



Adaptation Fund Board
Forty-fourth meeting
Bonn, Germany

REPORT OF THE FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE ACCREDITATION PANEL

Strategic Issues

- a) Reporting on the work of the Accreditation Panel with respect to accreditation and re-accreditation application portfolio
- b) The number of (re)accreditation applications in the pipeline is increasing considerably, with a total of 46 applications out of which 30 under review
- c) The secretariat received new accreditation applications for three (3) National Implementing Entities (NIEs) and one (1) Regional Implementing Entity
- d) The Panel adopted a guidance document and approach document as living documents, after a thorough consultation, to ensure consistency and efficiency in the review process and the preparation of assessment reports for (re-)accreditation applications
- e) During the intersessional period between the forty-second and the forty-third meetings of the Panel, the Panel recommended not to re-accredit NIE069 as the entity could not meet all the standards and criteria required to achieve reaccreditation as per the re-accreditation process of the fund
- f) Considering the preliminary analysis of (re)accreditation pipeline and the current workload presented by the Secretariat, which has potential impact on the turnaround time for completing application reviews, the Panel proposed a recommendation for the Board's consideration at its forty-fourth meeting

Purpose

1. This board paper asks the Board to note the updates on the (re-)accreditation portfolio and to approve the Accreditation Panel's recommendation requesting the secretariat to conduct an in-depth analysis of the re-accreditation approach with the view to assess the long-term operational and budgetary implications.

Recommended Decision

2. Having considered the preliminary reporting on the status of re-accreditation process at the Fund, the Accreditation Panel recommends that the Board requests the secretariat:
 - a) to initiate work to conduct an in-depth analysis of the re-accreditation approach with the view to assess the long-term operational and budgetary implications, and
 - b) to present the outcome of said analysis to the Accreditation Panel at its forty-fourth meeting.

(Recommendation AFB/AP.43/1)

3. Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel, the Adaptation Fund Board decides to accredit the National Environment Trust Fund (NETFUND) of Kenya as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) 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 10 April 2030.

(Recommendation AFB/AP.43/2)

4. Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel, the Adaptation Fund Board decided to re-accredit the Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT) as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) 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 10 April 2030.

(Recommendation AFB/AP.43/3)

5. Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel and following the re-accreditation process approved by Decisions B.28/38 and B.34/3, the Adaptation Fund Board decides to re-accredit the Interprofessional Fund for Agricultural Research and Advice (FIRCA) of Côte d'Ivoire as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) 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 10 April 2030.

(Recommendation AFB/AP.43/4)

Background

6. The Accreditation Panel (the Panel) continued its work reviewing existing applications. The Panel held its forty-third meeting (AP43) on 3-4 February 2025 in Washington DC. The Chair of the Accreditation Panel, Mr. Naresh Sharma (Nepal, Least Developed Countries), presided over the meeting.
7. For the forty-third Panel meeting, the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat (the secretariat) received new accreditation applications for three national implementing entities (NIEs) and one regional implementing entity (RIE). The Panel continued reviewing 14 re-accreditation applications (10 NIEs, two Regional Implementing Entity (RIEs), and two Multilateral Implementing Entities (MIEs)) and 19 accreditation applications of 18 potential NIEs and one potential RIE that were previously reviewed but required additional information for the Panel's review. The accreditation applications of two of the NIE candidates have been dormant for at least 6-month period. Therefore, in accordance with Decision B.31/26, the Secretariat sent the first, letters notifying the respective DAs about the inactivity of the entities on 3 February 2025.
8. After considering the recommendation by the Panel, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) had intersessionally approved during the period from 30 August 2024 to 2 February 2025, the fast-track re-accreditation of the Agence pour le Développement Agricole (ADA) as NIE of the Fund (Decision B.42-43/24); accreditation of the Fondo para la Acción Ambiental y la Niñez (Fondo Acción) of Colombia as NIE of the Fund (Decision B.43-44/2); and fast track accreditation of the Nature Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC) of Nepal as NIE of the Adaptation Fund (Decision B.43-44/7).

