



## ADAPTATION FUND

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

### DECISIONS OF THE ADAPTATION FUND BOARD AT ITS FORTY-THIRD MEETING

#### Agenda Item 2: Election of board membership and new members

1. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:
  - (a) To elect Abdulaziz Albutti (Saudi Arabia, Asia-Pacific) as a member, replacing Albara Tawfiq (Saudi Arabia, Asia-Pacific), in accordance with the rules of procedure.

**(Decision B.43/1)**

#### Agenda Item 5: Accreditation related matters

##### a) Report of the Accreditation Panel

2. The Adaptation Fund Board decided to request the secretariat to develop, in consultation with the Accreditation Panel (the Panel), for the Panel's consideration at its forty-third meeting:
  - (a) Guidance for the preparation of the Panel's assessment report on accreditation and reaccreditation applications and the associated note to the Board, as referred to in decision B.42/4, with a view to promoting the consistency and efficiency of assessments;
  - (b) An approach to the roles and responsibilities of the Panel with respect to quality assurance, with a view to promoting efficiency with the application review process.

**(Decision B.43/2)**

3. Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel and following the fast-track reaccreditation process approved by decisions B.28/38 and B.34/3, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to reaccredit the Inter-American Development Bank as a multilateral implementing entity of the Adaptation Fund for five years, as per paragraph 39 of the Operational Policies and Guidelines for Parties to Access Resources from the Adaptation Fund. The accreditation expiration date is 11 October 2029.

**(Decision B.43/3)**

4. Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel and following the fast-track reaccreditation process approved by decisions B.28/38 and B.34/3, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to reaccredit the United Nations Development Programme as a multilateral implementing entity of the Adaptation Fund for five years, as per paragraph 39 of the operational policies and guidelines for Parties to access resources from the Adaptation Fund. The accreditation expiration date is 11 October 2029.

**(Decision B.43/4)**

**Agenda Item 6: Report of the thirty-fourth meeting of the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC)**

**B. Review of single-country project and programme proposals**

Fully developed proposals

*Proposals from national implementing entities*

Benin: Strengthening resilience and food security of the vulnerable communes of Boukombe and Bopa against increased impact of climate change (fully developed project; Fonds National pour l'Environnement et le Climat (FNEC); AF00000290; US\$ 3,053,744)

5. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed project proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Fonds National pour l'Environnement et le Climat (FNEC) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 3,053,744 for the implementation of the project, as requested by FNEC;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with FNEC as the national implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.43/5)**

Peru: Building a program for adaptation and resilience to climate change of Andean local communities and ecosystems in Peru (fully developed project; Peruvian Trust Fund for National Parks and Protected Areas (PROFONANPE); AF00000296; US\$ 4,746,620)

6. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed project proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Peruvian Trust Fund for National Parks and Protected Areas (PROFONANPE) to the request made by the technical review;

- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 4,746,620 for the implementation of the project, as requested by PROFONANPE;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with PROFONANPE as the national implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.43/6)**

*Proposals from regional implementing entities*

Pakistan: Sustainable actions for ecosystems restoration in Pakistan (SAFER Pakistan) (fully developed project; International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD); AF00000348; US\$ 10,000,000)

7. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed project proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 10,000,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by ICIMOD;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with ICIMOD as the regional implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.43/7)**

*Proposals from multilateral implementing entities*

Azerbaijan: Building climate resilient cities and communities in Azerbaijan (fully developed project; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN Habitat); AF00000388; US\$ 10,000,000)

8. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed project proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN Habitat) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 10,000,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by UN Habitat;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with UN Habitat as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.43/8)**

Single country concept notes

*Proposals from regional implementing entities*

Dominican Republic: Enhancing climate resilience of ecosystems and livelihoods through adaptation actions in the tourism sector in La Isabela and Estero Hondo, in the Dominican Republic (RESILTUR) (concept note; Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF); AF00000397; US\$ 10,000,000)

9. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify CAF of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The fully developed project proposal should further demonstrate the concrete adaptation nature/aspects of the project activities;
  - (ii) The fully developed proposal should include clear guidelines and criteria for selecting co-managers and ensure transparent processes in forming partnerships, as well as measures to regularly review and adjust the co-management plans based on performance evaluations and stakeholder feedback.
- (c) To request CAF to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of the Dominican Republic;
- (d) To encourage the Government of the Dominican Republic to submit, through CAF, a fully developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.43/9)**

*Proposals from multilateral implementing entities*

Plurinational State of Bolivia: Enhancing climate resilience and protecting agricultural productivity in critical climate-vulnerable areas of the Plurinational State of Bolivia through the recovery of water recharge (concept note; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); AF00000377; US\$ 10,000,000)

10. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify IFAD of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision;

- (c) To request IFAD to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia;
- (d) To encourage the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to submit, through IFAD, a fully developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.43/10)**

Somalia: Green and resilient ecosystems for Somali livelihoods (Hal-abuur) (concept note; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); AF00000382; US\$ 10,000,000)

11. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify IFAD of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision;
- (c) To request IFAD to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Somalia;
- (d) To encourage the Government of Somalia to submit, through IFAD, a fully developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.43/11)**

Tunisia: Strengthening adaptive capacity and livelihood security in the most vulnerable oases of the Governate of Tozeur (concept note; World Food Programme (WFP); AF00000356; US\$ 9,997,000)

12. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the World Food Programme (WFP) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify WFP of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The fully developed project proposal should describe and delineate the term "biodiversity" and possibly replace it with a term more specific to the agriculture context, as well as an impact assessment that considers invasive species;
  - (ii) The fully developed project proposal should contain relevant guidance prepared for the unidentified sub-projects (USPs) for inclusion in the Environmental and Social Management Plan;

- (iii) The fully developed project proposal should present the quantitative elements of the project benefits, including for the USPs that constitute 74 per cent of the activities cost;
- (iv) The fully developed project proposal should detail the requirements necessary to meet the relevant national technical standards, where applicable, in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Fund (ESP) and how these will be met for the agriculture produce and food that the project will support to generate and market;
- (v) The fully developed project proposal should elaborate on the risks of duplication with other funding sources;
- (vi) The fully developed project proposal should revisit the risks findings and present the results of the corresponding environmental and social impact assessments, in particular as related to child labour, Indigenous Peoples, involuntary (economic) resettlement, marginalized and vulnerable groups, biodiversity (beyond agrobiodiversity and in and beyond activity locations), and agriculture- and value-chain-related pollution; anticipated desirable project outcomes do not negate risks of potential unwanted outcomes, such as is the case for heritage and lands and soil conservation;
- (vii) The fully developed project proposal should describe the specific benefits of not formulating an activity at the fully developed stage;
- (viii) The fully developed project proposal should further present gender- disaggregated data where relevant, as supported by the gender assessment and categorized in line with the ESP and at the project level;
- (ix) The fully developed project proposal should ensure that the implementing entity fees and execution costs are revised to comply with the Fund's policy on costs and fees;
- (c) To request WFP to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Tunisia;
- (d) To encourage the Government of Tunisia to submit, through WFP, a fully developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.43/12)**

## **C. Review of regional project and programme proposals**

### Regional projects and programmes

#### Regional concept note

##### *Proposal from a multilateral implementing entity*

Plurinational State of Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru: Increasing the resilience to climate change of the livelihoods of small family farmers in the Andean region of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru (concept note; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); AF00000394; US\$ 14,000,000)

13. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify IFAD of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The fully developed project proposal should provide information on how the institutional arrangements including the coordination body and the steering committee were finalized in consultation with the involved countries;
  - (ii) The fully developed project proposal should capture the quarterly consultations with counterparts who will form part of the steering committee;
  - (iii) The fully developed project proposal should ensure that section M is included;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 100,000;
- (d) To request IFAD to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Governments of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru;
- (e) To encourage the Governments of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru to submit, through IFAD, a fully developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.43/13)**

Regional pre-concept note

*Proposal from a multilateral implementing entity*

Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Peru: AdaptAndes: Enhancing socio-ecosystems resilience, knowledge management and regional cooperation and governance across the Andes (pre-concept note; United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); AF00000383; US\$ 13,915,000)

14. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the pre-concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify UNEP of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 36,000;
- (d) To request UNEP to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Governments of Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Peru;

- (e) To encourage the Governments of Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Peru to submit, through UNEP, a concept note proposal.

