



ADAPTATION FUND

AFB/PPRC.37-38/2
24 June 2026

Adaptation Fund Board
Project and Programme Review Committee

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL POLICY AND GENDER
POLICY (TA-ESGP) FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTMENT
FUND (EIF), NAMIBIA**

Background

1. The Adaptation Fund (the Fund) delivers readiness and capacity-building support to developing countries that are Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement through its Readiness Programme for Climate Finance (the Readiness Programme). The objectives of the Readiness Programme as established by the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) at its twenty-ninth meeting through Decision B.29/42 are:

- I. to increase the preparedness of applicant national implementing entities seeking accreditation by the Adaptation Fund, and;
- II. to increase the number of high-quality project/programme proposals submitted to the Board after accreditation.

2. The Fund systematically delivers readiness and capacity building support using a country driven approach and employs a diverse range of activities and instruments. These include readiness grants, workshops, webinars, communities of practice, country exchanges, and other knowledge sharing platforms.

3. At its twenty-third meeting, the Board had decided through decision B.23/26 to approve the execution arrangements and eligibility criteria to allocate the funds to the accredited implementing entities for specific activities, contained in document AFB/B.23/5, which included grants for technical assistance and South-South Cooperation (SSC).

4. At its thirty-sixth meeting, and following completion of the pilot phase, the Board approved the readiness package grant (RPG) as a standing grant to support national implementing entity (NIE) accreditation to the Fund (Decision B.36/25). The RPG aims to enhance support for the accreditation of NIEs via accredited implementing entity (IE) intermediaries that have experience programming adaptation finance through the Fund's resources.

5. The RPG can be accessed up to a maximum of US\$150,000 per entity seeking accreditation with the Fund. The grant facilitates peer-peer support through South-South cooperation. The grant project proposal template and technical review sheet are available on the Fund website and were approved by the Board through Decision B.38/38. It should be noted that a maximum of two NIEs can be accredited per country¹.

6. Peer support for accreditation provided by the intermediary can involve a combination of activities that include (i) support to the designated authority (DA) to nominate a suitable NIE candidate (ii) In-country support by the intermediary to an NIE candidate (iii) technical support through experts (iv) organization of local, national or regional consultations/workshops, and (v) continuous support during the accreditation application process to address and respond to feedback provided by the accreditation panel (AP) during assessment of the NIE candidate application for accreditation. It is expected that the peer-peer support would effectively help build national capacity and sustainability and that RPGs will enhance South-South cooperation for accreditation to the Fund through a more comprehensive suite of tools to help entities in countries seeking direct access to the Fund's resources, to prepare and submit their applications for accreditation.

7. In response to the call for readiness grant project proposals launched by the secretariat intersessionally between the forty-fifth and forty-sixth meetings of the Board, the secretariat

¹ Decision B.36/42

received two project proposals for a technical assistance grant and one RPG for a single country to receive peer support for accreditation from one intermediary multilateral implementing entity (MIE).

8. The present document introduces the Technical Assistance grant for the environmental and social policy and gender policy (TA-ESGP) project proposal submitted by Environmental Investment Fund (EIF) of Namibia.

9. The secretariat carried out a technical review of the project proposal and completed a review sheet.

10. In accordance with a request to the secretariat made by the Board in its 10th meeting, the secretariat shared this review sheet with EIF and offered them the opportunity to provide responses before the review sheet was sent to the PPRC.

11. The secretariat is submitting to the PPRC pursuant to decision B.17/15, the final technical review of the project, prepared by the secretariat, along with the final submission of the proposal in the following section. In accordance with decision B.25/15, the proposal is submitted with changes between the initial submission and the revised version.



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ADAPTATION FUND BOARD SECRETARIAT TECHNICAL REVIEW OF PROJECT PROPOSAL UNDER THE READINESS PROGRAMME

PROJECT CATEGORY: Technical Assistance Grant for the ESP and GP

Country: **Namibia**Implementing Entity: **Environmental Investment Fund (EIF)**AF Project ID: **AFRDG00086**Requested Financing from Adaptation Fund (US Dollars): **24,819**Reviewer and contact person: **Farayi Madziwa**

Co-reviewer(s):

