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**REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT ON INITIAL
SCREENING/TECHNICAL REVIEW
OF INNOVATION SMALL GRANT PROPOSALS**

Background

1. This document presents to the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC) of the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) an overview of the innovation small grant proposals submitted by National Implementing Entities (NIEs) to the current meeting, and the process of screening and technical review undertaken by the secretariat.

2. The analysis of the proposals mentioned above is contained in a separate addendum to this document.

3. At its thirtieth meeting, having considered document AFB/B.30/5/Rev.1, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

(a) *To adopt the medium-term strategy as amended by the Board, as contained in the Annex 1 of the document AFB/B.30/5/Rev.1 (the MTS); and*

(b) *To request the secretariat:*

(i) *To broadly disseminate the MTS and work with key stakeholders to build understanding and support;*

(ii) *To prepare, under the supervision of the MTS task force, a draft implementation plan for operationalizing the MTS, containing a draft budget and addressing key assumptions and risks, including but not limited to funding and political risks, for consideration by the Board at its thirty-first meeting; and*

(iii) *To draft, as part of the implementation plan, the updates/modifications to the operational policies and guidelines of the Adaptation Fund needed to facilitate implementation of the MTS, for consideration by the Board at its thirty-first meeting.*

(Decision B.30/42)

4. Pursuant to decision B.30/42, subparagraph b (ii), the secretariat prepared a draft implementation plan for the MTS, including an assessment of assumptions and risks. The secretariat shared a version of the draft with the MTS task force for comments.

5. The draft implementation plan also contains suggestions for specific funding windows that might be opened under the MTS in complement of the Fund's existing funding windows for single-country and regional adaptation projects and readiness support projects. Following the approval of the implementation plan, the secretariat would present specific proposed details for each new funding window at subsequent meetings of the Board for its consideration, in accordance with the timeline contained in the implementation plan.

6. At its thirty-first meeting, the Adaptation Fund Board discussed the draft implementation plan for the MTS, and members of the Board proposed amendments to the document. The secretariat then presented a revised draft, in document AFB/B.31/5/Rev.1. Having considered that document, the Board decided:

(a) *To approve the implementation plan for the medium-term strategy for the Fund for 2018–2022 contained in the Annex I to document AFB/B.31/5/Rev.1 (the plan);*

(b) *To request the secretariat:*

[...]

(iii) To prepare, for each proposed new type of grant and funding window, a specific document containing objectives, review criteria, expected grant sizes, implementation modalities, review process and other relevant features and submit it to the Board for its consideration in accordance with the tentative timeline contained in Annex I to document AFB/B.31/5/Rev.1, with input from the Board's committees;

(iv) Following consideration of the new types of support mentioned in subparagraph (b)(iii), to propose, as necessary, amendments to the Fund's operational policies and guidelines Fund to better facilitate the implementation of such new types of support; and

[...]

(Decision B.31/32)

7. At its thirty-second meeting, the Board considered document AFB/PPRC.23/4/Rev.2, Program on Innovation: Small Grants Projects through Direct Access Modality, and the Board decided:

(a) To approve the process for providing funding for innovation through small grants to National Implementing Entities (NIEs), as described in document AFB/PPRC.23/4/Rev.2, including the proposed objectives, review criteria, expected grant sizes, implementation modalities, review process and other relevant features as described in the document; and

(b) To request the secretariat to prepare the first request for proposals to NIEs for US\$ 2 million, to be launched at the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in December 2018.

(Decision B.32/4)

8. Subsequently, the first request for proposals to NIEs for US\$ 2 million was launched at the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties in December 2018.

Programming to-date

Table 1: Proposals Submitted, Approved

| Project name | Country | Implementing Entity | Funding (USD) | Decision |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Building Adaptive Capacity through Innovative Management of Pests/Disease and Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Bhutan to Enhance Sustainable Agro-Biodiversity and Livelihoods | Bhutan | BTFEC | 250,000 | Under Implementation |
| Innovative technologies for improved water availability to increase food security in Antigua and Barbuda | Antigua and Barbuda | ABED | 250,000 | Under Implementation |
| Strengthening of a Replicable Micro Ecosystem of Accelerated Technological Innovation for Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change in Dominican Republic through the Development of a Pilot Thermo Solar Desalination Appropriate Technology | Dominican Republic | IDDI | 249,929 | Under Implementation |
| Water Security: Improving Water Access during Emergency Situations in San Antonio Province, Region Valparaíso | Chile | AGCICL | 230,000 | Under Implementation |
| Engaging Future Leaders: Digital Education Module on Adaptation Challenges and Best Practices for Youth | Armenia | EPIU | 231,250 | Under Implementation |
| Enhancing Resilience to Climate-induced Flooding and Drought through the Deployment of a Water-filled Barrier | Uganda | MOWE | 250,000 | Proposal Approved |
| Total | | | 1,461,179 | |