**(Decision B.43/14)**

#### **D. Review of large innovation project and programme proposals**

##### Fully developed proposal

###### *Proposal from a national implementing entity*

Bangladesh: Access to safe drinking water for the climate vulnerable people in coastal areas of Bangladesh through solar-generated reverse osmosis water treatment facilities (fully developed proposal; Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF); AF00000285; US\$ 5,000,000)

15. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the fully developed project proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) to the requests made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 5,000,000 for the implementation of the project, as requested by PKSF;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with PKSF as the national implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.43/15)**

##### Concept note

###### *Proposal from a multilateral implementing entity*

Somalia: Enhancing adaptation and resilience through nature-based Solutions (EARNSS) in Somalia (concept note; United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); AF00000275; US\$ 5,000,000)

16. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To endorse the concept note supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify UNEP of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The fully developed proposal should provide an alignment table that demonstrates alignments with the Fund's strategic results framework;
  - (ii) The fully developed proposal should elaborate on plans for developing and implementing standardized, cost-effective methods for measuring and verifying soil carbon sequestration;



- (iii) The fully developed proposal should specify the exact project sites where the interventions will be implemented;
- (iv) The fully developed proposal should clarify monitoring and maintenance arrangements of the necessary infrastructure and equipment;
- (c) To approve the project formulation grant of US\$ 150,000;
- (d) To request UNEP to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Government of Somalia;
- (e) To encourage the Government of Somalia to submit, through UNEP, a fully developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph (b), above.

**(Decision B.43/16)**

#### **E. Review of small innovation grants**

Senegal: Djigui Niokolo: Developing agro-sylvo-pastoral models for sustainable agriculture and environmental preservation (Innovation Small Grant; Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE); AFRDG00065; US\$ 244,459)

17. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the innovation small grant as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE) to the requests made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 244,459 for the implementation of the project, as requested by CSE;
- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with CSE as the national implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.43/17)**

#### **F. Review of Adaptation Climate Innovation Accelerator Programme proposals**

Global: Coordination services for the Special Financing Window in support of innovation for adaptation (AFCIA): Phase II (United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); AF00000387; US\$ 2,707,222)

18. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To approve the Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator coordination services proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to the requests made by the technical review;
- (b) To approve the funding of US\$ 2,707,222 for the implementation of the project, as requested by UNEP;

- (c) To request the secretariat to draft an agreement with UNEP as the multilateral implementing entity for the project.

**(Decision B.43/18)**

**G. Expressions of interest to implement locally led adaptation aggregator programme**

19. During the consideration of the sub-item, noting that the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) had been reaccredited at the present meeting on the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel, the Board agreed to also invite UNDP to develop a locally led adaptation aggregator programme or programmes.

20. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To invite the Caribbean Development Bank to develop a programme of up to US\$ 8 million, noting the possibility to submit a proposal under the regional locally led adaptation modality, once available;
- (b) To invite the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean to develop a programme of up to US\$ 12 million, noting the possibility to submit a proposal under the regional locally led adaptation modality, once available;
- (c) To invite the United Nations Development Programme to develop a programme of up to US\$ 10 million, noting the possibility to submit a proposal under the regional locally led adaptation modality, once available;
- (d) To invite the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to develop a programme of up to US\$ 15 million;
- (e) To encourage the implementing entities that have submitted expressions of interest to consider future opportunities to support locally led adaptation;
- (f) To request the selected implementing entity or entities to indicate their acceptance by letter to the Chair of the Board no later than two weeks from the date of the official invitation notification.

