



## ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board  
Project and Programme Review Committee  
Thirtieth Meeting  
Bonn, Germany, 11-12 October 2022

Agenda Item 4 r)

### **PROJECT FORMULATION GRANT FOR NIGER**

## I. Background

1. The Board at its eleventh meeting discussed the document “Funding for Project Formulation Costs” (AFB/11/6) and agreed, in its Decision B.11/18, that:

- i. project formulation grants (PFG) should be given once a project concept has been approved;
- ii. consideration should be given in terms of differentiating between NIEs and MIEs, since some NIEs might have financial difficulties in trying to formulate project or programme proposals;
- iii. a flat rate should be given for project formulation costs;
- iv. a list of eligible activities and items still needed to be prepared; v. the grant should be additional to the project cost; and
- v. the fate of funds if the final project document was rejected should be determined.

2. There was consensus that a three-tiered system should be considered for project formulation grants: endorse a project concept with a PFG amount, endorse a project concept without a PFG amount, or reject the project concept.

3. Following the discussion, the Board decided:

*“To request the secretariat to reformulate the document, to include a comparison of eligible activities provided by other funds for project formulation grants, to take into account guidance provided by the Board at the present meeting, and to submit the document to the Board at its twelfth meeting, through the EFC. The EFC should review and finalize the process and policy of the project formulation grant focusing, in particular, on: the issue of unspent project funds; the procedures followed by other funds in that regard; and the determination of a flat-rate.”*

4. A document was prepared by the secretariat in response to the above mandate and presented at the third EFC meeting, which made specific recommendations to the Board at its twelfth meeting. Having considered the recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee, the Board, in its Decision B.12/28, decided that:

*(a) Project Formulation Grants (PFGs) will only be made available for projects submitted through NIEs. The Board would continue reviewing the question of PFGs for projects submitted through MIEs and would solicit comments from members and alternate members by February 14, 2011; the views would be compiled by the secretariat for presentation to the Board at its March 2011 meeting;*

*(b) If a country required a project formulation grant, a request should be made at the same time as the submission of a project concept to the secretariat. The secretariat will review and forward it to the PPRC for a final recommendation to the Board. A PFG could only be awarded when a project concept was presented and endorsed;*

*(c) A PFG form, reproduced in Annex V, should be submitted;*

- (d) Only activities related to country costs would be eligible for PFG funding;*
- (e) A flat rate of up to US\$30,000 shall be provided, inclusive of the management fee, which cannot exceed 8.5 per cent of the grant amount. The flat fee would be reviewed by the Board at its thirteenth and all subsequent meetings;*
- (f) If the final project document is rejected, any unused funds shall be returned to the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund;*
- (g) Once a project/programme formulation grant is disbursed, a fully developed project document should come to the Board for approval within 12 months. No additional grants for project preparation can be received by a country until the fully developed project/programme document has been submitted to the Board; and*
- (h) The Trustee was instructed to remove the set-aside of US\$100,000 for project preparation that had been decided at the June 2010 meeting, as project preparation would be approved on a project-by-project basis.*

5. In its twenty-fourth meeting, the Board had initiated steps to launch a pilot programme on regional projects and programmes, not to exceed US\$ 30 million and had requested the secretariat to prepare for the consideration of the Board a proposal for such a pilot programme (Decision B.24/30). In its twenty-fifth meeting, the secretariat submitted such document and the Board decided to:

- (a) Approve the pilot programme on regional projects and programmes, as contained in document AFB/B.25/6/Rev.2;*
- (b) Set a cap of US\$ 30 million for the programme;*
- (c) Request the secretariat to issue a call for regional project and programme proposals for consideration by the Board in its twenty-sixth meeting; and*
- (d) Request the secretariat to continue discussions with the Climate Technology Center and Network (CTCN) towards operationalizing, during the implementation of the pilot programme on regional projects and programmes, the Synergy Option 2 on knowledge management proposed by CTCN and included in Annex III of the document AFB/B.25/6/Rev.2.*

*(Decision B.25/28)*

6. The approved document AFB/B.25/6/Rev.2 contained provisions for the approval of project formulated grants for regional project and programme proposals, at different development stages, as follows:

*“It is proposed that the Board open a structured call for MIEs and RIEs to submit pre-concepts for regional projects and programmes. The optional pre-concepts would be very brief proposals of maximum 5 pages that would explain the proposed regional adaptation project/programme. The pre-concepts would be screened and technically reviewed by the secretariat, and subsequently reviewed by the PPRC.*

*Together with the pre-concept, the proponent could submit a Phase I PFG request, up to the maximum level of US\$ 20,000. While endorsing the pre-concept, the Board could also approve the Phase I PFG request. The endorsement of the pre-concept would not create an obligation for the Board for later funding. As the next step, the proponent would submit a concept, and with it the proponent could submit a Phase II PFG request. The maximum AFB/PPRC.18/25/Add.1 level of the Phase II PFG would be US\$ 80,000 for proposals that had been previously granted Phase I PFG, and US\$ 100,000 for proposals that bypassed the optional pre-concept stage. While endorsing the concept, the Board could also approve the Phase II PFG request. The endorsement of the concept would not create an obligation for the Board for later funding, as it is the case for the national projects. The final stage of the proposal process would be the submission of the fully-developed regional project document”.*

