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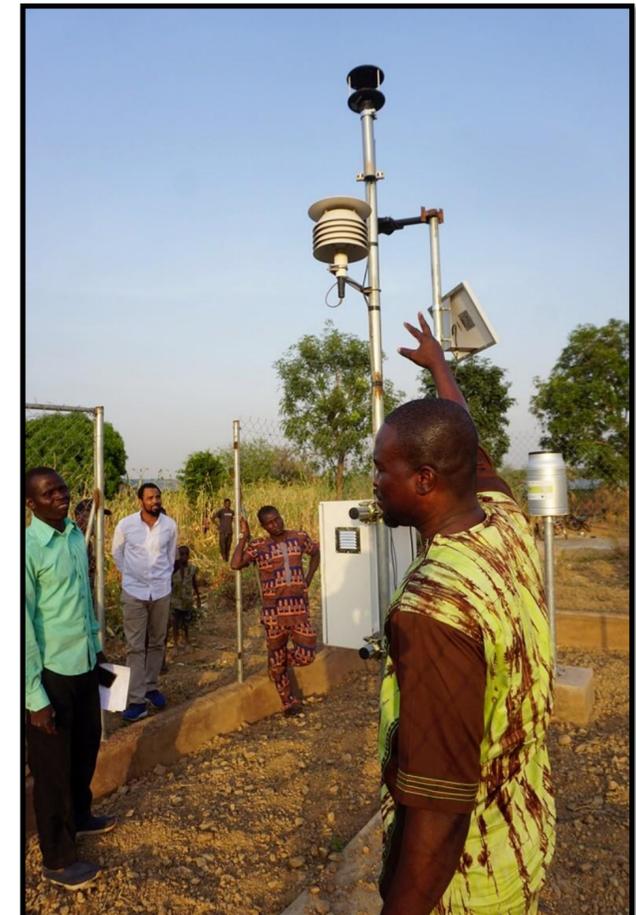
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NATIONAL TECHNICAL STANDARDS



National Technical Standards (NTS)

- A project or programme must meet relevant national technical standards, in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Fund.
- This may include:
 - Building codes
 - Land use or tenure regulations
 - Water quality regulations
 - Sector-specific regulations





Key Considerations

Checklist	Concept Note	Full Proposal
Relevant national technical standards are identified and compliance stated in a logical manner	✓	✓
Compliance with relevant technical standards is explained in detail		✓
If one specific activity of the project/programme requires compliance with technical standards, the steps taken to comply with it and the nature of the authorization/clearance granted for the project to be implemented is explained		✓



NTS Example (Panama proposal)



Outcome/Outputs	AF ESP	Compliance with relevant legal or technical standards	Institution Responsible Standard Compliance (EE)*	Compliance: how it is fulfilled.
1.3 Improved water resource management in coastal communities through strengthening the management of rural aqueducts and water harvesting with the use of efficient and low-cost technologies.				
1.3.1 Improved management of five rural aqueducts in the program.	Compliance with the law, Access and Equity, Marginalized and Vulnerable, Groups, Gender Equity and Women's Empowerment, Core Labor Rights and Climate Change	- Resolution No. 713 of July 30, 2020 that approves and adopts the manual of Good Environmental Practices for aqueducts and Rural Sanitation Systems. It is mandatory for the actors involved in construction projects of Aqueducts and Rural Sanitation Systems.	Ministry of Health.	- Mandatory compliance with the standard established in the <u>ToR</u> and in the Contract (standard attached as part of the Contract). - Evaluation and monitoring of compliance with the standard by EE personnel. - Verification of compliance with the standard in product review and its approval. - Verification of compliance with the standard in Project Monitoring and Evaluation actions.
1.3.2 20 multipurpose water harvesting systems installed using efficient and low-cost technologies.	Compliance with the law, Access and Equity, Marginalized and Vulnerable Groups and Gender Equity and Women's Empowerment.	- Cabinet Resolution No. 114 of August 23, 2016. Approves the National Water Security Plan and establishes the National Water Council and the Technical Secretary who provide the guidelines for these issues. - Resolution of the Board of Directors No. 30-2007 of IDAAN. Compliance with quality standards for drinking water and wastewater approved by the Panamanian Commission of Industrial and Technical Standards of the Ministry of Commerce and Industries.	Water Safety Directorate / Ministry of Environment IDAAN	- Mandatory compliance with the standard established in the <u>ToR</u> and in the Contract (standard attached as part of the Contract). - Evaluation and monitoring of compliance with the standard by EE personnel. - Verification of compliance with the standard in product review and its approval. - Verification of compliance with the standard in Project Monitoring and Evaluation actions.



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SUSTAINABILITY



Sustainability

- The Adaptation Fund focuses on **building local capacities** and targets sustainable interventions that **catalyse impact beyond the project/programme lifetime**
- The long-term **sustainability** of the proposed intervention, and the potential for **replication and scale-up** need to be considered during project design





Key Considerations

Checklist	Concept Note	Full Proposal
The adaptation benefits achieved with the help of the project/programme can be sustained after its end, and enable replication and scaling up with other funds after its end.	✓	✓
The proposal explains the arrangements through which this would be achieved, taking into account sustainability and maintenance of any infrastructure or installations to be developed, policies and governance arrangements to be developed and implemented, knowledge to be generated, management and other capacity to be improved, etc.	✓	✓
All key areas of sustainability are addressed, including but not limited to economic, social, environmental, institutional, and financial.	✓	✓



Sustainability Example (Panama proposal)



- ✓ Economic and financial sustainability
 - Co-financing (in kind) as a means to guarantee ownership of the projects and long-term commitment.
- ✓ Institutional
 - Criteria established for the selection of technicians who show long-term commitment and interest in strengthening their capacities for the program implementation, which should include institutional technicians, non-governmental organizations, academia, local authorities, among others.
- ✓ Social
 - Promote exchanges from producer to producer in order to encourage appropriation and strengthen their technical capacities.
- ✓ Environmental
 - Promote the use of organic or natural fertilizers and insecticides to strengthen organic production and reduce the impact on contamination by agrochemicals.



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