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Adaptation Fund Board

Accreditation Panel Recommendation on the Re-accreditation of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC), Jordan as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund

Having reviewed the re-accreditation application of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC), Jordan the Accreditation Panel recommended that MOPIC be re-accredited as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund.

A summary of the review is presented in Annex I below.

Re-accreditation Decision:

Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to re-accredit the ***Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC), Jordan*** 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 is 05 February 2031.

Decision B.45-46/12

ANNEX I

REPORT OF THE ACCREDITATION PANEL ON AN ASSESSMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (MOPIC) JORDAN FOR REGULAR RE-ACCREDITATION AS A NATIONAL IMPLEMENTING ENTITY (NIE) OF THE ADAPTATION FUND

BACKGROUND

MOPIC was initially accredited by the Adaptation Fund on 14 December 2011. Since accreditation, MOPIC has received USD 9.2 million to fund one Adaptation Fund (AF) project. This project is titled “Increasing the resilience of poor and vulnerable communities to climate change” (AFB/B.44-45/9) and was approved by the AF on April 10, 2015. The completion date for this project has been extended several times and is currently January 17, 2026.

THE APPLICANT

The Ministry of Planning was established as a Government Ministry in 1984 to replace and perform the functions of the National Planning Council. In 2003, the Ministry was renamed the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC) and operates under the Planning and International Cooperation Act No. 10 of 2024. MOPIC plays a pivotal role in contributing to the development of the Kingdom's economic policy, developing long-term national visions and developing its operational programmes through a participatory and consultative approach with all actors in the development process from the public and private sectors, civil society and development partners. The Ministry is also working to provide funding from donors, funding institutions and international organizations for priority programmes, projects and initiatives, and to pursue the implementation of economic reforms with a view to promoting sustainable economic growth, stimulating the private sector and improving the quality of life of Jordanian citizens. The Ministry also coordinates the provision of targeted support to civil society organizations from partnership with these organizations in the framework of development action.

ASSESSMENT OF MOPIC FOR REGULAR RE-ACCREDITATION

The Assessment for regular re-accreditation was conducted based on the criteria set out in the following Board decisions:

- B.34/3 (Revised Re-accreditation Process including quality at entry and project/performance implementation performance assessment of re-accreditation candidates with approved AF projects) based on AFB/B.34/5 of October 2019 and its annexes
- B.32/36 (Accreditation standards related to anti-money-laundering/countering the financing of terrorism) based on AFB/EFC.23/4 of September 2018
- B.31/26 (Use of external sources as complementary information) based on AFB/B.31/7 of March 2018)

Review and assessments by the Panel were based on the completed application form submitted through the on-line system provided by MoPIC as well as based on their responses to follow-up questions and numerous online meetings. To ensure that the Panel had comprehensive coverage, this was complemented by an extensive review of documents obtained from the website of MoPIC which were downloaded and assessed as evidence of compliance with all the criteria required under the re-accreditation process. Relevant documents from the websites of the Green Climate Fund and other related international institutions were also reviewed, as necessary.

The Panel did not assess the following criteria since MoPIC has one AF project that is under implementation:

- C.6 Project preparation and appraisal
- C.7 Project implementation planning and quality-at-entry
- C.8 Project monitoring and evaluation during implementation

This report includes nevertheless an analysis of the status of quality at entry and performance of the AF-funded project that was provided by the Secretariat in accordance to decision B.34/19 based on AFB/B.34/.5

SUMMARY ASSESSMENT

Legal status

MoPIC continues to meet this criterion and provided evidence that demonstrated that the Ministry has the necessary legal personality, capacity to receive funds directly, enter into contracts or agreements with international organizations and serve as a defendant or plaintiff in a court of law.

Policies and procedures, screening, and decision-making related to anti-money laundering/countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) on disbursements, procurement, and handling instances of non-compliance to policies, procedures, and laws.

MoPIC meets this criterion and has provided evidence that it has appropriate: policies and procedures related to AML/CFT matters in disbursements, procurement and handling of instances of non-compliance of AML/CFT policies and procedures; an appropriate screening system for individuals and entities; and a decision-making process for handling risks related to any individuals and/or entities. These arrangements are consistent with the requirements in the new Jordanian AML-CFT Financing Law that was enacted in 2021.

Financial statements including project accounts statements and provisions for Internal and External Audits

MoPIC substantially meets this criterion. MoPIC produces financial statements that are prepared in accordance with internationally recognized accounting standards. These statements are audited by the Audit Bureau of Jordan, which follows standards issued by the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions. The Bureau does not issue annual audit opinions on the financial statements because its current procedures do not include the issuing of such opinions on the financial statements of individual ministries and departments. No audit opinion is issued with regard to the consolidated financial statements of the Government of Jordan. Nevertheless, the Audit Bureau issued annual reports to the Upper and Lower Chambers of Jordan's parliament in line with its mandate. MoPIC provided examples demonstrating satisfactory capacity to commission and obtain independent audits of its projects.