9. During the intersessional period between the forty-second and the forty-third meetings of the Panel, the Panel recommended the de-accreditation of NIE069 as the entity could not meet all the standards and criteria required to achieve reaccreditation as per the re-accreditation process of the fund. During the same period, the Panel completed the assessment of the regular accreditation application from NIE142 and made a recommendation to the Board for accreditation. At the time of this report, the Panel recommendation for accreditation was being considered by the Board.
10. As of the forty-third meeting of the Panel, 19 accreditation applications, comprising of 18 potential NIEs and one potential RIE were under review by the Panel as per the following list:
 1. National Implementing Entity NIE041
 2. National Implementing Entity NIE055
 3. National Implementing Entity NIE057
 4. National Implementing Entity NIE066
 5. National Implementing Entity NIE113
 6. National Implementing Entity NIE140
 7. National Implementing Entity NIE144
 8. National Implementing Entity NIE147
 9. National Implementing Entity NIE148
 10. National Implementing Entity NIE149
 11. National Implementing Entity NIE154
 12. National Implementing Entity NIE156
 13. National Implementing Entity NIE159
 14. National Implementing Entity NIE163
 15. National Implementing Entity NIE164
 16. National Implementing Entity NIE166
 17. National Implementing Entity NIE167
 18. National Implementing Entity NIE168
 19. Regional Implementing Entity RIE016

GENERAL TRENDS

11. As of 4 February 2025, the total number of accredited implementing entities amounted to 58: 34 NIEs, nine RIEs, and 15 MIEs (Figure 1). Among the 34 NIEs, there were 11 accredited NIEs that were from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and six accredited NIEs that were from Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) (Figure 2). Out of the 58 accredited implementing entities of the Fund, 40 entities (69%) had been re-accredited: 21 NIEs, 6 RIEs and 12 MIEs. With respect to the geographic coverage of the 34 NIEs and 9 RIEs, 16 entities were from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), 14 were from Africa, 12 were from Asia-Pacific and 1 was from Eastern Europe (EE) (Figure 3). As per Decision B.36/42, the Secretariat has to date, received nominations from the Designated Authorities (DAs) of 11 countries for a second NIE to pursue accreditation with the Fund.

Figure 1. Accredited Implementing Entities by type

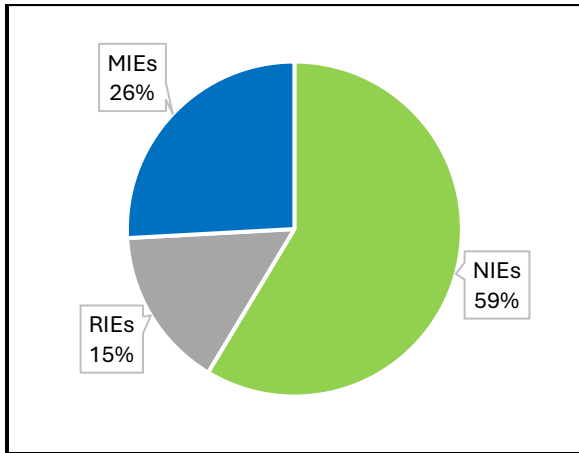


Figure 2. LDCs and SIDS among accredited NIEs

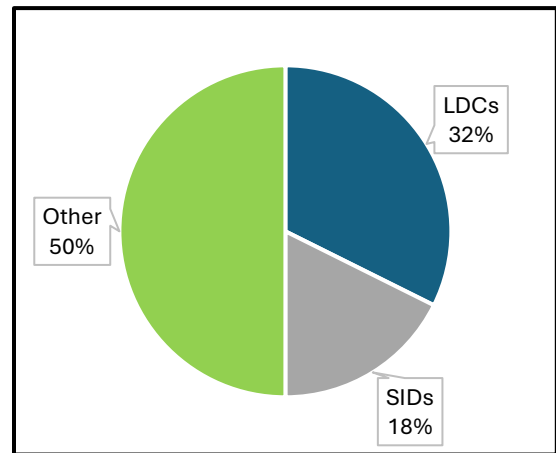
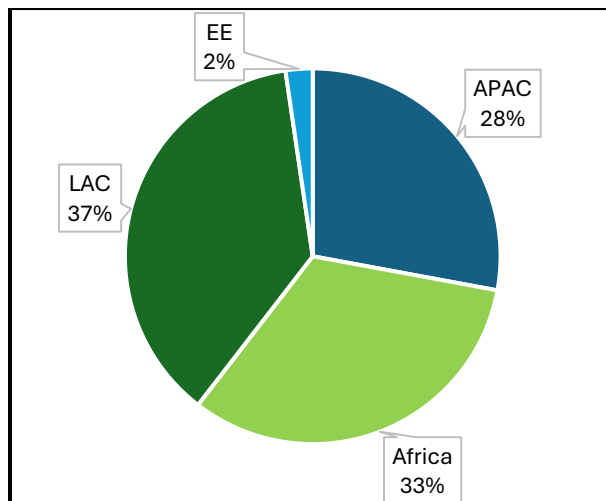


Figure 3. Accredited NIEs and RIEs by region



ACCREDITATION PIPELINE

12. The following infographic (figure 4) provides an update on the current accreditation pipeline, which does not include re-accreditation applications.

