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Adaptation Fund Board  
Forty-fourth meeting  
Bonn, Germany

## **DECISIONS OF THE ADAPTATION FUND BOARD AT ITS FORTY-FOURTH MEETING**

### **Agenda item 2: Election of officers**

1. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to elect:
  - (a) Antonio Navarra (Italy, Western Europe and Others) as Chair of the Board;
  - (b) Ali Daud Mohammed (Kenya, Africa) as Chair of the EFC;
  - (c) Frida Jangsten (Sweden, Western Europe and Others) as Vice-Chair of the EFC;
  - (d) Francisca Molina (Spain, Western Europe and Others) as Chair of the PPRC;
  - (e) John Payai Manyok (South Sudan, Africa) as Vice-Chair of the PPRC;
  - (f) Antonio Navarra (Italy, Western Europe and Others) as Vice-Chair of the Accreditation Panel.

**(Decision B.44/1)**

### **Agenda item 8: Report on the activities of the secretariat**

2. The Adaptation Fund Board, having considered document AFB/B.44/4/Rev.1, takes note of the Report of the Secretariat for the period of October 2024 to April 2025, and requests the Secretariat to prepare an assessment on the implications on the New Collective Quantified Goal on the operations of the Adaptation Fund, taking into account guidance provided by the Board at its 44th meeting, and present it for consideration by the Board at its 45th meeting.

**(Decision B.44/2)**

### **Agenda item 11: Amendments to the Adaptation Fund's standard project legal agreement**

3. The Adaption Fund Board, having considered confidential document AFB/B.44/6/Rev.1 and its annexes, refers to its decision B.43/30 requesting the Secretariat to consult with the Board and the relevant Fund stakeholders, including the implementing entities, on the draft

amendments to the standard project legal agreement contained in the annex to document AFB/B.43/8, and to update the draft amendments to the standard project legal agreement, taking into considerations and reflecting the input collected through the consultation, decided:

- (a) To approve the amendments to the Adaptation Fund standard project legal agreement contained in Annex B to document AFB/B.44/6/Rev.1;
- (b) To request the secretariat:
  - (i) To communicate the present decision to the Implementing Entities;
  - (ii) To update other funding agreements templates of the Adaptation Fund, as appropriate, in alignment with the amendments to the Adaptation Fund standard project legal agreement as approved by the current decision.

**(Decision B.44/3)**

**Agenda item 14: Utilization of resource caps within the Adaptation Fund**

4. The Adaption Fund Board, having considered document AFB/B.44/9, refers to its decision B.43/33 requesting the Secretariat to undertake additional analysis and further elaborate options for caps and project and programme size, and decided:

- (a) To increase the country cap to US\$40 million;
- (b) To increase the single-country project/programme size to US\$25 million;
- (c) To increase the regional project/programme size to US\$30 million;
- (d) To request the Secretariat, at the start of the next Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) period to review the caps, with a view to supporting the mandate to triple the outflows as per the NCQG decision, paragraph 16.

**(Decision B.44/4)**

**Agenda item 15: Report of the Accreditation Panel**

5. Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel, the Board decided to request the secretariat:

- (a) To initiate work to conduct an in-depth analysis of the re-accreditation approach with a view to assess the long-term operational and budgetary implications, and
- (b) To present the outcome of the said analysis to the Accreditation Panel at its forty-fourth meeting.

**(Decision B.44/5)**

6. Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to accredit the National Environment Trust Fund (NETFUND) of Kenya as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund for five years, as per paragraph 39 of the operational policies and guidelines for Parties to access resources from the Adaptation Fund. The accreditation expiration date would be 10 April 2030.

**(Decision B.44/6)**

7. Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to re-accredit the Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT) as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund for five years, as per paragraph 39 of the operational policies and guidelines for Parties to access resources from the Adaptation Fund. The accreditation expiration date would be 10 April 2030.

**(Decision B.44/7)**

8. Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel and following the re-accreditation process approved by Decisions B.28/38 and B.34/3, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to re-accredit the Interprofessional Fund for Agricultural Research and Advice (FIRCA) of Côte d'Ivoire as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund for five years, as per paragraph 39 of the operational policies and guidelines for Parties to access resources from the Adaptation Fund. The accreditation expiration date would be 10 April 2030.