**(Decision B.43/19)**

**H. Exploring options on the further use of adaptation fund resources to fund innovation**

21. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to request the secretariat to take the findings of the report into account when continuing to implement actions under the innovation pillar of the Adaptation Fund's medium-term strategy (2023–2027).

**(Decision B.43/20)**

**J. Guidance for implementing entities for application of updated operational policies for learning grants**

22. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided:

- (a) To adopt the revised project proposal template and the updated instructions for preparing a request for learning grant funding and request the secretariat to include them as updates of the operational policy of the Adaptation Fund;
- (b) To request the secretariat to inform the national implementing entities (NIEs) of the updated policy-mentioned in subparagraph (a) and the updated project template and guidance contained in annexes I and II to document AFB/PPRC.34/10;
- (c) To request the secretariat to communicate the proposed indicators contained in table 1 of document AFB/PPRC.34/10 to the NIEs for application during a pilot phase;
- (d) To request the secretariat to consider feedback from the pilot phase of application of learning indicators when revising the strategic results framework, project performance reports and other relevant documents.

**(Decision B.43/21)**

**K. Framework approach for bundling small innovation and learning grant**

23. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To approve the proposed bundling framework;
- (b) To request the secretariat:
  - (i) To inform the national implementing entities (NIEs) of the bundled grant modality and the process for accessing grants under it;
  - (ii) To prepare and present the NIEs with additional guidance on filling out the new proposal template;
  - (iii) To report to the Project and Programme Review Committee on status of actions under subparagraphs (i) and (ii) at its thirty-fifth meeting;
  - (iv) To prepare a progress report on the implementation of the bundling framework with lessons learned and further recommendations for improvement, as appropriate, for consideration by the Project and Programme Review Committee at its thirty-eighth meeting.

**(Decision B.43/22)**

**L. Assessment of project implementation requests**

*Partnership in Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan)*

24. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to approve the request for change in project outputs, material change and revision of the disbursement schedule for the project “Safekeeping-Surviving-Sustaining towards Resilience: 3S Approach to Build Coastal City Resilience to Climate Change Impacts and Natural Disasters in Pekalongan City, Central Java Province”, as requested by the Partnership in Governance Reform in Indonesia (Kemitraan) (document AFB/PPRC.34/12).

**(Decision B.43/23)**

*National Environment Management Authority (NEMA)*

25. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To cancel the approval, by decision B.41-42/6, of the proposal for the readiness package grant submitted by the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) to support accreditation of a second national implementing entity in Kenya, in accordance with paragraph 58 of the Operational Policies and Guidelines for Parties to Access Resources from the Adaptation Fund and decision B.34/3;
- (b) To request the secretariat to notify NEMA and the Government of Kenya of the decision by the Board in subparagraph (a), above.

**(Decision B.43/24)**

**Agenda Item 7: Report of the thirty-fourth meeting of the Ethics and Finance Committee**

**B. Annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2024**

26. Having considered the recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee, the Board decided:

- (a) To approve the Adaptation Fund’s annual performance report for the fiscal year 2024, as contained in annex I to document AFB/EFC.34/9;
- (b) To request the secretariat to prepare a summarized version of the annual performance report for the general public in a reader-friendly format following its approval by the Board.

**(Decision B.43/25)**

**D. Management response to the recommendations of the thematic evaluation of the accreditation process**

27. Having considered the recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee, the Board took note of the recommendations of the thematic evaluation of the Fund’s accreditation process

conducted by the Adaptation Fund Technical Evaluation Reference Group, as contained in document AFB/EFC.33/11, as well as the discussion during the thirty-fourth meeting of the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC) and the forty-third meeting of the Board and the management response contained in document AFB/EFC.34/6, and decided to request the secretariat:

- (a) To prepare an action plan to implement agreed and partially agreed recommendations arising from the thematic evaluation mentioned above, for consideration by the Board during the intersessional period between its forty-third and forty-fourth meetings;
- (b) To report to the EFC, at its thirty-fifth meeting, on the progress made in implementing the action plan.