7. The Board in its thirty-seventh meeting, having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC), the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

*(d) To raise the maximum amount of individual project formulation grants available to national implementing entities to US\$ 50,000;*

**(Decision B.37/1)**

## **II. The Project Formulation Grant Request**

8. This addendum to the document AFB/PPRC.30/23 “Proposal for Niger” includes a request for a Project Formulation Grant, requesting a budget of US\$ 49,000, which was received by the secretariat along with the concept for the project AF00000299 “Climate-Resilient Agriculture Chains in Niger (CRAC-Niger)”. This proposal was submitted by Banque Agricole du Niger (BAGRI), which is the National Implementing Entity of the Adaptation Fund, in time for consideration by the Adaptation Fund Board at its thirty-ninth Board meeting.

9. In accordance with Decision B.12/28, paragraph (b), the secretariat carried out an initial review of the PFG request and found that the document provided detailed information on the use of the requested funds. The proposed activities were aligned with the goal of the project and would conduct a gender study and action plan -including consultations, develop an environmental and social impact assessment -including consultations, and carry out a cost-benefit analysis.

10. Therefore, the PPRC may want to consider and recommend to the Board to approve the PFG Request, provided that the related concept proposal is endorsed.



## Project Formulation Grant (PFG)

Submission Date: 08/08/2022

Adaptation Fund Project ID:  
 Country/ies: *Republic of Niger*  
 Title of Project/Programme: *Climate-Resilient Agriculture Chains in Niger (CRAC-Niger)*  
 Type of IE (NIE/MIE): *National Implementing Entity*  
 Implementing Entity: *Banque Agricole du Niger (BAGRI)*  
 Executing Entity/ies: *Conseil National de l'Environnement pour un Développement Durable (CNEDD) ; Fonds d'Investissement pour la Sécurité Alimentaire et Nutritionnelle (FISAN) ; BAGRI*  
 Headquarters and its two (2) Regional Branches of Tahoua and Agadez.

### A. Project Preparation Timeframe

Start date of PFG	<i>December 2022</i>
Completion date of PFG	<i>May 2023</i>

### B. Proposed Project Preparation Activities (\$)

Describe the PFG activities and justifications:

List of Proposed Project Preparation Activities	Output of the PFG Activities	USD Amount
<i>Gender study and action plan (including consultation)</i>	<i>The existing gender inequalities in the project implementation area and sector are assessed and served to guide the project's development ensuring equity of access and enjoyment of project outputs by men and women. An action plan is developed for the social inclusion strategy that the project has adopted.</i>	<i>10,000</i>
<i>Environment and Social Impact Assessment (including consultation)</i>	<i>The environmental and social risks and impacts of project implementation are assessed and an action plan is developed to eliminate, mitigate and/or circumvent risks. The data from the study are used to design the project to ensure that it protects and safeguards the environment, in alignment with the Adaptation Fund investment criteria.</i>	<i>20,000</i>
<i>Project Cost-benefit analysis</i>	<i>Cost benefit analyses using national</i>	<i>7,000</i>

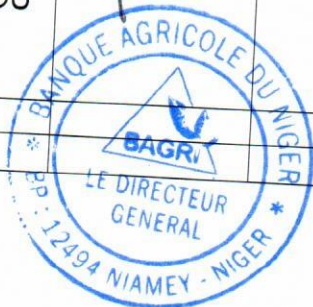


	benchmark costs are undertaken to eliminate, cost underestimation risks, and document the choice of efficient options that will be implemented by the project.		
Stakeholder engagement (Including consultation)	A matrix of project stakeholders in Niger is established and analyzed to show each member's capacities, levels of influence, and roles. Categorization of stakeholders informed project development on how and at which levels the need to be involved to ensure successful implementation and sustainability after closure.	12,000	
Total Project Formulation Grant		49,000	

### C. Implementing Entity

This request has been prepared in accordance with the Adaptation Fund Board's procedures and meets the Adaptation Fund's criteria for project identification and formulation

Implementing Entity Coordinator, IE Name	Signature	Date (Month, day, year)	Project Contact Person	Telephone	Email Address
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## ANNEX 1- ENDORSEMENT LETTER

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CABINET DU PREMIER MINISTRE

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CONSEIL NATIONAL DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT POUR UN DEVELOPPEMENT DURABLE

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SECRETARIAT EXECUTIF

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Niamey, le 26/08/2022

Le SECRETAIRE EXECUTIF

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Subject: Endorsement for "Agriculture Climate Resilient Value Chain Development in Niger.

In my capacity as the designated authority for the Adaptation Fund in Niger, I confirm that the abovementioned project concept note is in accordance with the government's national priorities in implementing adaptation activities to reduce adverse impacts of, and risks, posed by climate change in Niger.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the above project concept note requesting grant support from the Adaptation Fund. If approved, the project will be developed, implemented by Banque Agricole du Niger (BAGRI) and executed by CNEDD; Fonds d'Investissement pour la Sécurité Alimentaire et Nutritionnelle (FISAN); BAGRI Headquarters in Niamey as well as its two regional branches of Tahoua and Agadez.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Kamayé Maazou



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