Table 2: Active pipeline under the Small Innovation Grants funding window (Proposals Submitted, Not approved)

| Project name | Country | Implementing Entity | Funding (USD) | Decision |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Strengthening of a Replicable Micro Ecosystem for Accelerated Development of Technologies for Climate Change Adaptation of the Dominican Republic - Phase I - Disruptive Modular Dynamic Floating Breakwater Technology | Dominican Republic (2) | IDDI | 248,734 | Proposal Not Approved |
| Accelerating Climate Change Resilience through Climate Smart Agriculture and Landscape Management Project in Matobo District, Zimbabwe | Zimbabwe | EMA | 249,970 | Proposal Not Approved |
| Enhancing Sustainable Wetlands Restoration Through Community-Based Climate Change Adaptive Livelihood Options in Okole Wetland System Lira District | Uganda (2) | MWE | 250,000 | Proposal Not Approved |
| Piloting Climate Resilience Livelihood Systems in Runyinya Village, Kyerwa District | United Republic of Tanzania | NEMC | 250,000 | Proposal Not Approved |
| Total | | | 998,704 | |

Innovation Small Grant Proposals Submitted by National Implementing Entities

9. Accredited national implementing entities submitted six innovation small grant proposals to the secretariat, with the total requested funding amounting to US\$ 1,495,419. Five proposals, with the total requested funding amount of US\$ 1,245,419 met the requirements for undergoing a complete technical review. The proposals included US\$ 54,087 or average of 4.57% in Implementing Entities management fees and US\$ 169,642 or average of 14.22% in execution costs.

10. The project was submitted by the National Implementing Entities (NIEs) for Chile, Indonesia and Senegal. Details of the proposals are contained in the separate PPRC working document, as follows:

(a) Chile (1): AFB/PPRC.30/48

(b) Chile (2): AFB/PPRC.30/49

(c) Chile (3): AFB/PPRC.30/50

(d) Indonesia: AFB/PPRC.30/51

(e) Senegal: AFB/PPRC.30/52

Review Process

11. The secretariat subsequently reviewed the supplementary information provided by the IE and compiled a recommendation that is presented in the addendum to this document (AFB/PPRC.30/47/Add.1).

12. The eligible submissions were posted online for public review and the Adaptation Fund's CSO network as well as members of the Board were notified and invited to provide comments within a specified time period. One civil society organization provided general comments related to the innovation grants for Chile. These relate to the recommendations that consultations should be conducted in the local language of the country where the projects will be implemented, to simplify technical language for CSO and community groups, as well as the need to provide sufficient duration for CSO groups to review the documentation to be evaluated in between the start and end date of consultations. No comments were received by the Secretariat from the members of the Board.

Issues identified

Available funding

13. The total amount funded under the first request for proposals (RFP) under the set-aside of US\$ 2 million launched in 2018 to date is US\$ 1,461,179. Accordingly, the amount of funding currently remaining from the initial amount approved for the first RFP is US\$ 538,821. Funding approved (Table 1) and Active pipeline (Table 2) have reached US\$ 2,459,883, which is in excess of the set aside funding under the first RFP. To recall, a second request for proposals under the set-aside of US\$ 6 million was proposed under the Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) Implementation Plan.

Table 4: Innovation small grant proposal submitted to the thirty-ninth Board meeting

| 16. Innovation Small Grants | Country | IE | PPRC Document number | Grant Size, USD | IE Fee, USD | IE Fee % | Execution Cost, USD | EC % |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|
| NIE | | | | | | | | |
| | Chile (1) | AGCID | AFB/PPRC.30/48 | 247,200 | 7,200 | 3.00% | 25,000 | 10.42% |
| | Chile (2) | AGCID | AFB/PPRC.30/49 | 249,900 | 7,500 | 3.09% | 39,600 | 16.34% |
| | Chile (3) | AGCID | AFB/PPRC.30/50 | 250,000 | 12,500 | 5.26% | 63,800 | 26.86% |
| | Indonesia | Kemitraan | AFB/PPRC.30/51 | 250,000 | 9,000 | 3.73% | 21,250 | 8.82% |
| | Senegal | CSE | AFB/PPRC.30/52 | 248,319 | 17,887 | 7.76% | 19,992 | 8.68% |
| Sub-total, USD | | | | 1,245,419 | 54,087 | 4.57% | 169,642 | 14.22% |