



ADAPTATION FUND

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3 October 2024

Adaptation Fund Board
Ethics and Finance Committee
Thirty-fourth Meeting
Bonn, Germany, 8-9 October 2024

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting

The Chair of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC), Frida Jangsten (Sweden, Western European & Others Group) will open the meeting.

2. Organizational matters:

a) Adoption of the agenda

Documents: AFB/EFC.34/1/Rev.1, [Provisional agenda](#) and AFB/EFC.34/2, [Annotated provisional agenda](#).

Action expected: The EFC will be invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting and to raise any other matters it may wish to discuss. These other matters will be included on the agenda under item 7.

b) Organization of work

Documents: AFB/EFC.34/1/Rev.1, [Provisional agenda](#) and AFB/EFC.34/2, [Annotated provisional agenda](#).

Background: The Chair will propose to the EFC the organization of work as suggested in the attached provisional timetable.

3. Annual performance report for fiscal year 2024

Document: AFB/EFC.34/9, [Annual performance report for fiscal year 2024](#).

Background: The secretariat will present the annual performance report (APR) for the fiscal year 2024 for consideration by the EFC. The report highlights the unique value of the Fund's pioneering sustainable and scalable projects and provides a wide range of information since the inception of the Fund in 2010

and on the progress of the Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) implementation, following the strategic foci of: Action, Innovation, Learning and Sharing and its cross-cutting areas. The report provides also information on the active pipeline of proposals under development and presents the growth of the Fund's portfolio.

Action expected: The EFC will be invited to consider the annual performance report for the fiscal year 2023 contained in document AFB/EFC.34/8, and to make a recommendation to the Board for approval.

4. Financial issues:

a) Financial status of the Trust Fund and CER monetization

Document: AFB/EFC.34/3, [Adaptation Fund Trust Fund: Financial report prepared by the trustee \(as at 30 June 2024\).](#)

Background: The trustee will report on the financial status of the trust fund to the EFC.

Action expected: The EFC will be invited to consider and take note of the report presented by the trustee.

b) Reconciliation of the administrative budgets of the Board and Secretariat, the Evaluation Function, and the Trustee for fiscal year 2024

Document: AFB/EFC.34/4, [Reconciliation of the administrative budgets of the Board and the secretariat, the evaluation function, and the trustee for the fiscal year 2024.](#)

Background: The Board secretariat, AF-TERG secretariat and the trustee will present the reconciled budgets for fiscal year 2024 (1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024).

Action expected: The EFC will be invited to consider and take note of the reconciled budgets of the Board and the secretariat, the evaluation function, and the trustee for the fiscal year 2024.

c) Issues on the cost recovery (hosting) fee for the World Bank

Document: AFB/EFC.34/4, [Reconciliation of the administrative budgets of the Board and the secretariat, the evaluation function, and the trustee for the fiscal year 2024.](#)

Background: The Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat is administratively hosted by the World Bank Group (WBG) under the Global Environment Facility vice president unit (GEFVP). The WBG is implementing a new cost recovery measure to introduce a uniform rate to fully recover indirect costs incurred by FIF secretariats. The GEFVP reached an agreement with the WBG on a cost recovery rate in June 2024 that took effect as of July 1, 2024. The secretariat is assessing the implications of this agreement on the cost recovery rate it pays the WBG and on Secretariat operations.

Action expected: The EFC will be invited to consider and take note of the information to be presented by the secretariat.

5. Report of the Chair of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group, including:

a) Work update reporting

Document: AFB/EFC.34/Inf.2/Rev.1, [Work programme update report of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund \(AF-TERG\). Progress for fiscal year 2024 - 2025 \(FY25\)](#)

Background: The Chair of the AF-TERG will provide an update on the completion of the last year of the first multi-year workplan and outline the initial progress under the second multi-year work programme in FY25.

Action expected: The EFC will be invited to consider the information presented in the Chair's presentation and the written report.

b) AF-TERG thematic evaluation of scalability concepts and practice at the Adaptation Fund;

Document: AFB/EFC.34/5/Rev.1, [AF-TERG thematic evaluation of scalability concepts and practice at the Adaptation Fund](#)

Background: A member of the AF-TERG will provide a summary of the main findings of the thematic evaluation on scalability and the proposed recommendations.

Action expected: The EFC will be invited to consider and recommend to the Board for approval, the recommendation of the thematic evaluation on scalability.

c) Update on the Ex-post evaluations

#3 ARG/MIE/Rural/2011/1 Increasing Climate Resilience and Enhancing Sustainable Land Management in the Southwest of the Buenos Aires Province, Argentina

Document: AFB/EFC.34/Inf.3, [Summary of ex-post evaluation #3 of AF project ARG/MIE/Rural/2011/1 Increasing Climate Resilience and Enhancing Sustainable Land Management in the Southwest of the Buenos Aires Province, Argentina](#)

Background: A member of the AF-TERG will provide a summary of the main findings of the ex-post evaluation.

Action expected: The EFC will be invited to take note of the findings of ex-post evaluation #3 of AF project ARG/MIE/Rural/2011/1 Increasing Climate Resilience and Enhancing Sustainable Land Management in the Southwest of the Buenos Aires Province, Argentina.

#4 Enhancing the Adaptive Capacity and Increasing Resilience of Small-size Agriculture Producers of the Northeast of Argentina

Document: AFB/EFC.34/Inf.4, [Summary of ex-post evaluation #4 of AF project ARG/NIE/Agri/2011/1 Enhancing the Adaptive Capacity and Increasing Resilience of Small-size Agriculture Producers of the Northeast of Argentina](#)

Background: A member of the AF-TERG will provide a summary of the main findings of the ex-post evaluation.

