

EIG Submission on the ToR for the fourth review of the Adaptation Fund

The EIG appreciates the opportunity to share its views on the terms of reference of the 4th review of the Adaptation Fund, based on the terms of reference from the previous review. You can find our proposed amendments in the text below. The amendments primarily update the text based on the latest developments in the AF Board and developments relevant for the AF transition from the KP to the PA.

Terms of reference for the ~~third~~ fourth review of the Adaptation Fund

I. Objective

1. The objective of the ~~third~~ fourth review of the Adaptation Fund is to ensure the effectiveness, sustainability and adequacy of the fund and its operations with a view to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) adopting a decision on the matter at CMP ~~13 17 (November 2017)~~.

II. Scope

2. The scope of the review will cover the progress made to date and lessons learned in the operationalization and implementation of the fund and will focus on, inter alia:
 - (a) The provision ~~of sustainable, predictable and adequate financial resources~~ and the mobilization **of sustainable, predictable and adequate financial resources** to fund concrete adaptation projects and programmes that are country-driven and based on the needs, views and priorities of eligible developing country Parties;
 - (b) Lessons learned from:
 - (i) The application of the access modalities of the Adaptation Fund;
 - (ii) The project approval procedures of the Adaptation Fund;
 - (iii) The results and impacts of approved adaptation projects and programmes;
 - (iv) The readiness programme for direct access to climate finance, including **lessons learnt from the enhanced direct access programme**~~the component aimed at increasing South-South cooperation between accredited national implementing entities and those seeking accreditation;~~
 - (v) The programme for regional projects;
 - (vi) The programme on innovation (Innovation Facility);**
 - (c) Programming and project coherence and complementarity between the Adaptation Fund and other institutions funding adaptation projects and programmes, in particular institutions under the Convention and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and its specialized funds;
 - (d) The institutional arrangements for **and governance of** the Adaptation Fund, in particular ~~the arrangements with the interim secretariat and the interim trustee in light of the Fund's envisaged full legal transition from the Kyoto Protocol to the Paris Agreement.~~

III. Sources of information

3. The review shall draw upon, inter alia, the following sources of information:
 - (a) Submissions from Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, observer organizations, other interested international organizations, stakeholders and non-governmental organizations involved in the activities of the Adaptation Fund and implementing entities accredited by the Adaptation Fund Board on their experiences regarding the Adaptation Fund;

- (b) The annual reports of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to the Conference of the Parties (COP) on its activities as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism, including the information on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund, and other relevant GEF policy, information and evaluation documents;
- (c) The annual reports of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to the COP on its activities as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism and other relevant GCF policy and information documents;
- (d) The report of the Adaptation Fund Board to the CMP, the Adaptation Fund annual performance report for the most recent fiscal year and the outcomes of the initial and second reviews of the Adaptation Fund;
- (e) The outcomes and reports emanating from United Nations processes, relevant bilateral and multilateral funding institutions and other intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations dealing with climate change financing, **including the Global Commission on Adaptation, as well as relevant institutions and organization in the field of disaster risk management, in particular under the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction**;
- (f) The reports of the Standing Committee on Finance;
- (g) The reports on the work programme on long-term finance;
- (h) The reports of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, the Adaptation Committee and the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;
- (i) ~~The technical paper and summary for policymakers arising from the technical examination process on adaptation in 2016;~~ **AF Mid-Term Review of the implementation of the Mid-Term Strategy 2018-2022**
- (j) The report on the independent evaluation of the Adaptation Fund.
- (k) **Relevant Existing legal assessments on the requirements for full transition of the Fund from the Kyoto Protocol to the Paris Agreements and related recommendations to the AF Board**