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Adaptation Fund Board  
Forty-third meeting  
Bonn, Germany, 10-11 October 2024

Agenda item 3

## **REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIR**

1. During the intersessional period between the forty-second meeting and the forty-third meetings of the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board), the Chair, Lucas di Pietro (Argentina, Non-Annex I Parties) carried out the below-listed activities for the Fund.

- (a) Finalized the report of the forty-second meeting, assisted by the secretariat;
- (b) Represented the Board in a meeting among chairs of Multilateral Climate Funds (MCFs), on 24 May 2024, on the topic of the joint action plan of the MCFs;
- (c) Attended the 60<sup>th</sup> session of the Subsidiary Bodies to the UNFCCC from 9 to 13 June 2024 as part of the Adaptation Fund Board delegation including:
  - Delivering opening remarks at the AF side event titled “Delivering on the Global Goal on Adaptation: Perspectives and Opportunities from the Adaptation Fund”;
  - Delivering opening remarks at a dedicated briefing and outreach event for contributor governments organized by the secretariat to support resource mobilisation by the Fund.
  - Engaging with Parties and constituencies, together with the secretariat;
- (d) Represented the Fund along with a member of the secretariat at the third meeting of the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group and the Task Force Clima (9-12 July 2024, Belem, Brazil);
- (e) Liaised with and provided guidance to the secretariat on planning of work after the forty-second meeting, including:
  - Preparations for and attending the 29th Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan, including delivering a statement on behalf of the Board during the high-level segment of the conference;
  - Preparations for organization of the forty-third Board meeting, including its agenda;
  - Preparation for organization of informal consultations on the Board documents related to the Fund’s transition to the Paris Agreement;
- (f) Project/Programme agreements signed:
  - Benin: “Building Resilience to Climate Change of the Neighbouring Populations of the Classified Forests of Bassila and Penessoulou in the Central Region of Benin” (Le Fonds National pour L’environnement et le Climat (FNEC)) (US\$ 2,934,545)
  - Cambodia: “Increasing Climate Resilience through Small-scale Infrastructure Investments and Enhancing Adaptive Capacity of Vulnerable Communities in Kampot and Koh Kong Provinces in Cambodia” (United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)) (US\$ 10,000,000)
  - Fiji: “Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity of Coastal Communities of Fiji to Climate Change through Nature-Based Seawalls” (The Pacific Community) (US\$ 5,707,100)

- Honduras: “Direct Access Program for financing climate change adaptation projects to increase the adaptive capacity and climate resilience of indigenous and Afro-descendant communities in the marine coastal region of the municipalities of Juan Francisco Bulnes and Brus Laguna in Honduras” (Comisión Acción Social Menonita (CASM) of Honduras) (US\$ 4,000,000)
- Nicaragua: “Climate Resilience and Livelihoods in the Nicaraguan Dry Corridor (CRLNDC)” (United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)) (US\$ 10,000,000)
- Peru: “Fund for Innovative Adaptation in vulnerable ecosystems in North of Perú (Ancash, Cajamarca, Lambayeque and San Martin y Loreto)” (PROFONANPE) (US\$ 5,000,000)
- Uruguay: “Increasing socio-ecological resilience in the Uruguayan coastal zone and strengthening the adaptive capacity of its infrastructure: REACC COSTAS” (Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF)) (US\$ 10,000,000)
- Zimbabwe: “Enhancing Resilience of Communities and Ecosystems in the Face of a Changing Climate in Arid and Semi-Arid Areas of Zimbabwe” (Environmental Management Agency (EMA) of Zimbabwe) (US\$ 4,989,000)
- [AFCIA] “AFCIA-UNEP II in Support of Innovation for Adaptation” (United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)) (US\$ 10,000,000)

#### Amendment

- Amendment to the AF legal agreement for the “Water security: improving water access during emergency situations in San Antonio province, region Valparaíso” project in Chile signed by the Adaptation Fund Board and Agencia Chilena de Cooperacion Internacional para el Desarrollo (AGCID)

(g) Cash transfer requests signed:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> tranche

- Benin: “Building Resilience to Climate Change of the Neighbouring Populations of the Classified Forests of Bassila and Penessoulou in the Central Region of Benin” (FNEC)
- Cambodia: “Increasing Climate Resilience through Small-scale Infrastructure Investments and Enhancing Adaptive Capacity of Vulnerable Communities in Kampot and Koh Kong Provinces in Cambodia” (UN-Habitat)
- Central African Republic: “Increasing the Adaptation Capacity and Resilience of Rural Communities to Climate Change in the Central African Republic” (IFAD)
- Egypt: “Building Resilient Food Security Systems to Benefit the Southern Egypt Region- Phase 2” (WFP)
- Fiji: “Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity of Coastal Communities of Fiji to Climate Change through Nature-Based Seawalls” (The Pacific Community)
- Honduras: “Direct Access Program for financing climate change adaptation projects to increase the adaptive capacity and climate resilience of indigenous and Afro-descendant communities in the marine coastal region of the municipalities of Juan Francisco Bulnes and Brus Laguna in Honduras” (CASM)