**(Decision B.43/26)**

**E. Initial management response to the thematic evaluation on scalability and management response**

28. Having considered the recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee, the Board took note of the initial management response prepared by the Adaptation Fund Board secretariat, as contained in document AFB/EFC.34/7 and decided to request the Adaptation Fund Board secretariat:

- (a) To prepare an updated management response and action plan reflecting the views expressed by the Ethics and Finance Committee at its thirty-fourth meeting on the findings and recommendations of the thematic evaluation on scalability concept and practices, for consideration by the Board during the intersessional period between its forty-third and forty-fourth meetings;
- (b) To report to the Ethics and Finance Committee, at its thirty-sixth meeting, on the progress made in implementing the action plan, as part of the report on the activities of the secretariat.

**(Decision B.43/27)**

**F. Project post approval policies gap assessment and options for policies amendment.**

29. Having considered the recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee, the Board took note of the review and analysis conducted by the secretariat, as contained in document AFB/EFC.34/8 and decided:

- (a) To endorse the approach outlined in option 3, contained in document AFB/EFC.34/8, including the delegation of approval of minor changes to projects and programmes to the secretariat;
- (b) To request the secretariat to propose, for the consideration of the EFC at its thirty-fifth meeting and taking into consideration the discussion at the thirty-fourth meeting of the EFC;
  - (i) Revisions to the Policy for Project Implementation, as set out in annex 7 to the Operational Policies and Guidelines for Parties to Access Resources from the Adaptation Fund (AFB/EFC.21/5), and to the Policy for Project/Programme Delays (AFB/B.34-35/6);
  - (ii) An action plan for the implementation of the present decision.

(Decision B.43/28)

**Agenda Item 8: Proposed amendments to the provisions of the Operational Policies and Guidelines for Parties to Access Resources from the Adaptation Fund related to the Designated Authorities of the Fund**

30. Having considered the information contained in document AFB/B.43/7 and taking into account the discussion on option 2 of document AFB/B.42/6, the Board decided:
- (a) To adopt and initiate the change of the definition of “Designated Authority” from an officer to an entity;
  - (b) To revise, for the purpose of a transitional period of no longer than one year, the definition of “Designated Authority” in the Fund’s Operational Policies and Guidelines for Parties to Access Resources from the Adaptation Fund (OPG) from “an officer within the Party’s government administration” to “either an officer within the Party’s government administration or a government entity of the Party with appointed primary and secondary contact points”;
  - (c) To phase out the current system of nominated government officer as Designated Authority at the end of the 12-month period and, effective immediately, to no longer accept new nominations of officers as Designated Authorities;
  - (d) To invite eligible Parties to nominate, as soon as possible and within 12 months from the date of the present decision, a government entity as the Designated Authority for the Adaptation Fund and appoint a primary contact point with the authority to sign on behalf of the Designated Authority and up to two secondary contact points without signing authority who will facilitate communication and coordination with the Fund. The nomination of a government entity as the Designated Authority will replace any previously nominated officer as Designated Authority for that Party;
  - (e) To request the secretariat to communicate the present decision to all Parties through their current Designated Authority and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change focal points, and to support Parties through provision of the relevant nomination letter templates and guidance to facilitate a smooth transition;
  - (f) To request the secretariat to present an amendment to the OPG for the Board’s consideration at its forty-fifth meeting, aimed at finalizing the transition of Designated Authority from an officer to an entity.

(Decision B.43/29)

**Agenda Item 9: Amendments to the Adaptation Fund standard project legal agreement - policy compliance and auditing requirement**

31. Having considered document AFB/B.43/8 and its annex as well as a letter from six United Nations Agencies dated 7 October 2024, the Board decided:

- (a) To take note of the draft amendments to the Adaptation Fund standard project legal agreement (the Legal Agreement) contained in annex to document AFB/B.43/8;
- (b) To request the secretariat to consult with the Board and the relevant Fund stakeholders, including the implementing entities, on the draft amendments to the Legal Agreement contained in the annex to document AFB/B.43/8 during the intersessional period between the forty-third and the forty-fourth meetings of the Board;
- (c) To update the draft amendments to the Legal Agreement taking into considerations and reflecting the input collected through the consultation referred to in paragraph (b), for consideration at its forty-fourth meeting.