Implementing Entity Contact Person: **Benedict Libanda**

Technical Summary	The project to support NIE capacity in environmental and social risk management and addressing gender related issues in Namibia will be done through the components below: <u>Component 1:</u> Development of procedures/manuals/guidelines for screening projects for environmental and social risks as well as gender risks and impacts – ESG system development (USD 7,000). <u>Component 2:</u> Development of procedures/manuals/guidelines for undertaking project environmental and social risk assessments, gender assessment and for formulating risk management plans that are gender responsive – Design and deployment of ESG management digital platform (USD 10,000). <u>Component 3:</u> Development of transparent, accessible, fair and effective mechanisms for receiving and addressing complaints about environmental or social harms and complaints related to gender inequalities and other adverse gender impacts caused by projects/programmes during implementation – Integrate digital grievance submission portal on system design USD 2,500). <u>Component 4:</u> Training of selected entity staff to carry out the relevant tasks related to the implementation of the Fund's Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy (USD 3,375) <u>Requested financing overview:</u>
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	Total Project/Programme Cost: USD 22,875 Implementing Entity Fee: USD 1,944. Financing Requested: USD 24,819. The final technical review finds that the revised proposal has sufficiently addressed all the clarification and corrective action requests made in the initial technical review.
Date:	23 June 2026

Review Criteria	Questions	Comments 4 June	Comments 23 June
Country Eligibility	1. Is the country Party to the Kyoto Protocol?	Yes	
Eligibility of IE	1. Is the project submitted through an Implementing Entity accredited by the Board?	Yes	
Project Eligibility	1. Has the designated government authority for the Adaptation Fund endorsed the project?	Yes. However, the letter of endorsement is not attached. CAR1: Please send the letter of endorsement signed by the DA with a wet signature.	Cleared. The endorsement letter with a wet signature is attached.
	2. Are the proposed activities to support the implementing entity to implement the Environmental and Social Policy and/or the Gender Policy of the Fund adequate?	Cleared. The activities include full circle integration starting with ESP and GP policy review, digital ESG system development, integration, publication and staff training.	

Resource Availability	1. Is the requested project funding within the cap for Technical Assistance Grants for the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy set by the Board?	Cleared. The amount is within the funding cap of USD 25,000.	
	2. If the implementing entity has requested, is the Implementing Entity Management Fee at or below 8.5 per cent of the total project/programme budget before the fee?	Not Cleared. The fee is 9.3% and exceeds the cap. CAR2: Please adjust the IE management fee to within the cap of 8.5%.	Cleared. The revised fee is 8.5%,
Implementation Arrangements	1. Is the timeframe for the proposed activities adequate?	Cleared. The stated timeline is 12 months.	
	2. Is a summary breakdown of the budget for the proposed activities included?	Cleared. A budget breakdown for each of the types of support activities is included.	



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Co-reviewer(s):

Implementing Entity Contact Person: **Benedict Libanda**

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	<u>Requested financing overview:</u> Total Project/Programme Cost: USD 22,875 Implementing Entity Fee: USD 1,944. Financing Requested: USD 24,819. The initial technical review raises some issues, such as submitting the letter of endorsement signed by the DA and keeping the implementing entity fees within the cap of 8.5%, as is discussed in the number of Clarification Requests (CRs) and Corrective Action Requests (CARs) raised in the review.
Date:	4 June 2026

Review Criteria	Questions	Comments	IE Responses
Country Eligibility	2. Is the country Party to the Kyoto Protocol?	Yes	
Eligibility of IE	2. Is the project submitted through an Implementing Entity accredited by the Board?	Yes	
Project Eligibility	3. Has the designated government authority for the Adaptation Fund endorsed the project?	Yes. However, the letter of endorsement is not attached. CAR1: Please send the letter of endorsement signed by the DA with a wet signature.	The endorsement letter with a wet signature is attached.

	4. Are the proposed activities to support the implementing entity to implement the Environmental and Social Policy and/or the Gender Policy of the Fund adequate?	Cleared. The activities include full circle integration starting with ESP and GP policy review, digital ESG system development, integration, publication and staff training.	
Resource Availability	3. Is the requested project funding within the cap for Technical Assistance Grants for the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy set by the Board?	Cleared. The amount is within the funding cap of USD 25,000.	
	4. If the implementing entity has requested, is the Implementing Entity Management Fee at or below 8.5 per cent of the total project/programme budget before the fee?	Not Cleared. The fee is 9.3% and exceeds the cap. CAR2: Please adjust the IE management fee to within the cap of 8.5%.	The initial Implementing Entity (IE) fee was inadvertently calculated based on the total financing requested rather than the total project cost. Upon recalculation using the correct basis and applying the applicable cap of 8.5%, the revised IE fee amounts to USD 1,944.
Implementation Arrangements	3. Is the timeframe for the proposed activities adequate?	Cleared. The stated timeline is 12 months.	