Figure 4. The accreditation pipeline of the Adaptation Fund as of 4 February 2025



STATUS OF APPLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

APPLICANT IE	SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION (MM-YYYY)	REFERENCE FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION	CURRENT STATUS
EXISTING APPLICATIONS			
NIE041	Oct-2020	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	There is no significant progress on this application since the AP42 meeting. On 2 February 2024, the secretariat facilitated a conversation between the Panel and representatives from the applicant organization to provide clarification on the pending list of issues. The applicant indicated they will be providing additional information through the Workflow but at the time of this report, no substantial responses or additional documents have been received. In July and August 2024, the secretariat requested the focal point to share updates on their progress with the follow up questions but no additional documents were received. In preparation for the AP43 meeting, the secretariat again sent a request for updates from the focal point. At the time of this report, the focal point has neither responded nor shared additional documents in the Workflow.
NIE055	Mar-2021	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	This application is being reviewed under the streamlined accreditation process. In preparation for the AP42 meeting, the secretariat on 19 August 2024, requested the applicant to share updates on its progress with the pending list of issues raised by the Panel. In response, the focal point uploaded some documents to the Workflow on 20 August 2024. At the time of this report, the Panel is in the process of reviewing the latest documents provided by the applicant.

NIE057	Apr-2014	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	<p>At the time of the AP42 meeting, the applicant had uploaded some documents to the Workflow on 20 May and 10 June 2024, which allowed the Panel to continue its further review of the application. On 13 September 2024, the applicant sought updates from the secretariat regarding the status of the application. This was conveyed to the Panel, allowing the latter to conduct a review of the document. Subsequently, the Panel produced a 7th round of follow up questions which the secretariat transmitted to the focal point on 24 September 2024. The secretariat also facilitated a conversation between the Panel and the applicant on 4 October 2024 to provide clarification on the latest follow up questions. Subsequently, the focal point uploaded some documents to the Workflow on 21-24 October 2024, allowing further review of the application by the Panel. The Panel then produced the 8th round of follow up questions, which was shared with the focal point on 5 November 2024. On 23 December 2024, the applicant uploaded some documents to the Workflow, and then after review, the Panel produced the latest list of follow up questions which the secretariat again transmitted to the focal point on 14 January 2025. The focal point acknowledged receipt on 15 January 2025, but no further updates have been received from the applicant at the time of this report.</p>
NIE066 (Dormant application)	Aug-2016	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	<p>This application has not progressed substantially since the AP42 meeting. The entity has been put in touch with the AF readiness team for guidance on the readiness package grant. On 18 September 2024, the applicant informed the secretariat that a new designated authority (DA) has been appointed by the government which allows the entity to initiate conversations on the the AF readiness support. In preparation for the AP43 meeting, the secretariat sent a request for updates on 16 January 2025. In response, the focal point explained that they have identified an intermediary AF implementing entity (IE) and that they are in the process of seeking the DA's clearance to engage with the IE further. The latest document received from the applicant was uploaded to the Workflow on 21 February 2024. In accordance with Decision B.31/26, the Secretariat sent the first letter to the DA informing of the inactivity of the entity on 3 February 2025</p>

