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Bonn, Germany, 12-13 October 2023

Agenda item 3

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIR

1. During the intersessional period between the fortieth meeting and the forty-first meetings of the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board), the Chair, Mr. Antonio Navarra (Italy, Western European and others) carried out the below-listed activities for the Fund.

(a) Finalized the report of the fortieth meeting, assisted by the secretariat;

(b) Liaised with and provided guidance to the secretariat on planning of work after the fortieth meeting, including:

- Preparations for and attending the 28th Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP28) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates;
- Preparations for organization of the forty-first Board meeting, including its agenda;
- Dialogue with the Executive Secretary of UNFCCC at the forty-first meeting;
- Communication on an incorrect reference to the Fund in an article in a leading periodic magazine (which was subsequently corrected).

(c) Project/Programme agreements signed:

- Bhutan: “Adaptation to Climate-Induced Water Stresses through Integrated Landscape Management in Bhutan” (Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation (BTFEC)) (US\$ 9,998,955)
- Cote 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\$ 4,000,000)
- Mongolia: “Ger Community Resilience Project (GCRP)” (United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)) (US\$ 7,965,882)
- Montenegro: “Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience in the Montenegrin Mountain Areas-Gora” (International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)) (US\$ 10,000,000)
- Nauru: “Resilient Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture in Nauru” (The Pacific Community (SPC)) (US\$ 7,999,493)
- Papua New Guinea: “Adaptation of Small-Scale Agriculture for Improved Food Security of Resilient Communities in Papua New Guinea (ASSA)” (SPC) (US\$ 10,000,000)
- Sri Lanka: “Build Resilience to Climate Change and Climate Variability of Vulnerable Communities in Mullaitivu District of Sri Lanka” (UN-Habitat) (US\$ 2,000,000)
- Zimbabwe: “Strengthening local communities’ adaptive capacity and resilience to climate change through sustainable groundwater utilisation in Zimbabwe” (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)) (US\$ 5,000,000)

- [Regional] Belize, Guatemala and Honduras: “Use of Nature-based Solutions to Increase Resilience to Extreme Climate Events in the Atlantic Region of Central America” (Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI)) (US\$ 13,248,121)
- [Regional] India and Sri Lanka: “Strengthening Resilience of Vulnerable Communities in Sri Lanka and India to Increased Impacts of Climate Change” (World Food Programme (WFP)) (US\$ 13,995,524)

“Enhanced Direct Access” project

- Rwanda: “Rwanda Subnational Adaptation Fund EDA” (Ministry of Environment (MOE), Rwanda) (US\$ 4,998,812)

Amendment letters for concrete adaptation projects

- [Regional] Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan: “Reducing vulnerabilities of populations in the Central Asia region from glacier lake outburst floods in changing climate” (UNESCO)
- [Regional] Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Union of Comoros: “Building urban climate resilience in south-eastern Africa” (UN-Habitat)
- [AFCIA] “Special financing window in support of innovation for adaptation” (United Nations Environment programme (UNEP))

(d) Cash transfer requests signed:

1st tranche

- Bhutan: "Adaptation to Climate-Induced Water Stresses through Integrated Landscape Management in Bhutan" (BTFEC)
- Cote d'Ivoire: "Strengthen the Resilience of Smallholder Farmers to the Effects of Climate Change through the Adoption of Proven Innovative Technologies and Practices" (Interprofessional Fund for Agricultural Research (FIRCA))
- Mongolia: "Ger Community Resilience Project (GCRP)" (UN-Habitat)
- Montenegro: “Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience in the Montenegrin Mountain Areas-Gora” (IFAD)
- Nauru: "Resilient Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture in Nauru" (SPC)
- Papua New Guinea: "Adaptation of Small-Scale Agriculture for Improved Food Security of Resilient Communities in Papua New Guinea (ASSA) " (SPC)
- Rwanda: "Rwanda Subnational Adaptation Fund EDA" (MOE, Rwanda)
- Sri Lanka: “Build Resilience to Climate Change and Climate Variability of Vulnerable Communities in Mullaitivu District of Sri Lanka” (UN-Habitat)
- Zimbabwe: "Strengthening local communities' adaptive capacity and resilience to climate change through sustainable groundwater utilisation in Zimbabwe" (UNESCO)

- [Regional] Argentina and Uruguay: "Climate change adaptation in vulnerable coastal cities and ecosystems of the Uruguay River" (Development Bank of Latin America (CAF))
- [Regional] Belize, Guatemala, Honduras: "Use of Naturebased Solutions to Increase Resilience to Extreme Climate Events in the Atlantic Region of Central America" (CABEI)
- [Regional] India and Sri Lanka: "Strengthening Resilience of Vulnerable Communities in Sri Lanka and India to Increased Impacts of Climate Change" (WFP)

