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Project and Programme Review Committee
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Agenda Item 16

REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT ON THE INTERSESSIONAL REVIEW CYCLE FOR READINESS GRANTS

Background

1. At its thirty-sixth meeting, the Board discussed recommendations by the PPRC to the Board coming from its discussion of document AFB/PPRC. 27/30 on the report of the secretariat on the intersessional review cycle for readiness grants. Having considered the comments and recommendations of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Board decided:

- (a) *To request the secretariat to review readiness grant proposals during all intersessional periods between Board meetings while recognizing that such grants may also be reviewed at regular meetings of the Board;*
- (b) *To request the PPRC to consider intersessionally the technical review of such readiness grant proposals as prepared by the secretariat and to make intersessional recommendations to the Board;*
- (c) *To consider such intersessionally reviewed proposals for intersessional approval in accordance with the Rules of Procedure;*
- (d) *To also request the secretariat to send a notification to implementing entities and other stakeholders informing them about the new arrangement;*
- (e) *To further request the secretariat to present, at the twenty-eighth meeting of the PPRC, and at subsequent PPRC meetings following each intersessional review cycle for readiness grants, an analysis of the intersessional review cycle.*

(Decision B.36/26)

2. At its forty-first meeting, the Board, through decision B.41/15, had updated the review cycle for readiness grants and invited IEs of the Fund to submit responses to the initial technical review within two weeks of receiving the initial technical review.

3. The current report has been prepared following the request in Decision B.36/26 subparagraph (e).

Overview of the Intersessional Cycle

4. The intersessional project review cycle for readiness grants was conducted during the period between the forty-fifth and forty-sixth meetings of the Board. As per Board Decision B.36/26, the secretariat launched a call for readiness grants from 1 July – 31 August 2025. This gave eligible entities eight weeks to prepare and submit proposals. The secretariat sent a notification of the availability of the grants to all the Fund's stakeholders through the Fund's network and directed the stakeholders to the Fund's website, where detailed information about the purpose of the grants, eligibility criteria, access processes, and supporting documents is available.

5. The secretariat received a total of four proposals for readiness grants.

6. The Secretariat received one Readiness Package Grant (RPG) project proposal from one country seeking peer support for accreditation from a single intermediary NIE. However, following

the initial technical review by the Secretariat, the proposal was withdrawn by the applicant with the intention of resubmitting it during the next intersessional review period.

7. The Secretariat received three project proposals for a Technical Assistance (TA) grant during the current review cycle. However, one proposal was not eligible as it was submitted by a non-accredited entity. The two eligible TA grant proposals were submitted by the National Environment Trust Fund (NETFUND) of Kenya, and the Corporacion Nacional para el Desarrollo (CND) of Uruguay. The secretariat conducted initial reviews of the TA grant proposals and submitted the reviews to the proponents for an opportunity to amend and clarify their proposals.

8. The secretariat conducted a final technical review of the proposals and circulated its report on the initial screening and technical review contained in document AFB/PPRC.36-37/1 as well as the proposals and the reviews contained in documents AFB/PPRC.36-37/2 through AFB/PPRC.36-37/3, to the PPRC for intersessional commenting for a period of one week. During this time, no comments on the reviews were received. The recommendations were endorsed by the PPRC as document AFB/PPRC.36-37/4 and submitted as decisions to the Board for intersessional approval. No objections were raised by the Board and the decisions were, thus, approved as Decisions B.45-46/3 and B.45-46/4. The Board member from Sweden, representing WEOG, abstained from these votes. The decisions are included in Annex I to the present document.

Analysis of the Intersessional Cycle

9. The two Technical Assistance Grant proposals for the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy (TA-ESGP) that were received during the current intersessional review cycle were eligible¹ to be considered during this intersessional review cycle. The proposals were meant to enable the accredited NIEs to source external expertise to help improve NIE capacity to assess and manage environmental, social and gender related issues and comply with the Fund's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) and Gender Policy (GP).