**(Decision B.43/30)**

#### **Agenda Item 10: Issues remaining from earlier meetings**

##### **a) Options to further enhance civil society participation and engagement in the work of the Board**

- 32. Having considered the information contained in documents AFB/B.42/9, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided: to continue the discussion on the Adaptation Fund Vision and Guidelines on Enhanced Civil Society Engagement, as contained in annex I to document AFB/B.43/9, and the Guidelines for Participation of Active Civil Society Observers, as contained in annex II to document AFB/B.43/9, at its forty-fourth meeting

**(Decision B.43/31)**

##### **c) Issues arising from seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 17), the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 4) and the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27): Arrangements for the Adaptation Fund's transition from the Kyoto Protocol to the Paris Agreement and development of a strategy on monetization of Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions (A6.4ERs)**

- 33. Having considered documents AFB/B.43/11, AFB/B.43/11/Add.1, AFB/B.43/11/Add.2, AFB/B.43/11/Add.3, AFB/B.43/11/Add.4, AFB/B.43/11/Add.5, AFB/B.43/11/Add.6 and AFB/B.43/11/Add.7, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to continue considering the matter of the arrangements for the transition of the Adaptation Fund from the Kyoto Protocol to the Paris Agreement at its forty-fourth meeting.

**(Decision B.43/32)**

#### **Agenda Item 12: Utilization of cap resources within the adaptation fund and options for revision**

- 34. Having considered document AFB/B.43/14, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to request the secretariat to undertake additional analyses and further elaborate options for caps and project and programme size, including for setting the country cap periodically, for consideration by the Board at its forty-fourth meeting.

**(Decision B.43/33)**

### **Agenda Item 13: Multilateral climate funds action plan on complementarity and coherence**

35. Having considered document AFB/B.43/15, the Board decided:

- (a) To welcome the efforts made on the draft action plan contained in the annex to document AFB/B.43/15, as a contribution to enhancing coherence and complementarity between the multilateral climate funds and within the international climate finance architecture;
- (b) To request the secretariat:
  - (i) To coordinate with other multilateral climate funds, with a view to reflecting the Board's input in the further refinement of the draft action plan referred to in paragraph (a);
  - (ii) To update the Board on the progress in the development of the draft action plan through the report on activities of the secretariat.

**(Decision B.43/34)**

### **Agenda Item 15: Election of officers for the next period of office**

36. Having considered the names of proposed candidates for the officers of the Board, the Board decided to elect, for the term of office starting at the first meeting of 2025:

- (a) Washington Zhakata (Zimbabwe, Africa) as the Vice-Chair of the Board.
- (b) Naresh Sharma (Nepal, Least Developed Countries) as the Chair of the Accreditation Panel.

**(Decision B.43/35)**

### **Agenda Item 17: Date and venue of meetings in 2025**

37. The Board decided to hold its forty-fifth meeting from 7 to 10 October 2025 in Bonn, Germany.

**(Decision B.43/36)**



**AFB43: SUMMARY OF FUNDING DECISIONS FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES  
AT THE FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE ADAPTATION FUND BOARD**

