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Status of Update to the AF Environmental and Social Policy & Development of SEAH policy

Post B.44 webinar

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Update to the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund



Background: Update to the AF ESP

- **Decision 5/CMP.17, para.15**: CMP requested “the Board to review and update the environmental and social safeguard policy of the Adaptation Fund, as needed.”
- **B.40** : The Board requested the secretariat to commission an **independent review of the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund (ESP)** with a view to updating the ESP (**Decision B.40/80 (a)**).
- **B.41**: The Board considered **the independent review of the ESP**, the **result of the stakeholder survey**, as well as and decided to continue considering the matter of updating the ESP at B.42.
- **B.42**: The Board considered two approaches (a fit-for-purpose’ approach and a check-list approach,) and decided to update the ESP **taking a fit-for-purpose approach** outlined as option 1 in document AFB/B.42/11 in consultation with relevant stakeholders of the AF(**Decision B.42/56**).



Recent Work to Update the ESP

- **Preparation of Draft of the Updated ESP:** by an independent expert consultant who conducted ‘an independent review of the ESP’ (Doc. AFB/B.41/7).
- **Internal Review Process:** Several rounds of internal review by the Secretariat and additional independent expert peer reviews by subject matter experts familiar with the AF projects and operational framework.
- **Stakeholder consultations (Feb.2025):**
 - Key stakeholders: Board, IEs, DAs, AF Civil Society Network
 - Public input: call for public input launched for broad stakeholder feedback
 - Verbatim stakeholder feedback is contained in Annex B
- **At B.44, due to time constraints, the Board was not able to consider this matter, which is deferred to B.45.**





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A Policy on Safeguarding against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment of the Adaptation Fund



Background: Development of a SEAH policy

- **Decisions 4/CMP.17, para.13, and 18/CMA.4, para.12**: “Requested the AFB to adopt a policy on safeguarding against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment (SEAH).”
- **B.40** : The Board requested the secretariat to prepare a document with options for a policy on safeguarding against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment (SEAH) and present it at its forty-first meeting for the Board’s consideration (**Decision B.40/8 (b)**).
- **B.41**: The Board decided to continue its consideration of options for responding to the mandate to adopt a SEAH policy (**Decision B.41/37**).
- **B.42**: The Board considered doc. AFB/B.42/12 which contains common definition of SEAH and their application and options to respond the mandate to develop a SEAH policy. The Board decided **to develop an AF policy on safeguarding against SEAH in consultation with relevant stakeholders of the AF (Decision B.42/57)**.



Status of Development of AF SEAH Policy

- A SEAH expert consultant was contracted and developed a draft policy on safeguarding against SEAH with support from the Secretariat, built upon prior work that studied SEAH policies and frameworks of many international organizations including multilateral climate funds and analyzed common elements of SEAH policies and implementation practices.
- Per the Board's direction, the Secretariat will hold consultations to solicit stakeholder feedback to inform the policy's development, which will be considered and reflected, as needed, in finalizing the draft SEAH policy.
- The Secretariat will present a proposal for AF SEAH policy to the Board for approval at its 45th meeting
- If the Board approves the policy, the Secretariat proposes to prepare guidelines to support the implementation of the SEAH policy and update other relevant policies of the Fund.