**(Decision B.44/8)**

**Agenda item 16: Report of the thirty-fifth meeting of the Project and Programme Review Committee**

**(a) Review of single-country project and programme proposals**

*Single country project and programme proposals: fully developed project proposals – proposals from national implementing entities*

Honduras: Constructing resilience together to face climate-change and variability in Western Honduras (fully developed proposal; Comisión de Acción Social Menonita (CASM); AF00000350; US\$ 4,000,000)

9. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:
- (a) To approve the fully developed proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Comisión de Acción Social Menonita (CASM) to the request made by the technical review;

- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 4,000,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by CASM;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with CASM as the national implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.44/9)**

Panama: Strengthening climate resilience in livelihoods and coastal ecosystems of the Central Pacific of Panama (fully developed proposal; Fundación Natura (FNCO); AF0000289; US\$ 10,000,000)

10. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Fundación Natura (FNCO) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 10,000,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by FNCO;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with FNCO as the national implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.44/10)**

*Single country project and programme proposals: fully developed project proposals – proposals from regional implementing entities*

Argentina: Strengthening community resilience of rural populations in the arid zones of northwestern Argentina in the face of climate change by improving access to water and the application of sustainable land-management practices (fully developed proposal; Development Bank of Latin America (CAF); AF00000291; US\$ 10,000,000)

11. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 10,000,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by CAF;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with CAF as the Regional implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.44/11)**

Bangladesh: Green, resilient and adaptive Chattogram Hill Tracts (CHT) economy (GRACE)-LoCALplus (fully developed proposal; International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD); AF00000347; US\$ 10,000,000)

12. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 10,000,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by ICIMOD;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with ICIMOD as the regional implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.44/12)**

*Single country project and programme proposals: fully developed project proposals – proposals from multilateral implementing entities*

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Increasing climate change resilience in the agricultural sector of Bosnia and Herzegovina - STAZA (fully developed proposal; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); AF00000364; US\$ 10,000,000)

13. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 10,000,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by IFAD;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with IFAD as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.44/13)**

Lebanon: Climate change resilience and ecosystem connectivity (CC-REC) (fully developed proposal; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); AF00000379; US\$ 4,300,000)

14. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 4,300,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by IFAD;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with IFAD as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.44/14)**

Lesotho: Improving adaptive capacity of vulnerable and food-insecure populations in Lesotho Phase II (IACoV-2) (fully developed proposal; World Food Programme (WFP); AF00000408; US\$ 10,000,000)

15. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the World Food Programme (WFP) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 10,000,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by WFP;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with WFP as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.44/15)**

Mongolia: Sustainable pasture management and adaptation with resilient technologies for herders in Mongolia (SMART-Herders) (fully developed proposal; International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD); AF00000404; US\$ 2,038,883)

16. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 2,308,883 for the implementation of the project, as requested by IFAD;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with IFAD as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.44/16)**

Philippines: Harnessing the water-food-energy nexus to address and adapt to climate change impacts in Tawi-Tawi (fully developed proposal; United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO); AF00000297; US\$ 9,994,955)

17. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) Approve the fully developed proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) Approve the funding of US\$ 9,994,955 for the implementation of the project, as requested by UNIDO;
- (c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with UNIDO as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.44/17)**

Somalia: Green and resilient ecosystems for Somali livelihoods (Hal-abuur) (fully developed proposal; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); AF00000382; US\$ 10,000,000)

18. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 10,000,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by IFAD;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with IFAD as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.44/18)**

Uzbekistan: Resilient food systems through climate services for agriculture in Uzbekistan (fully developed proposal; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); AF00000369; US\$10,000,000)

19. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;

- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 10,000,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by IFAD;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with IFAD as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.44/19)**

Yemen: Increase the climate change resilience to water scarcity and flooding in the Tuban delta (fully developed proposal; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); AF00000250; US\$ 9,998,560)

20. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 9,998,560 for the implementation of the project, as requested by UN-Habitat;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with UN-Habitat as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.44/20)**

*Single country project and programme proposals: concept notes – proposals from national implementing entities*

Indonesia: Building climate change resiliency for small and remote islands in Pangkajene Island (Pangkep) district (concept note; Partnership for Governance Reform (Kemitraan); AF00000374; US\$ 979,548)

21. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Partnership for Governance Reform (Kemitraan) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify Kemitraan of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The fully developed project proposal should consider the integration of existing traditional knowledge with modern scientific knowledge;