MoPIC also demonstrated that it has comprehensive accounting procedures that are supported by the use of a government financial management information system. Its internal audit function operates within the Government of Jordan's Financial Control Regime and also follows principles that largely mirror internationally recognized internal auditing standards, particularly in areas such as independence, adherence to ethical principles, confidentiality and preparation of risk based workplans. The activities of MoPIC's Internal Control Unit, which houses the function, are consistent with the requirements in Jordanian laws. A national Committee in the Ministry of Finance has also been tasked with revising the control legislations to ensure alignment with the 2024 Global Internal Audit Standards.

Oversight over MoPIC's assurance functions is provided by Jordan's Parliament as well as the Ministry of Finance's Central Internal Control Unit and the Central Committee for Internal Control Standards. MoPIC does not have a dedicated audit committee because there are no requirements for government ministries, such as MoPIC, to have such a body.

Internal Control Framework with particular reference to control over disbursements and payments

MoPIC continues to meet this criterion and demonstrated that it: uses a control framework that is documented with clearly defined roles for management, internal auditors and the governing body; and has proven payment/disbursement systems.

Preparation of Business Plans and Budgets and ability to monitor expenditure in line with budgets

MoPIC continues to meet this criterion and provided evidence of its preparation of long-term business plans / financial projections, which are part of the overall national budget ; the preparation of business plans and budgets; and the ability to monitor expenditure in line with budgets. No issues were highlighted that questioned the solvency of MoPIC.

Procurement

MoPIC meets this criterion and provided evidence indicating that it has transparent and fair procurement policies and procedures that incorporate many specific features that correspond closely with recognized international best practices. These policies and procedures are consistent with the new Government Procurement Bylaw No. (8) that was enacted in 2022.

Project Closure and Final Evaluation

MoPIC meets this criterion and demonstrated that it has: an understanding and capacity to assess the impact/ implications of projects at closure; and the competence to execute or oversee execution of projects/Programmes and appropriate policies and guidance in place to ensure it can oversee and/or contract independent terminal evaluations of projects. The Ministry's capacity was also enhanced through its adoption in 2024 of new Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Procedures and Guidelines for Multilateral Funded Projects.

Policies and Framework to deal with fraud, financial mismanagement, and other forms of malpractice

MoPIC substantially meets this criterion and provided evidence: of statements made by Jordan's Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission communicating a Government policy of zero tolerance for fraud, financial mismanagement and other forms of malpractice. MoPIC has also demonstrated that it has the capacity and procedures to deal with financial mismanagement and other forms of malpractice; and of an objective investigation function for allegations of fraud and corruption. Different avenues for reporting wrongdoings are in place although improvements in their visibility are needed.

Commitment by the entity to apply the Fund's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) and Gender Policy

MoPIC meets this criterion and provided a satisfactory letter of commitment expressing the Ministry's commitment to abide by the Environment and Social and Gender policies of the Adaptation Fund in all the programs and projects funded by AF. MoPIC follows the Government of Jordan's environmental, social and gender policies, has dedicated staff for overseeing their implementation, and has also established additional mechanisms for meeting the requirements of the Adaptation Fund and other donors.

Mechanism to deal with complaints on environmental and social harms and gender harms caused by projects/programs.

MoPIC meets this criterion and provided evidence demonstrating that it has an accessible, transparent, fair, and effective mechanism for receiving complaints about environmental and social harms and gender harms caused by projects/ programmes

MoPIC indicated that a single grievance had been received on the AF project, and that over the past seven years, the Ministry had not received any other complaints related to environmental or social harm resulting from any project or program implemented by the Ministry.

STATUS OF QUALITY AT ENTRY AND PERFORMANCE OF THE AF-FUNDED PROJECT

Quality-at Entry of the AF project was successfully achieved following clarifications regarding ESP compliance. Project progress reports generally are rated as satisfactory by the 8 Executing Entities, with a few activities scored as unsatisfactory due to delays in the completion of the project resulting from COVID, the Ukraine-Russia war, procurement challenges, etc. The project faced significant delays in starting activities on the ground, primarily due to prolonged planning, approvals, consultations, and procurement processes. Progress was hindered during the initial two years as the commencement of works depended on the completion of tender documents and procurements. While the program has been implemented for the last 8 years, minor setbacks in implementation plans and frequent changes in subproject action plan schedules continued throughout the lifetime of the project.

CONCLUSION

MOPIC meets all the standards and criteria required for regular re-accreditation based on the results of the Panel's assessment of the application. The Panel therefore recommends that the AF Board re-accredit MOPIC as a National Implementing Entity of the Adaptation Fund.