	4. Is a summary breakdown of the budget for the proposed activities included?	Cleared. A budget breakdown for each of the types of support activities is included.	
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Request for assistance in complying with the Fund's Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy

Submission Date: 30
March 2026

Adaptation Fund Grant ID:

Country: **Namibia**

Implementing Entity: **Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia (EIF)**

A. Timeframe of Activity

Expected start date of activity	June 01 2026
Completion date of activity	December 31 2026

B. Type of support requested

Describe the activities to be undertaken to support the compliance of the NIE with the Fund's Environmental and Social policy and Gender policy.

Types of Support Activities	Support requested (please provide short description)	Type/name of provider for the requested support ²	Requested budget (USD)
Development of procedures/manuals/guidelines for screening projects for environmental and social risks as well as gender risks and impacts	The ESG system development consultant will: ✓ review existing EIF Environmental and Social Safeguards policy, ✓ Develop operational manuals and standard operating procedures. ✓ Develop guidance materials for	RIO AI	USD7,000

² Specify if it is an institution, consulting firm or individual consultant. When possible, provide the name of the institution, firm or individual identified or selected.

	ESG risk management in adaptation finance. ✓ Map current workflows and identify automation opportunities and ✓ Develop system architecture for an integrated ESG management platform.		
Development of procedures manual/guidelines for undertaking project environmental and social risk assessment, gender assessment, and for formulating risk management plans that are gender responsive	The consultant will design and deploy an automated ESG management digital platform to support: ✓ ESG screening and risk categorisation ✓ Environmental and social due diligence workflows ✓ Gender policy compliance tracking, ✓ Risk mitigation planning and, ✓ Monitoring and reporting dashboards. ✓ Portfolio-level ESG performance tracking.	RIO AI	USD10 000
Development of a policy/avenues for public disclosure and gender-responsive consultation	The consultant reviews and strengthens the existing ESS/ESG framework which will be published on the EIF official website	RIO AI	

	for public consumption.		
Development of transparent, accessible, fair and effective mechanisms for receiving and addressing complaints about environmental or social harms and complaints related to gender inequalities and other adverse gender impacts caused by projects/programmes during implementation	The consultant will integrate a Digital Grievance Submission Portal on the system design (a user-friendly online interface that allows communities, workers, and stakeholders to submit complaints related to environmental damage, social impacts, or gender inequalities.	RIO AI	USD2,500
Training of select entity staff to carry out the relevant tasks related to the implementation of the Fund's Environmental and Social Policy and the Gender Policy	For capacity building and institutional strengthening, the consultant will: ✓ Provide targeted training to EIF staff and relevant stakeholders in the use of the ESG platform. ✓ Strengthen institutional ESG governance structures.	RIO AI	USD3,375
Other type of support requested (please describe)	None.		
Total Project/Programme Cost			USD22,875
Project/Programme Cycle Management Fee charged by the Implementing Entity, if any. (Maximum of 8.5%)			USD2,1251,944
Total Grant Requested (USD)			USD25,00024,819

C. Implementing Entity

This request has been prepared in accordance with the Adaptation Fund Board's procedures

Head of Implementing Entity	Signature	Date (Month, day, year)	Implementing Entity Contact Person	Telephone	Email Address
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D. Record of endorsement on behalf of the government

Provide the name and position of the government official, Designated Authority (DA) of the Adaptation Fund, and indicate date of endorsement. The DA endorsement letter must be attached as an annex to the request.

Mr. Sikongo Haihambo Executive Director Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism	Date:
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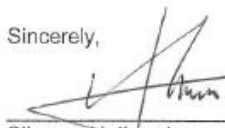
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Subject: Endorsement for the Technical Assistance Grant for the Environmental, Social and Gender Policy (TA-ESGP), aimed at strengthening Environmental Investment Fund's Institutional Capacity through an Automated Environmental, Social and Gender Risk Management System.'

In my capacity as designated authority for the Adaptation Fund in Namibia, I confirm that the above project proposal is in accordance with the government's national priorities in implementing adaptation activities to reduce adverse impacts of, and risks, posed by climate change in Namibia.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the above Technical Assistance for Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy (TA-ESGP) with support from the Adaptation Fund. If approved, the project will be implemented by the Environmental Investment Fund.

Sincerely,


Sikongo Haihambo
Executive Director



"Stop the poaching of our rhinos"

All official correspondence must be addressed to the Executive Director