10. It should be noted that as per the Fund's second medium-term strategy 2023-2027, which foresees an expanded readiness programme, and Decision B.42/43 by the Board requesting the Secretariat submit a paper to the PPRC outlining an enhanced readiness programme, the secretariat is reviewing the Fund's readiness strategy. This includes review and analysis of the possibility of broadening the scope, eligibility criteria and type of technical assistance grants available to national and regional implementing entities (NIEs and RIEs).

11. A summary of the eligible readiness grant proposals submitted during the intersessional review cycle between the forty-fifth and forty-sixth meetings of the Board is presented in Table 1 and the subsequent decisions by the Board are presented in Annex I.

Table 1: Project proposals submitted to the intersessional review cycle between the forty-fifth and forty-sixth meetings of the Adaptation Fund Board

Country	IE providing support	Type of grant	Document reference	Decision	Funding set aside (USD)
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¹ According to the requirements posted on the Adaptation Fund website, to be eligible for a Technical Assistance grant, all National Implementing Entities (NIEs) that have not previously accessed any technical assistance grant from the Fund are eligible to apply.

Kenya	NETFUND	TA-ESGP	AFB/PPRC.36-37/2	B.45-46/3	\$24,917
Uruguay	CND	TA-ESGP	AFB/PPRC.36-37/3	B.45-46/4	\$24,652
Total					\$49,569

12. The Board approvals in this intersessional review bring the total number of readiness grants approved by the Board to date to 52, with a breakdown presented in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Approved readiness grants to date

Grant	Count	Amount (USD)
RPG	7	\$954,393 ⁱ
SSC	17	\$836,747 ⁱⁱ
TA-ESGP	23	\$529,589 ⁱⁱⁱ
TA-GP	4	\$40,000
Total	52	\$2,360,729^{iv}

ⁱ Includes \$100,000 approved by the Board for the RPG pilot phase.

ⁱⁱ At its 36th meeting, the Board decided to cease South-South Cooperation (SSC) grants and replace them with readiness package grants. See Decision B.36/25.

ⁱⁱⁱ Includes TA-ESP grants approved prior to the introduction of TA-ESGP.

^{iv} Excludes project scale-up grants which currently are submitted on a rolling basis and can only be considered at regular meetings of the Board.

Issues Identified During the Review Process

13. There were no issues identified during this review process.

ANNEX I: READINESS GRANTS APPROVED INTERSESSIONALLY DURING THE FORTY-FIFTH AND FORTY-SIXTH MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

National Environment Trust Fund (Kenya; US\$ 24,917)

Following the technical review of the grant proposal for technical assistance carried out by the secretariat and the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC), and having considered the recommendation of the PPRC, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to:

- a) Approve the proposal for a grant for technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of National Environment Trust Fund (NETFUND) to assess and manage environmental, social and gender related issues in its projects and programmes and to comply with the Adaptation Fund environmental and social policy and gender policy as requested by NETFUND; and
- b) Approve the funding of US\$ 24,917 for implementation of the technical assistance grant as requested by NETFUND; and
- c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with NETFUND as the national implementing entity for the requested technical assistance.

(Decision B.45-46/3)

Corporacion Nacional para el Desarrollo (Uruguay; US\$ 24,652)

Following the technical review of the grant proposal for technical assistance carried out by the secretariat and the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC), and having considered the recommendation of the PPRC, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to:

- a) Approve the proposal for a grant for technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of Corporacion Nacional para el Desarrollo (CND) to assess and manage environmental, social and gender related issues in its projects and programmes and to comply with the Adaptation Fund environmental and social policy and gender policy as requested by CND; and
- b) Approve the funding of US\$ 24,652 for implementation of the technical assistance grant as requested by CND; and
- c) Request the secretariat to draft an agreement with CND as the national implementing entity for the requested technical assistance.

(Decision B.45-46/4)