



**ADAPTATION FUND**  
Readiness Programme  
for Climate Finance

# **Webinar: Key updates from the Decisions of the 42nd Adaptation Fund Board meeting**

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**Summary Report**



## Introduction

The Adaptation Fund (the Fund or alternatively, the AF) hosted a webinar to share key updates from the decisions of the 42nd Adaptation Fund Board meeting and its implications to the implementing entities, on 30 May 2024. All presentations made by the speakers are available on the AF website: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/readiness/news-seminars/>

## Welcome Remarks

The session began with welcome remarks from Mr. Farayi Madziwa, Readiness Program Officer at the secretariat, who highlighted the importance of this webinar due to the recent board decisions and the implications it will have on all implementing entities.

Key highlights from the webinar include:

- US\$ 60 million for funding regional project and programme proposals, including the funding of project formulation grant requests for preparing regional project and programme concept or fully-developed project documents;
- US\$ 26.5 million for funding locally led adaptation (LLA) single country projects and programmes, including the funding of project formulation and project formulation grant requests for preparing enhanced direct access fully-developed project documents;
- US\$35 million for funding a new Global Aggregator programme for channeling grants for LLA to non-accredited entities;
- US\$ 30.3 million for funding large innovation projects and programmes, including the funding of project formulation and project formulation grant requests for preparing large innovation fully-developed project documents;
- US\$ 1.5 million for funding small innovation grants; US\$ 1.5 million for funding learning grants; US\$ 1 million for funding project scale-up grants.
- To establish the status of “active civil society observer of the Adaptation Fund” referred to in document AFB/B.42/9/Add.1, which will be granted to civil society representatives of the observer organizations accredited to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, entitling them to participate in the proceedings of the open segments of Board meetings and to make interventions, upon the invitation of the Chair of the Board, in order to present the views of civil society on matters being considered by the Board
- Increasing the size of the PFG would better provide for the actual needs of undertaking key assessments and required consultations and could therefore be expected to enhance the quality of the proposals.
- To approve the increase of learning grants from the current US\$ 150,000 per project to US\$ 500,000 per project to provide support for national implementing entities in capturing and disseminating practical lessons from adaptation interventions.

The Q&A session is highlighted below:

Questions	Answers
Who will be eligible for LLA (Government/civil society, NGOs or communities?)	The eligibility is quite open, local governments, CSO/NGO, communities all would be eligible for LLA support.
For the Global Aggregator, will these projects be run by MIEs/RIEs? Would they then issue calls to interested parties at a national level, in countries where they choose to host these projects? Will there be a requirement for MIEs/RIEs to first consult with NIEs, to ensure alignment with planned / existing EDA/LLA projects?	MIEs/RIEs part of the global aggregator and will have to run a wide net as countries will not be pre-identified. There is no one model. LLA principles should be operationalized through the aggregator. MIEs/RIEs are supposed to collaborate with NIEs. More information is forthcoming in the request of interest regarding the layout where MIEs/RIEs can provide a preproposal which outlines the vision of implementation and eventually they will be invited to submit a proposal.
Can countries in conflict access to LLA	yes, there is no rule that would prevent countries in conflict from accessing funding from all the AF windows
Can projects be financed at the regional level involving 5 countries? I'm talking about Central America.	At the moment, once the global aggregator option is launched, it would be a possibility. Depends on the proposal received and, on the coverage, and amount requested.
For LLA projects, where non accredited organizations have projects. Should they be submitted directly by organizations, or does it have to be through an NIE?	There are 2 windows. There is the single country LLA which is similar to previous EDA. In this model, the IE will decide criteria, eligibility and local actors will submit proposal to NIEs. Key element is to enable capacity of local actors, identify challenges. The global aggregator will be implemented by MIE and RIE and they will set criteria and local actors will submit proposal to MIE and RIE.
Will projects require LOE	Yes. Projects always require DA endorsement. For single country LLA window - Letter of Endorsement is needed. For the Global Aggregator for LLA - LOE is not required at project/programme approval but sometime during implementation to demonstrate country drivenness.
The Agricultural Bank of Niger is accredited entity, and we are actually on the re-accreditation process. Can our Bank try to Access directly to the AF right now?	If you are still "Accredited" at the time of proposal submission it will be reviewed and processed. In the "reaccreditation"

	stage, proposals cannot be reviewed and submitted for approval
Can a preliminary urban plan be budgeted for in the PFG?	Yes, that will be eligible
From when the PFG will be applied?	PFG can be accessed along with preconcept note and concept note that is endorsed. So should be submitted with preconcept and concept.
To access funding for the formulation of projects, can the NIE that is in the process of reaccreditation apply for these funds?	If you are not currently actively accredited, you cannot apply for those or other funds for AF projects.
What will be the period of effective implementation of the new decisions?	Thank you for the question, the new decisions on the PFG are already in force. Other decisions will be implemented during different periods.

Key announcements made during the webinar included:

- The next webinar will take place on 17 June 2024 on updates to the Gender e-learning course.
- The Innovation training workshop has been postponed and will now take place in conjunction with the NIE seminar from 16-20 September 2024 in South Africa. More information on logistics will follow in due course.

#### Closing Remarks

The webinar closed with concluding remarks from Farayi Madziwa, who thanked everyone for their participation and their engagement in the webinar, despite joining from different time zones.