

Adaptation Fund Board
Forty-fourth meeting
Bonn, Germany

Report on the Activities of the Chair

Strategic Issues

- a) The Chair's activities are essential to fulfilling the Adaptation Fund's mandate through chairing of Adaptation Fund Board meetings, exercising signatory authority, and external representation on behalf of the Fund and the Board.

Purpose

1. This board paper presents for the consideration of the Adaptation Fund Board a Report on the Activities of the Chair. There is no decision associated with this report.

Activities of the Chair

2. During the intersessional period between the 43rd and 44th meetings of the Board (October 2024-April 2025), the Chair, Lucas Di Pietro (Argentina, Non-Annex I) carried out the below listed activities on behalf of the Fund and its Board.

A. Board Governance

- Finalized the meeting report of the 43rd meeting, assisted by the Secretariat
- Finalized the report of the Adaptation Fund to the Parties, assisted by the Secretariat
- Liaised with and provided guidance to the Secretariat on the planning of work following the 43rd meeting, including:
 - Preparations for representation of the Fund at the 29th Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan
 - Preparations for the 44th meeting of the Board, including its Agenda and board paper template
 - Preparations for the Board's deliberations on the Fund's transition to exclusively serve the Paris Agreement

B. Project and Programme Agreements or Amendments Signed [As of 26 February 2025]

Project Agreements

- Azerbaijan: “Building Climate Resilient Cities and Communities in the Republic of Azerbaijan” (UN-Habitat) (USD 10,000,000)
- Benin: “Strengthening Resilience and Food Security of the Vulnerable Communes of Boukombe and Bopa Against Increased Impact of Climate Change” (National Environment Fund Benin (FNEC)) (USD 3,053,744)
- Georgia: “Dairy Modernization and Market Access: Adaptive and Climate-Resilient Pasture Management (DiMMAdapt+)” (IFAD) (USD 9,846,766)
- Peru: “Building a Program for Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change of Andean Local Communities and Ecosystems in Peru” (PROFONANPE) (USD 4,746,620)
- Global: ““Coordination Services for the Special Financing Window in Support of Innovation for Adaptation (AFCIA): Phase II” (UNEP) (USD 2,707,222)

Project Amendments

- Indonesia: “Safekeeping-Surviving_Sustaining towards Resilience: 3S approach to build coastal city resilience to climate change impacts and natural disasters in Pekalongan City, Central Java Province” (Kemitraan)

C. Cash transfer requests signed

1st tranche

- Azerbaijan: “Building Climate Resilient Cities and Communities in the Republic of Azerbaijan” (UN-Habitat)
- Benin: “Strengthening Resilience and Food Security of the Vulnerable Communes of Boukombe and Bopa Against Increased Impact of Climate Change” (National Environment Fund Benin (FNEC))
- Georgia: “Dairy Modernization and Market Access: Adaptive and Climate-Resilient Pasture Management (DiMMAdapt+)” (IFAD)
- Peru: “Building a Programme for Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change of Andean Local Communities and Ecosystems in Peru” (PROFONANPE)

2nd tranche

- Bhutan: “Adaptation to Climate-Induced Water Stresses through Integrated Landscape Management in Bhutan” (Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation (BT FEC))
- Cameroon: “Increasing local communities’ resilience to climate change through youth entrepreneurship and integrated natural resources management” (IFAD)
- Indonesia: “EMBRACING THE SUN: Redefining Public Space as a Solution for the Effects of Global Climate Change in Indonesia's Urban Areas” (Kemitraan)
- Mongolia: “Ger Community Resilience Project (GCRP)” (UN-Habitat)

3rd tranche

- Indonesia: “Safekeeping-Surviving-Sustaining towards Resilience: 3S Approach to Build Coastal City Resilience to Climate Change Impacts and Natural Disasters in Pekalongan City, Central Java Province” (Kemitraan)

- Liberia: “Building Climate Resilience in Liberia's Cocoa and Rice Sectors” (International Fund Agricultural Development (IFAD))
- Pakistan: “Enhance community, local and national-level urban climate change resilience to water scarcity, caused by floods and droughts in Rawalpindi and Nowshera, Pakistan” (UN-Habitat)

4th tranche

- Cambodia: “Climate Change Adaptation through small-scale & protective infrastructure interventions in coastal settlements of Cambodia” (UN-Habitat)
- Jordan and Lebanon: “Increasing the resilience of both displaced persons and host communities to climate change-related water challenges in Jordan and Lebanon” (UN-Habitat)
- Federated States of Micronesia: "Enhancing the Climate Resilience of vulnerable island communities in Federated States of Micronesia " (Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP))
- Paraguay: “Ecosystem Based Approaches for Reducing the Vulnerability of Food Security to the Impacts of Climate Change in the Chaco region of Paraguay” (UNEP)_
- Chile and Ecuador: :Reducing climate vulnerability and flood risk in coastal urban and semi urban areas in cities in Latin America” (Development Bank of Latin America (CAF))
- Sudan: “Strengthening drought resilience of small holder farmers and pastoralists in the IGAD region” (Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS))
- Global: “Special Financing Window in Support of Innovation for Adaptation” (UNEP)

5th tranche

- Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia: Integrated climate-resilient transboundary flood risk management in the Drin River basin in the Western Balkans (UNDP)

D. Other grants agreements and corresponding cash transfer request signed

Project formulation grants (PFGs)

- Somalia: “Enhancing Adaptation and Resilience through Nature-based Solutions (EARNSS) in Somalia” (UNEP) (\$150,000)
- Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Peru: “AdaptAndes: Enhancing Socioecosystems Resilience, Knowledge Management and Regional Cooperation and Governance Across the Andes” (UNEP) (USD 36,000)

Small innovation grants

- Senegal: ““Djigui Niokolo: Developing Agro-Sylvo-Pastoral Models for Sustainable Agriculture and Environmental Preservation” (Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE)) (USD 244,459)

Readiness grants

- Bhutan: “Project to Support National Implementing Entity Accreditation through the Readiness Package Grant in Bhutan - Second NIE” (BTSEC) (\$149,818.25)
- Tajikistan: “Readiness package grant proposal to support national implementing entity accreditation for Tajikistan” (Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU))

E. Meetings and Events:

- Attended the 29th Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan from November 11-22, 2024, as part of the Adaptation Fund Board delegation, including participation in the following events or panels:
 - Advancing climate-resilient development in Latin America and the Caribbean: Lessons learned from AF portfolio and new financing windows (Nov. 13)
 - Multilateral Climate Funds’ joint event on Nature-based Solutions (Nov. 16)
 - The Path to Resilience: Transforming Climate Finance for Indigenous and Local Communities (Nov. 16)
 - High-level Meeting on Investing in Human Development for a Climate Resilient Future (Nov. 18)
 - Joint Statement: Baku Initiative on Human Development for Climate Resilience (Nov. 18)
 - Amplifying benefits: leveraging AF funding for a just transition, AF-CAF side event (Nov. 20)
 - High Level segment: Statements by Observer Organizations (Nov. 20)
 - Bilateral meeting with SIDS representatives and leaders (Nov. 21)

F. Published News Items with Chair participation:

- **Blog, Jan. 22, 2025:** Adaptation Fund’s Inclusion in Key COP29 Decisions Raises Promise for 2025 and Beyond for Vulnerable Countries
- **Joint Statement, Nov. 18, 2025:** Joint Statement on Baku Initiative on Human Development for Climate Resilience
- **Press Release, Oct. 11, 2025:** Adaptation Fund Board Enhances Access to Climate Finance by Advancing Locally Led Adaptation Programme and Key Partnerships