- (ii) The fully developed project proposal should strengthen sustainability measures, especially for technological interventions and ecosystem rehabilitation, define clear monitoring and ecosystem rehabilitation;
  - (iii) The fully developed project proposal should clarify the monitoring frameworks for ecosystem rehabilitation, including ecosystem services valuation, to ensure long-term success;
  - (iv) The fully developed project proposal should specify structured training on fund management, reporting, and project implementation for community groups;
  - (v) The fully developed project proposal should outline how the Fund will ensure equitable access and participation, provide concrete steps for integrating successful actions into local governance structures and securing long-term financing;
  - (vi) The fully developed project proposal should integrate relevant knowledge management and learning indicators and targets in the project results framework, and incorporate detailed outcomes from community-level and gender-specific consultations;
- (c) To request Kemitraan to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Indonesia;
  - (d) To encourage the Government of Indonesia to submit, through Kemitraan, a fully developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.44/21)**

*Single country project and programme proposals: concept notes – proposals from regional implementing entities*

St. Kitts and Nevis: Coastal Adaptation and Resilience Initiative - St. Kitts and Nevis (CARISKN) (concept note; Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC); AF00000393; US\$ 9,994,600)

22. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify CCCCC of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The fully developed project proposal should provide further details on the establishment of the Coastal Zone Management Committee;

- (i) The fully developed project proposal should include the medium risks of the environmental and social impacts;
- (ii) The fully developed project proposal should consider the risks of the project implementation, beyond the expected benefits and performance of the project;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 130,200;
- (d) To request CCCCC to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis;
- (e) To encourage the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis to submit, through CCCCC, a fully developed project proposal that would also address observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.44/22)**

*Single country project and programme proposals: concept notes – proposals from multilateral implementing entities*

People's Democratic Republic of Algeria: Adaptive management of the Algerian steppe and halfah zones to support climate-smart livelihoods and ecosystem resilience (Halfah project) (concept note; International Fund Agricultural Development (IFAD); AF00000405; US\$ 10,000,000)

23. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) Endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) Request the secretariat to notify IFAD of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The fully developed project proposal should further elaborate on the knowledge management related arrangements as part of the implementation arrangements;
  - (ii) The fully developed project proposal should be updated with further consultations to be carried out with the vulnerable groups outlined in the proposal and elaborate on the specific stakeholder engagement modalities and the exact role of various project partners;
  - (iii) The fully developed project proposal should align the project component 3 with the Adaptation Fund strategic results framework outcome 3 and identify risks related to principle 12 of the environmental and social policy;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 108,500;

- (d) To request IFAD to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria;
- (e) To encourage the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to submit, through IFAD, a fully developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.44/23)**

Eswatini: Strengthening agro-ecosystem adaptation for sustainable livelihoods within landscapes (SEASL) (concept note; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); AF00000395; US\$ 10,000,000)

24. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify IFAD of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The fully developed project proposal should include a list of specific indicators of water quality and thresholds for success, thus setting out clear criteria for evaluating the project's impact on water potability;
  - (ii) The fully developed project proposal should provide specific details on the exact mechanisms for ensuring participation, managing conflicts, and reaching the most isolated or marginalized individuals;
  - (iii) The fully developed project proposal should provide specific details on the criteria and process for selecting beneficiaries, including how the participatory selection process will be conducted and how the community profiled list will be developed and validated;
  - (iv) The fully developed project proposal should provide more detailed analyses including quantitative comparison of the cost-effectiveness, of the proposed measures with alternative adaptation measures, and a detailed explanation of the plans to learn from relevant projects, projects, programs, initiatives, and evaluations;
  - (v) The fully developed project proposal should include a detailed maintenance plan for each type of nature-based infrastructure and define clear roles and responsibilities for post-project maintenance, and the plan for long-term monitoring and adaptive management and explain how maintenance will be integrated into existing government systems and budgets;

- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 150,000;
- (d) To request IFAD to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Eswatini;
- (e) To encourage the Government of Eswatini to submit, through IFAD, a fully developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.44/24)**

Malawi: Smallholder climate-resilience project (concept note; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); AF00000380; US\$ 10,000,000)

25. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify IFAD of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The fully developed project proposal should highlight, more clearly and in greater detail, the idea of mainstreaming knowledge management (KM) into project outputs, activities, and indicators, quantify key knowledge products in a results framework, as well as clarify how the project plans to track and analyse turnout and result of the interventions to the benefit of global, national and local climate change adaptation;
  - (ii) The fully developed project proposal should clearly depict how the project will learn from intervention experiences, track the experience and ensure continuous learning and visually detail out the organization and processes needed for efficient and qualitative learning and sharing, and knowledge management;
  - (iii) The fully developed project proposal should provide clarity around project activities, including if there are unidentified sub-projects (USPs) or partially unidentified sub-projects, and, accordingly, implementation and monitoring arrangements in place, as per the Adaptation Fund Environmental and Social Policy and policies on USPs;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 150,000;
- (d) To request IFAD to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Malawi

(e) To encourage the Government of Malawi to submit, through IFAD, a fully developed project proposal that would also address any observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.44/25)**

Namibia: Building climate resilient health systems (concept note; World Health Organization (WHO); AF00000426; US\$ 10,000,000)

26. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

(a) To endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the World Health Organization (WHO) to the request made by the technical review;

(b) To request the secretariat to notify WHO of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issue:

(i) The fully developed project proposal should include clarification on equitable distribution of benefits to vulnerable households, and individuals within the communities selected;

(c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 150,000;

(d) To request WHO to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Namibia;

(e) To encourage the Government of Namibia to submit, through WHO, a fully developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.44/26)**

Nepal: Improving food system resilience of vulnerable communities in Nepal through community-based adaptation (Concept note; World Food Programme (WFP); AF00000407; US\$ 10,000,000)

27. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

Endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the World Food Programme (WFP) to the request made by the technical review;

(f) Request the secretariat to notify WFP of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issue:

(ii) The fully developed project proposal should include a comprehensive cost-effectiveness analysis;

- (g) Request WFP to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Nepal;
- (h) Encourage the Government of Nepal to submit, through WFP, a fully developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.44/27)**

**(b) Review of regional project and programme proposals**

*Regional project and programme proposals: fully developed project proposals – proposals from multilateral implementing entities*

Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Niger, Nigeria: Integrated water resources management and early warning system for climate change resilience in the Lake Chad Basin (fully developed proposal; World Meteorological Organization (WMO); AF00000224; US\$ 11,665,500)

28. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in response to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 11,665,500 for the implementation of the project, as requested by WMO;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with WMO as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.44/28)**

Cuba, Panama: Strengthening the adaptive capacity of coastal communities of Cuba and Panama to climate change through the binational exchange of best practices for climate management and local food security (fully developed proposal; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); AF00000378; US\$ 14,000,000)

29. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 14,000,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by IFAD;

- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with IFAD as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.44/29)**

*Regional project and programme proposals: pre-concept notes – proposals from regional implementing entities*

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela: An integrated system for evaluating hydrological status and outlooks to support key economic sectors and vulnerable communities in South America, to adapt to climate change and build resilience (pre-concept note; World Meteorological Organization (WMO); AF00000416; US\$ 13,998,300)

30. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the pre-concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify WMO of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issue:
  - (i) The concept note should fully identify the demonstration cases highlighted in the outputs;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 50,000;
- (d) To request WMO to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Governments of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela;
- (e) To encourage the Governments of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela to submit, through WMO, a concept note that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.44/30)**

Benin, Burkina Faso, Uganda, Zimbabwe: Pioneering innovative financing for climate-resilient health systems in Africa (pre-concept note; World Health Organization (WHO); AF00000414; US\$ 13,924,000)

31. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the pre-concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the World Health Organization (WHO) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify WHO of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 20,000;
- (d) To request WHO to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Governments of Benin, Burkina Faso, Uganda, Zimbabwe;
- (e) To encourage the Governments of Benin, Burkina Faso, Uganda, Zimbabwe to submit, through WHO, a concept note that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.44/31)**

Costa Rica, Panama: Enhancing climate change adaptation capacity in Central America with focus on Costa Rica and Panama: improving hydroclimatic and early warning systems and integrating with water resources management (pre-concept note; World Meteorological Organization (WMO); AF00000398; US\$ 13,932,655)

32. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the pre-concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify WMO of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 30,000;
- (d) To request WMO to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Governments of Costa Rica and Panama;
- (e) To encourage the Governments of Costa Rica and Panama to submit, through WMO, a concept note that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.44/32)**



Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia: Upscaling groundwater-based natural infrastructure (GBNI) to support water resilience in selected transboundary aquifers (TBAs) of Southern Africa (Pre-concept note; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); AF00000421; US\$ 14,000,000)

33. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the pre-concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify IFAD of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 33,000;
- (d) To request IFAD to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Governments of Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia;
- (e) To encourage the Governments of Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia to submit, through IFAD, a concept note that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.44/33)**