1. Full Proposals: Single-country								
Countries	IE	PPRC Document number	NIE funding, USD	RIE funding, USD	MIE funding, USD	Decision	Funding set aside, USD	
NIE								
Benin	FNEC	AFB/PPRC.34/14	3,053,744			Approve	3,053,744	
Peru	PROFONANPE	AFB/PPRC.34/15	4,746,620			Approve	4,746,620	
RIE								
Pakistan	ICIMOD	AFB/PPRC.34/17		10,000,000		Approve	10,000,000	
MIE								
Azerbaijan	UN-Habitat	AFB/PPRC.34/18			10,000,000	Approve	10,000,000	
Sub-total, USD			7,800,364	10,000,000	10,000,000		27,800,364	
2. Concepts: Single-country								
Countries	IE	PPRC Document number	NIE funding, USD	RIE funding, USD	MIE funding, USD	Decision	Funding set aside, USD	
RIE								
Dominican Republic	CAF	AFB/PPRC.34/19		10,000,000		Endorse	-	
MIE								
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	IFAD	AFB/PPRC.34/20			10,000,000	Endorse	-	
Somalia	IFAD	AFB/PPRC.34/21			10,000,000	Endorse	-	
Tunisia	WFP	AFB/PPRC.34/22			9,997,000	Endorse	-	
Sub-total, USD			-	10,000,000	29,997,000		-	
3. Concepts: Regional								
Countries	IE	PPRC Document number	NIE funding, USD	RIE funding, USD	MIE funding, USD	Decision	Funding set aside, USD	
MIE								
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Ecuador, Peru	IFAD	AFB/PPRC.34/23			14,000,000	Endorse	-	
Sub-total, USD			-	-	14,000,000		-	
4. Project Formulation Grants (PFG):								
Countries	IE	PPRC Document number	NIE funding, USD	RIE funding, USD	MIE funding, USD	Decision	Funding set aside, USD	

Regional Concepts								
MIE								
	Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Ecuador, Peru	IFAD	AFB/PPRC.34/23/A dd.1			100,000	Approve	100,000
Sub-total, USD				-	-	100,000		100,000
5. Pre-concepts: Regional								
	Countries	IE	PPRC Document number	NIE funding, USD	RIE funding, USD	MIE funding, USD	Decision	Funding set aside, USD
MIE								
	Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Peru	UNEP	AFB/PPRC.34/25			13,915,000	Endorse	-
Sub-total, USD				-	-	13,915,000		-
6. Project Formulation Grants (PFG) Pre-concepts: Regional								
	Countries	IE	PPRC Document number	NIE funding, USD	RIE funding, USD	MIE funding, USD	Decision	Funding set aside, USD
MIE								
	Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Peru	UNEP	AFB/PPRC.34/25/A dd.1			36,000	Approve	36,000
Sub-total, USD				-	-	36,000		36,000
TOTAL (1+2+3+4+5+6)				7,800,364	20,000,000	68,048,000		27,936,364
7. Full Proposals Single Country: Large Innovation Projects								
NIE								
	Bangladesh	PKSF	AFB/PPRC.34/26	5,000,000			Approve	5,000,000
Sub-total, USD				5,000,000	-	-		5,000,000
8. Concepts Single Country:								
	Countries	IE	PPRC Document number	NIE funding, USD	RIE funding, USD	MIE funding, USD	Decision	Funding set aside, USD

Large Innovation Projects								
MIE								
	Countries	IE	PPRC Document number	NIE funding, USD	RIE funding, USD	MIE funding, USD	Decision	Funding set aside, USD
	Somalia	UNEP	AFB/PPRC.34/27			5,000,000	Endorse	-
Sub-total, USD				-	-	5,000,000		-
9. Project Formulation Grants (PFG) Single Concept: Large Innovation Projects								
MIE								
	Countries	IE	PPRC Document number	NIE funding, USD	RIE funding, USD	MIE funding, USD	Decision	Funding set aside, USD
	Somalia	UNEP	AFB/PPRC.34/27/Add.1			150,000	Approve	150,000
Sub-total, USD				-	-	150,000		150,000
TOTAL (7+8+9)				5,000,000	-	5,150,000		5,150,000
10. Innovation Small Grants								
NIE								
	Countries	IE	PPRC Document number	NIE funding, USD	RIE funding, USD	MIE funding, USD	Decision	Funding set aside, USD
	Senegal	CSE	AFB/PPRC.34/28	244,459			Approve	244,459
Sub-total, USD				244,459	-	-		244,459
11. AFCIA Grants								
MIE								
	Countries	IE	PPRC Document number	NIE funding, USD	RIE funding, USD	MIE funding, USD	Decision	Funding set aside, USD
	Global	UNEP	AFB/PPRC.34/29			2,707,222	Approve	2,707,222
Sub-total, USD				-	-	2,707,222		2,707,222
GRAND TOTAL (1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10+11)				13,044,823	20,000,000	75,905,222		36,038,045