Annual NIE Seminar 2022

Readiness Programme for Climate Finance

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Overview

- Grants
- Accreditation, project preparation & design
- Visibility of the Fund
- Contributes to KM
Activities under the Readiness Programme

Implemented through 4 key components

- Support to countries seeking accreditation
- Support to accredited IEs
- Cooperation/Partnership with climate finance readiness providers
- Knowledge management
Support for project development

**The AFB secretariat:** Helps clarify review criteria and process: [afbsec@adaptation-fund.org](mailto:afbsec@adaptation-fund.org) (the secretariat cannot pre-screen proposals before submission)

**Technical assistance grants:** meant to improve IE’s E&S risk management systems

**Project Formulation Assistance Grants:** meant to cover part of costs related to consultations, E&S impact studies and proposal development

**Non-grant activities**
Technical Assistance (TA) Grants (TA-ESGP)

TA Grant for the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy – US $25,000

Aimed at strengthening NIE capacity to identify, screen, address and manage environmental and social risks as well as gender related issues in their projects and programs in line with the Fund’s Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy.

Eligibility Requirement:
- All accredited NIEs of the Fund that have not previously received a technical assistance grant are eligible to apply.

Support in one or more of the following:
- Developing procedures/manuals/guidelines for screening projects for ES risks as well as gender-related risks;
- Developing procedures/manuals/guidelines for undertaking ES risk assessments and formulating risk management plans that are gender responsive;
- Developing Policies for public disclosure and consultation that are gender-responsive;
- Developing transparent, accessible, fair and effective complaint handling mechanisms;
- Training of staff;
Technical Assistance (TA) Grants (TA-GP)

❖ TA Grant for the Gender Policy – US $10,000

Meant for NIEs that already have robust environmental and social policies to put in place measures to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate adverse gender impacts in accordance with the Adaptation Fund’s Gender Policy.

Eligibility Requirement:
- All accredited NIEs that have not previously received a technical assistance grant are eligible to apply.

Support in one or more of the following:
- Updating of existing procedures/manuals/guidelines
- Development of procedures for undertaking gender assessments
- Development of a policy/avenues for public disclosure and consultation that are gender responsive
- Development of transparent, accessible, fair and effective mechanisms for receiving and addressing complaints
- Training of staff for gender mainstreaming
The Readiness Package Grant

- Approved at AFB36, April 2021
- The Readiness Package Grant is available for accreditation of NIEs only, up to a maximum of US$ 150,000 per country.

- The grant continues to support South-South Cooperation (SSC) through a more comprehensive suite of tools to address accreditation gap areas within NIE candidates/applicants to help them adequately meet the Fund’s accreditation criteria.

- Following a decision by the Board at AFB36, April 2021 countries may accredit up to 2 NIEs.
Eligibility Requirement for recipients:

➢ All developing country Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement under UNFCCC are eligible.

In addition, all applicants should meet the following criteria:

➢ The country must be a developing country Party to the Kyoto Protocol or Paris Agreement;

➢ The NIE candidate must be located in a developing country Party to the Kyoto Protocol or Paris Agreement that does not have an NIE accredited with the Fund;

➢ The country of the NIE candidate must have a Designated Authority (DA) to the Adaptation Fund;
The Readiness Package Grant

Key considerations:

- **Initial assessment and dialogue** to nominate a suitable NIE candidate to navigate the accreditation process of the Fund.

- **In-country support** to an NIE candidate, identification of gaps

- **Technical support** – Articulate main components/steps to address the NIE candidate gaps/challenges, including through experts
  
  (activity → output → timeframe)

- **Justify chosen components/steps** - explain status core, current processes and procedures within the NIE candidate, plus implementation timeframe for new policies

- **Support** to address and respond to feedback provided by the Accreditation Panel
Project Scale-up grants

Available to NIEs up to US$100,000

Support planning, assessment, capacity enhancement (individual, organization and institutional) for designing and developing scaling up pathways for Adaptation Fund project/programmes

NIEs with tangible achievements on their project/programme

Project near completion (2PPRs, MTE or PCR)

Endorsement by Designated Authority of the scale-up grant application

Identification of potential source of funding to scale up the proposed project
# Timeline for Submission of Request

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<td>1 February to 31 March and from 1 July to 31 August every year.</td>
<td>At regular meetings of the Board. Same deadline as regular project and programme proposals</td>
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Non-grant support available to NIEs

- Annual NIE seminar for accredited NIEs
- Regional Workshops
- Readiness webinars

Study on Readiness and Capacity Building for Direct Access to Adaptation Finance
South-South Country Exchange Visits
Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities (CPDAE)
This bulletin provides news about the readiness and capacity-building support for climate change adaptation that is available to developing countries and provided by organizations under and outside the UN Convention and Paris Agreement.

News and Announcements
Thank You!

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Approved Readiness Grants to date

- 45 readiness grants approved as of 23 March 2022