Malawi, Zambia: Supporting resilient agricultural value chains and livelihoods of climate vulnerable border communities of Zambia and Malawi (Pre-concept note; United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO); AF00000422; US\$ 13,998,238)

34. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the pre-concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify UNIDO of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 30,000;
- (d) To request UNIDO to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Governments of Malawi, Zambia;
- (e) To encourage the Governments of Malawi, Zambia to submit, through UNIDO, a concept note that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.44/34)**

Montenegro, North Macedonia: Integrated drought management in the riverine countries of the Drin basin (pre-concept note; World Meteorological Organization (WMO); AF00000412; US\$ 13,733,500)

35. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the pre-concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify WMO of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 30,000;
- (d) To request WMO to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Governments of Montenegro and North Macedonia;
- (e) To encourage the Governments of Montenegro and North Macedonia to submit, through WMO, a concept note that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.44/35)**

**(c) Review of single-country locally led adaptation proposals**

*Single-country locally led adaptation project proposals: fully developed project proposals – proposal from a national implementing entities*

Armenia: Armenia National Adaptation Funding Facility (fully developed proposal; Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU); AF00000360; US\$ 4,960,000);

36. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To approve the fully ndeveloped proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 4,960,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by EPIU;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with EPIU as the national implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.44/36)**

Côte d'Ivoire: Project to strengthen the resilience of local communities in the Bafing region made vulnerable due to farmer breeder conflicts exacerbated by the effects of climate change (fully developed proposal; Interprofessional Fund for Agricultural Research (FIRCA); AF00000365; US\$ 4,950,000)

37. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Interprofessional Fund for Agricultural Research (FIRCA) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 4,950,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by FIRCA;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with FIRCA as the national implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.44/37)**

*Single-country locally led adaptation project proposals: concept notes – proposal from national implementing entities*

Bhutan: Securing Water & Enhancing Climate Resilience in Thimphu (Rural) District in Bhutan (concept note; Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation (BT FEC); AF00000401; US\$ 5,000,000)

38. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation (BT FEC) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify BT FEC of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The fully developed proposal should specify how hydro-meteorological data collected through microclimatic stations will be disseminated to local communities, ensuring accessibility and integration into local decision-making processes;
  - (ii) The fully developed proposal should detail the participatory methods to be used during consultations, how community feedback will be documented and analyzed, and how findings from consultations and feasibility assessments will be communicated back to the community to ensure transparency;

- (iii) The fully developed proposal should specify the content of leadership and financial management training for local actors, including water user associations (WUAs), and clarify who will deliver the sessions, ensuring long-term sustainability and knowledge retention;
- (iv) The fully developed project proposal should include adequate provisions to ensure that the unidentified sub-projects (USPs) will also be compliant with the Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) of the Adaptation Fund;
- (v) The fully developed proposal should develop a gender action plan (GAP), provide a gender-disaggregated baseline, and clarify how vulnerable groups outlined in the proposal such as women, youth and persons with disabilities will be actively included in decision-making, capacity-building and project governance structures;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 250,000;
- (d) To request BTFEC to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Bhutan;
- (e) To encourage the Government of Bhutan to submit, through BTFEC, a fully developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b). above.

**(Decision B.44/38)**

Senegal: Strengthening the resilience of communities in the Dead Sine Valley (Concept note: Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE); AF00000411; US\$ 5,000,000)

39. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify CSE of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The fully developed proposal should present a detailed gender analysis with disaggregated data for women, youth, and other vulnerable groups. It should include a Gender Action Plan (GAP) outlining specific interventions to promote women's land tenure security, equitable access to economic benefits, and representation in governance structures. The proposal should also clarify how vulnerable groups will be included in decision-making processes;
  - (ii) The fully developed proposal should include a sustainability plan for Economic Interest Groups (EIGs), detailing governance structures, financial

mechanisms (e.g., user fees, pooled funds), and capacity-building strategies to ensure long-term viability. Additionally, the proposal should outline specific commitments from decentralized sectoral ministries or local governments regarding long-term infrastructure maintenance and cost recovery strategies;

- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 150,000;
- (d) To request CSE to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Senegal;
- (e) To encourage the Government of Senegal to submit, through CSE, a fully developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.44/39)**

**(d) Operational policy on the regional locally led adaptation window**

40. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to approve the operational policy of the regional funding window for locally led adaptation (LLA) as per document AFB/PPRC.35/9/Rev.1, and including:

- (a) Maximum size of regional LLA projects to follow the policy governing the maximum size of regional projects and programmes;
- (b) Maximum size of project formulation grants policy as established under Decision B.42/37, paragraphs (c) and (d)(i)-(ii).