- Libya: "REsilience to NEgative impacts of climate-aggravated Water scarcity in the Agriculture sector in Libya (RENEWAL)" (IFAD)
- Nicaragua: "Climate Resilience and Livelihoods in the Nicaraguan Dry Corridor (CRLNDC)" (WFP)
- Peru: "Fund for Innovative Adaptation in vulnerable ecosystems in North of Perú (Ancash, Cajamarca, Lambayeque and San Martín y Loreto)" (PROFONANPE)
- Uruguay: "Increasing socio-ecological resilience in the Uruguayan coastal zone and strengthening the adaptive capacity of its infrastructure: REACC COSTAS" (CAF)
- Zimbabwe: "Enhancing Resilience of Communities and Ecosystems in the Face of a Changing Climate in Arid and Semi-Arid Areas of Zimbabwe" (EMA)
- [AFCIA] "AFCIA-UNEP II in Support of Innovation for Adaptation" (UNEP)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche

- Haiti: "Implementing Measures for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Mitigation of School Facilities in Haiti" (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))
- Tunisia: "Economic, Social and Solidarity Insertion for Resilience in the Governorate of Kairouan - IESS-Adapt" (IFAD)

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> tranche

- Georgia: "Dairy Modernization and Market Access: Adaptation Component (DiMMAdapt)" (IFAD)
- Sierra Leone: "Promoting Climate Resilience in the Cocoa and Rice Sectors as an Adaptation Strategy in Sierra Leone" (IFAD)
- Viet Nam: "Enhancing the resilience inclusive and sustainable eco-human settlement development through small scale infrastructure interventions in the coastal regions of the Mekong Delta" (UN-Habitat)

#### 4<sup>th</sup> tranche

- Malawi: "Adapting to climate change through integrated risk management strategies and enhanced market opportunities for resilient food security and livelihoods" (WFP)
- [Regional] Mauritius, Seychelles: "Restoring marine ecosystem services by rehabilitating coral reefs to meet a changing climate future" (UNDP)
- [AFCIA] Global: "Adaptation Fund – UNDP Innovation Small Grant Aggregator Platform (ISGAP)" (UNDP)

#### 5<sup>th</sup> tranche

- [Regional] Colombia, Ecuador: "Building adaptive capacity through food and nutrition security and peacebuilding actions in vulnerable Afro and indigenous communities in the Colombia-Ecuador border area" (WFP)

(h) Other grants agreements and corresponding cash transfer requests signed:

### Project formulation grants (PFGs)

- Cote d'Ivoire: "Project to Strengthen the Resilience of Local Communities in the Bafing Region made Vulnerable due to Farmer-Breeder Conflict Exacerbated by the Effects of Climate Change" (Fonds Interprofessionnel pour la Recherche et le Conseil Agricoles) (US\$ 50,000)
- Armenia: "Enhancing Resilience of Communities to Climate Change in Shirak Marz Leveraging Best Practices of the Pilot Project Implemented in Artik Community" ('Environmental Project Implementation Unit' State Agency (EPIU)) (US\$ 45,000)
- Armenia: "Armenia National Adaptation Funding Facility" (EPIU) (US\$ 50,000)
- Indonesia: "Collaboration for the Conservation of Cimandiri Watershed Landscapes through the Potential of Silvopasture and Community Agroforestry" (Kemitraan) (US\$ 50,000)
- Indonesia: ("Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity of Coastal Village Communities in Supporting Food Security as a Response to Climate Change through Stakeholder Elaboration Actions in West Sulawesi Province" (Kemitraan) (US\$ 50,000)
- Mexico: "Ha Ta Tukari, "Water our Life": Towards Universal Drinking Water Coverage for 21 Communities of the Wixarika Nation" (Instituto Mexicano de Tecnología del Agua (IMTA)) (US\$ 50,000)
- [Regional] Bangladesh, Nepal: "Hydrological Status and Outlook System for Integrated Water Resources Management and Climate Resilience in Bangladesh and Nepal (HydroSOS-BaNe)" (World Meteorological Organization (WMO)) (US\$ 80,000)
- [Regional] Costa Rica, Panama: ("Enhancing the Climate Resilience of Coastal Communities in Limon, Costa Rica, and Bocas del Toro, Panama through Nature-based Solutions for Local Livelihoods" (UNEP) (US\$ 80,000)
- [Regional] Kenya, Uganda: "Unlocking Investments in Gender and Youth-Inclusive Early-Growth Stage Adaptation Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Kenya and Uganda " (UNIDO) (US\$ 30,000)
- [Regional] Malaysia, Philippines: "Strengthening Climate Resilience and Food Security through South-South Cooperation in Adaptive Rice Production in Malaysia and the Philippines" (United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)) (US\$ 20,000)

### Learning grant

- Armenia: "Support for capturing and disseminating practical lessons from adaptation interventions in Armenia" (EPIU) (US\$ 125,100)

2. Provided official quotes or appearances as the Board Chair in news releases prepared by the Secretariat:

- a) Appeared in photos and social media posts covering Adaptation Fund 42nd Board Meeting: Photo Album (April 2024) ([link](#))

- b) News Release (April 2024): Adaptation Fund Board Enhances Funding Options for Vulnerable Countries – Over US\$ 80 Million in New Projects Approved, News Windows for Locally Led Adaptation Created ([link](#))
- c) Podcast (April 2024): Interview with Lucas di Pietro, New Adaptation Fund Board Chair ([link](#))