in Coastal Urban and Semi Urban Areas in Cities in Latin America", Corporación Andina De Fomento (CAF)

- Jordan and Lebanon: “Increasing the resilience of both displaced persons and host communities to climate change-related water challenges in Jordan and Lebanon”, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

(f) Cash transfer requests signed:

1st tranche

- Côte d’Ivoire: “Increasing Rural Communities’ Adaptive Capacity and Resilience to Climate Change in Bandama Basin in Côte d’Ivoire”, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- Haiti: “Implementing Measures for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Mitigation of School Facilities in Haiti”, UNESCO
- Malaysia: “Nature-Based Climate Adaptation Programme for the Urban Areas of Penang Island”, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- Trinidad and Tobago: “Multisectoral Adaptation Measures to Climate Change in the South Oropouche River Basin for Flood Relief”, (CAF)

2nd tranche

- Indonesia: “Adapting to Climate Change through Sustainable Integrated Watershed Governance in Indigenous People of Ammatoa Kajang Customary Area in Bulukumba Regency, South Sulawesi Province, Indonesia”, Partnership for Governance Reform (Kemitraan) of Indonesia
- Lesotho: “Improving Adaptive Capacity of vulnerable and food insecure populations in Lesotho”, (UN World Food Programme (WFP))
- Malawi: “Adapting to climate change through integrated risk management strategies and enhanced market opportunities for resilient food security and livelihoods”, (WFP)
- Sierra Leone: “Promoting Climate Resilience in the Cocoa and Rice Sectors as an Adaptation Strategy in Sierra Leone”, International Fund Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- Viet Nam: “Enhancing the resilience inclusive and sustainable eco-human settlement development through small scale infrastructure interventions in the coastal regions of the Mekong Delta”, UN-Habitat
- [Regional] Djibouti, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda: “Strengthening drought resilience of small holder farmers and pastoralists in the IGAD region”, Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)
- [Regional] Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan: “Reducing vulnerabilities of populations in the Central Asia region from glacier lake outburst floods in changing climate”, UNESCO
- [Regional] Mauritius and Seychelles: “Restoring marine ecosystem services by rehabilitating coral reefs to meet a changing climate future”, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

3rd tranche

- Jamaica: "Enhancing the Resilience of the Agricultural Sector and Coastal Areas to Protect Livelihoods and Improve Food Security", Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)
- Micronesia (Federated States of): "Practical Solutions for Reducing Community Vulnerability to Climate Change in the Federated States of Micronesia" (Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT))
- Senegal: "Reducing vulnerability and increasing resilience of coastal communities in the Saloum Islands (Dionewar and Fadiol)" (Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE))
- [Regional] Albania, Montenegro and Macedonia (the former Yugoslav Republic of), "Integrated climate-resilient transboundary flood risk management in the Drin River basin in the Western Balkans" (UNDP)
- [Regional] Chile and Ecuador: "Reducing climate vulnerability and flood risk in coastal urban and semi urban areas in cities in Latin America" (CAF)

4th tranche

- Antigua and Barbuda: "An integrated approach to physical adaptation and community resilience in Antigua and Barbuda's Northwest McKinnon's watershed", Department of Environment, Ministry of health and the Environment (ABED)
- Honduras: "Ecosystem-Based Adaptation at Communities of the Central Forest Corridor in Tegucigalpa", United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Nepal: "Adapting to Climate Induced Threats to Food Production and Food Security in the Karnali Region of Nepal" (WFP)

5th tranche

- Morocco: "Climate changes adaptation project in oasis zones - PACC-ZO", Agence pour le Developpement Agricole (ADA)

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

Project formulation grants (PFGs)

- Benin: "Building Resilience to Climate Change of the Neighbouring Populations of the Classified Forests of Bassila and Penessoulou in the Central Region of Benin", Le Fonds National Pour L'environnement et le Climat (FNEC), US\$ 27,000
- Côte d'Ivoire: "Strengthen the Resilience of Smallholder Farmers to the Effects of Climate Change through the Adoption of Proven Innovative Technologies and Practices", Fonds Interprofessionnel pour la Recherche et le Conseil Agricoles (FIRCA), US\$ 50,000
- Uganda: "Enhancing Community Adaptation to Climate Change through Climate Resilient Flood Early Warning, Catchment Management and Wash Technologies

in Mpologoma Catchment, Uganda”, Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE), US\$ 45,000

- [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 \$80,000

Learning grant

- Costa Rica: “Support for capturing and disseminating practical lessons from adaptation interventions”, Fundación Fundecooperación Para El Desarrollo Sostenible, (US \$149,994.00)

Innovation grant

- [AFCIA] "Adaptation Fund - UNDP Innovation Small Grant Aggregator Platform (ISGAP)", UNDP (2nd tranche)
- Uganda: “Enhancing Resilience to Climate-Induced Flooding and Drought through the Deployment of a Water-Filled Barrier”, MWE (US\$ 250,000)

2. Provided official quotes or appearances as the Board Chair in news releases prepared by the Secretariat:

- a) May 26, 2022: Transboundary Adaptation Actions Promote Efficiency of Resource Use and Opportunities for Learning ([link](#))
- b) April 14, 2022: Adaptation Fund Board Advances Development of Fund’s Next 5-Year Strategy to Build and Expand Upon Fund’s Successes ([link](#))