**(Decision B.44/40)**

**(e) Annually determined funding provisions for fiscal year 2026**

41. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to request the secretariat to include in its work programme for fiscal year 2026 a provision for an amount of:

- (a) US\$ 60 million for funding regional project and programme proposals, including the funding of project formulation grant requests for preparing regional project and programme concept or fully developed project documents;
- (b) US\$ 60 million for funding the second call for proposals for the Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA);
- (c) US\$ 26.5 million for funding locally led adaptation (LLA) single country projects and programmes, including the funding of project formulation and project formulation grant requests for preparing fully developed locally led adaptation (LLA) project documents;

- (d) US\$ 30 million for funding a new regional aggregator programme for channelling grants for LLA to non-accredited entities, including the funding of project formulation and project formulation grant requests;
- (e) US\$ 30 million for funding large innovation projects and programmes, including the funding of project formulation and project formulation grant requests;
- (f) US\$ 4 million for funding small innovation grants, learning grants and project scale-up grants.

**(Decision B.44/41)**

**(f) Post approval request for changes UN-Habitat-Malaysia**

42. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to approve the request for change in target sites in Component 2 for the project “Nature-based Climate Adaptation Programme for the Urban Areas of Penang Island”, as requested by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

**(Decision B.44/42)**

**Agenda item 17: Report of thirty-fifth meeting of the Ethics and Finance Committee**

**(a) Work plan and administrative budgets for the Board and Secretariat, the Technical Evaluation Reference Group and the Trustee to the Ethics and Finance Committee for fiscal year 2026**

43. Having considered the recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To take note of the budget proposals contained in document AFB/EFC.35/2/Rev.1 and approve, from the resources available in the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund:

(Board and Secretariat)

- (i) The proposed budget of US\$ 14,490,488 to cover the costs of the operations of the Board and secretariat for fiscal year 2026, from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026;
- (ii) The estimated World Bank hosting fees of US\$ 1,560,000 for the secretariat and Board for fiscal year 2026;

(Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund and its secretariat)

- (iii) The proposed budget of US\$ 1,997,759 to cover the costs of the operations of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund (AF-TERG) and its secretariat for fiscal year 2026, from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026;
- (iv) The estimated World Bank hosting fees of US\$ 212,000 for the AF-TERG and its secretariat for fiscal year 2026;

(Trustee)

(v) The increase of \$104,600 in the fiscal year 2025 estimated actuals;

(vi) The proposed budget of \$1,068,100 for the trustee services to be provided to the Adaptation Fund in fiscal year 2026;

(b) To authorize the trustee to transfer the amounts in subparagraphs (a) (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) to the respective secretariats, and the amounts in subparagraphs (a) (iv) and (vi) to the trustee.

(c) To request the secretariat to provide more details on planned activities in future workplan and budget Board papers.

**(Decision B.44/43)**

**(b) Revisions to the policy for project/programme implementation delays**

44. The Adaptation Fund Board decided:

(a) To approve the Adaptation Fund's Policy on Project Post-Approval Requests for Changes in Projects/Programmes, as contained in document AFB/EFC.35/5, annex A, appendix I, including the related templates contained in annex D;

(b) To approve the Adaptation Fund's amended Policy for Project/Programme Delays, as contained in document AFB/EFC.35/5, annex A, appendix II, including the related templates contained in annex D;

(c) To request the secretariat to implement the action plan for the implementation of the amendments to the policies, in document AFB/EFC.35/5, annex C.

**(Decision B.44/44)**

**Agenda item 19: Update on the resource mobilization strategy**

45. The Adaptation Fund Board, having considered the information contained in document AFB/B.44/12/Rev.2, decided:

(a) To approve a new resource mobilization target from a floor of US\$ 300 million for 2025;

(b) To request the secretariat, in consultation with the Resource Mobilization Task Force and relevant stakeholders, to prepare a draft resource mobilization strategy for the period 2026 to 2029, for the Board's consideration at its forty-fifth meeting;

(c) To request the Secretariat to draft a related action plan for the Board's consideration at its forty-sixth meeting.

**(Decision B.44/45)**