Action expected: The EFC will be invited to take note of the findings of ex-post evaluation #4 of AF project ARG/NIE/Agri/2011/1 Enhancing the Adaptive Capacity and Increasing Resilience of Small-size Agriculture Producers of the Northeast of Argentina.

5 d) Second Adaptation Fund Final Evaluation Synthesis

Document: AFB/EFC.34/Inf.6, [Second Synthesis of Adaptation Fund Final Evaluations](#)

Background: A member of the AF-TERG will present the AFB/EFC.34/Inf.6, Second Synthesis of Adaptation Fund Final Evaluations.

Action expected: The EFC will be invited to take note of the information presented by the AF-TERG.

6. Management response to the recommendations of the thematic evaluation of the accreditation process

Document: AFB/EFC.34/6, [Management response to the recommendations of the thematic evaluation of the accreditation process](#)

Background: The secretariat will present a management response including a response to each of the finding recommendations of the AF-TERG thematic evaluation on the accreditation process (AFB/EFC.33/11).

Action expected: The EFC will be invited to take note of the AF-TERG findings, and to consider the management response, and to recommend to the Board for approval the preparation of an action plan to implement agreed recommendations.

7. Initial management response to the findings of the thematic evaluation on scalability concepts and practice

Document: AFB/EFC.34/7, [Management response to the recommendations of the thematic evaluation on scalability concepts and practice](#)

Background: having considered document AFB/EFC.34/5, AF-TERG thematic evaluation of scalability concepts and practice at the Adaptation Fund, the secretariat prepared a management response including a response to each of this thematic evaluation.

Action expected: The EFC will be invited to consider and recommend to the Board for approval, the recommendation on the management response to the thematic evaluation on scalability.

8. Project post approval policies gap assessment and options for policies amendment

Document: AFB/EFC.34/8, [Project Post Approval Policies Gap Assessment and Options for Policies Amendment](#)

Background: Since the approval and last update of the project post-approval policies, specifically the Policy for Project Implementation (OPG Annex 7) and the Policy for Project/Programme Delays, the Fund has undergone significant evolution, including the approval of new funding windows. However, these policies have not kept pace with the complexities of modern project management, particularly in a rapidly changing global environment.

Key issues, such as the permissible extent of delays before project inception and the criteria for triggering project cancellation, remain inadequately defined. Furthermore, the existing policies do not account for the unique needs of innovation and locally led adaptation (LLA) projects, which require more flexible adaptive management regimes. As the Fund continues to expand and diversify its portfolio, updating these policies to address these challenges is essential for ensuring effective and responsive project management.

Action expected: The EFC will be invited to take note of the policies gap assessment and options for policies amendments, as included in document AFB/EFC.34/7, and recommend it to the Board for approval.

9. Other matters.

EFC members will be invited to discuss any other matters raised during the adoption of the agenda.

10. Adoption of the recommendations and report.

EFC members will be invited to adopt EFC's recommendations to the Board and the report of the EFC meeting.

11. Closure of the meeting.

The Chair of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC) will close the meeting.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

All timetables are (UTC+01:00) Central European Time (Bonn, Germany).

The Board will hold an informal consultation session on the afternoon of 8 October. The EFC meeting will therefore convene only in the morning of Day 1: October 8 and then convene for the full day of Day 2: 9 October.

Day 1: 8 October 2024

Morning session

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| 9:30 - 9:50 | 1 | Opening of the meeting |
| | 2 a) | Adoption of the agenda |
| | 2 b) | Organization of work |
| 9:50 – 10:30 | 5 | Report of the Chair of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group: |
| | 5 a) | Work update reporting |
| 10:30 – 10:50 | | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 10:50 – 11:20 | 5 b) | Update on the AF-TERG thematic evaluation of scalability lessons and evidence from the Fund and broader peers, including recommendations on supporting scalability through Fund (and AF-TERG) strategy and operations |
| 11:20 – 11:50 | 5 c) | Update on the Ex-post evaluations |
| | | #3 ARG/MIE/Rural/2011/1 Increasing Climate Resilience and Enhancing Sustainable Land Management in the Southwest of the Buenos Aires Province, Argentina |
| | | #4 Enhancing the Adaptive Capacity and Increasing Resilience of Small-size Agriculture Producers of the Northeast of Argentina |
| | 5 d) | Second Adaptation Fund Final Evaluation Synthesis |

Day 2: 9 October 2024

Morning session

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| 9:00 – 9:30 | 4 b) | Reconciliation of the administrative budgets of the Board and Secretariat, the Evaluation Fund, and the Trustee for fiscal year 2024 |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | 4 c) | Issues on the cost recovery (hosting) fee for the World Bank |

10:00 – 10:30	6	Management response to the recommendations of the thematic evaluation of the accreditation process
10:30 – 10:50		<i>Coffee break</i>
10:50 – 11:20	7	Management response to the findings of the thematic evaluation on scalability concepts and practice
11:20 – 12:00	3	Annual performance report for fiscal year 2024
12:00 – 12:30	9	Other matters
12:30 – 14:00		<i>Lunch break</i>

Afternoon session

14:00 – 14:30	8	Project post approval policies gap assessment and options for policy amendment [Remote presentation]
14:30 – 15:00	4 a)	Financial status of the Trust Fund and CER monetization [Remote presentation]
15:00 – 15:30		(Remaining agenda items if any)
15:30 – 15:50		<i>Coffee break</i>

[The secretariat may request for additional time before agenda 10 to accommodate discussions held earlier on Day 2 in the EFC report for adoption.]

15:50 – 16:20	10	Adoption of the recommendations and report
	11	Closure of the meeting