2nd tranche

- Georgia: "Dairy Modernization and Market Access: Adaptation Component (DiMMAAdapt)" (IFAD)
- Guinea-Bissau: "Scaling up climatesmart agriculture in East Guinea-Bissau" (Banque Ouest Africaine de Developpement (BOAD))
- Lao Republic: "Building climate and disaster resilience capacities of vulnerable small towns in Lao PDR" (UN-Habitat)
- Moldova: "Talent Retention for Rural Transformation - Adapt (TRTP-Adapt)" (IFAD)
- Niger: "Enhancing Resilience of Agriculture to Climate Change to Support Food Security in Niger, through Modern Irrigation Techniques" (BOAD)
- Tanzania: "Enhancing Climate Change Adaptation for Agro-Pastoral Communities in Kongwa District" (National Environment Management Council (NEMC))
- [Regional] Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Niger and Togo: "Promoting Climate-Smart Agriculture in West Africa" (BOAD)
- [AFCIA] "Special Financing Window in Support of Innovation for Adaptation" (United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

3rd tranche

- Armenia: "Strengthening land based adaptation capacity in communities adjacent to protected areas in Armenia" (Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU))
- Malawi: "Adapting to climate change through integrated risk management strategies and enhanced market opportunities for resilient food security and livelihoods" (WFP)
- Lao Republic: "Building climate and disaster resilience capacities of vulnerable small towns in Lao PDR" (UN-Habitat)
- Tajikistan: "An integrated landscape approach to enhancing the climate resilience of small-scale farmers and pastoralists in Tajikistan" (UNDP)
- [Regional] Djibouti, Kenya, Sudan, Uganda: "Strengthening drought resilience of small holder farmers and pastoralists in the IGAD region" (Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS))

- [AFCIA] “Adaptation Fund – UNDP Innovation Small Grant Aggregator Platform (ISGAP)” (UNDP)

4th tranche

- Lao Republic: "Enhancing the climate and disaster resilience of the most vulnerable rural and emerging urban human settlements in Lao PDR" (UN-Habitat)
- [Regional] Albania, Montenegro, and North Macedonia: "Integrated climate-resilient transboundary flood risk management in the Drin River basin in the Western Balkans" (UNDP)

(e) Other grants agreements and corresponding cash transfer requests signed:

Project formulation grants (PFGs)

- Indonesia: “Increasing the Resilience of Smallholders from Climate Impacts through Smart Agriculture Based on Livelihood Diversification in Indonesia” (Kemitraan) (US\$ 50,000)
- Indonesia: “Strengthening Community Adaptation toward Climate Change through ProKlim in Ecoregion Neck of Sulawesi Island” (Kemitraan) (US\$ 50,000)
- Indonesia: “Sustainable Landscape Governance; Towards Climate Resilience of Community in Tempe Lake Ecosystem” (Kemitraan) (US\$ 50,000)
- Indonesia: “Village Based Coastal Adaptation and Resilience in Lombok Province of West Nusa Tenggara” (Kemitraan) (US\$ 50,000)
- Peru: “Building a Program for Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change of Andean Local Communities and Ecosystems in Peru” (Profonanpe) (US\$ 45,000)
- [Regional] Bangladesh and Nepal: “Hydrological Status and Outlook System for Integrated Water Resources Management and Climate Resilience in Bangladesh and Nepal (HydroSOS-BaNe)” (US\$ 20,000)
- [Regional] El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras: “Building resilience of Urban Communities in Central America by Leveraging Nature-based Solutions (NbS) for Adaptation” (UNEP) (US\$ 20,000)
- [Regional] (The Gambia and Tanzania): "Enhancing Hydromet Services through Regional Monitoring Innovation Hubs in Africa" (WMO) (US\$ 30,000)
- [Innovation] Belize: “Securing Water Resources through Solar Energy and Innovative Adaptive Management (SEAM)” (Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT)) (US\$ 50,000)

Innovation small grant

- Indonesia: “Developing “Climate Smart Community” System to Increase Climate Resilience for Saddang Watershed Communities” (Kemitraan) (US\$ 250,000)

- Indonesia: “Towards Climate and Economic Resilience: Development Sustainable Adaptation-based of Coffee Village and Tourism Village through Co-production Social Forestry” (Kemitraan) (US\$ 250,000)

Learning grant

- Peru: “Support for capturing and disseminating practical lessons from adaptation interventions in Peru” (Profonanpe) (US\$ 150,000)

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

- a) March 30, 2023: Adaptation Fund Board Approves Implementation Plan for New 5-Year Strategy, Greenlights US\$ 74 Million in New Projects ([link](#))
- b) April 4, 2023: Podcast- Adaptation Fund - Building Climate Resilience - Episode 12 - Antonio Navarra ([link](#))
- c) Appeared in photos and/or quoted in several social media posts covering Adaptation Fund 40th Board Meeting.