NIE113	Jan-2016	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	Prior to the AP42 meeting, the secretariat requested updates from the applicant on 19 August 2024, and subsequently facilitated a conversation between the Panel and representatives from the applicant organization on 22 August 2024. The applicant later uploaded some documents to the Workflow in August and September 2024. At the COP29 in Baku Azerbaijan, the secretariat met a high-level delegation from the applicant country to discuss the status of the application and the pending issues. Subsequent to that, the applicant uploaded some documents on 4 December 2024. The applicant further uploaded additional documents on 29 January 2025.
NIE140	Sept-2019	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	On 20 August 2024, the Secretariat held a call with the focal points to discuss the status of the application and to provide guidance on the outstanding issues. On the same day, the applicant uploaded some documents and indicated that additional documents would be shared after further internal consultations. The applicant also clarified during the call that most of the documents the Panel had requested are in the native language and required a note from the secretariat to be able to coordinate internally on the pending documents. The secretariat transmitted the letter to the focal point on 9 December 2024. The latest exchange with the applicant was on 16 January 2025 when the secretariat sought updates from the focal point regarding the status of the application. At the time of the report, the secretariat has received no additional documents in the Workflow.
NIE144 (Dormant application)	Sept-2020	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	This application is being assessed under the streamlined accreditation process. There has not been substantial progress on this application since the AP42 meeting. The last set of documents uploaded to the Workflow is dated 6 September 2023. Prior to the meeting, the Secretariat sent requests for updates on 6 and 19 August 2024 but got no response from the focal point. In preparation for the AP43 meeting, the secretariat again sent a request for updates on 14 January 2025. At the time of this report, the applicant has neither responded nor uploaded new documents to the Workflow. In accordance with Decision B.31/26, the secretariat sent the first letter to the DA informing of the inactivity of the entity on 3 February 2025.

NIE147	Aug-2020	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	After the AP42 meeting, the Panel continued its review of the documents the applicant had uploaded to the Workflow in June and July 2024 and subsequently produced a follow up list of questions which the secretariat transmitted to the applicant on 16 September 2024. This was followed with a call between the Panel and the applicant on 7 October 2024 to clarify the pending issues. Subsequently, the applicant uploaded some documents to the Workflow in October and November, permitting the Panel to resume its review of the application. On 14 January 2025, the focal point requested updates on the status of the application, which the secretariat conveyed to the Panel. The Panel produced the latest list of follow up questions on 15 January 2025 which the secretariat transmitted to the focal point on 16 January 2025. At the time of this report, the applicant is addressing the latest request from the Panel.
NIE148	Dec-2020	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	The latest list of follow up questions from the Panel was shared with the applicant on 5 August 2024. In preparation for the AP43 meeting, the secretariat, on 16 January 2025, requested progress update from the focal point. In response, the focal point indicated that they would get back to the secretariat soon. At the time of this report, no additional documents have been uploaded to the Workflow.
NIE149	Aug-2023	N/A	The secretariat assigned this application for review on 4 January 2024. The Panel completed its initial review of the application and produced a list of follow up questions which the secretariat transmitted to the focal point on 26 August 2024. In response to a request for updates from the secretariat, the focal point indicated they were actively working on the pending issues. On 27 January 2025, and at the request of the focal point, the secretariat provided guidance to the applicant on how to upload documents to the Workflow. The applicant subsequently uploaded some document to the Workflow on 31 January 2025. The secretariat has alerted the Panel accordingly about the applicant's progress.
NIE154	Apr-2024	N/A	The secretariat transmitted the Panel's second set of follow-up questions to the applicant on 19 August 2024. In response, the applicant uploaded some documents to the Workflow on 26 October 2024, allowing the Panel to resume review of the application. The Panel completed its review and produced a list of follow up questions which the secretariat transmitted to the applicant on 17 December 2024. The focal point acknowledged receipt of the questions the next day but at the time of this report, no further information or documents have been received in the Workflow.

NIE156	Jul-2022	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	Following the accreditation field mission to the applicant entity on 27-29 June 2024, the applicant uploaded several documents to the Workflow in July, August and September 2024, allowing the Panel to continue its review of the application. At the COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, the secretariat also held a meeting with a representative from the applicant organization to discuss the status of the application. The latest exchange with the applicant was on 7 January 2025, when the focal point requested updates. In response, the secretariat clarified that the assessment report is being updated and that further information would be shared with the applicant once the Panel reverts. At the time of this report, the Panel's review of the application is ongoing.
NIE159	Mar-2024	N/A	After the AP42 meeting, the Panel completed its initial review of the application and produced a list of follow up questions, which the secretariat shared with the applicant on 26 August 2024. In preparation for the AP43 meeting, the secretariat requested updates from the applicant on 16 January 2025. In response, the focal point explained that progress on the application got marred by the recent turmoil in the country. On 31 January, 1 and 3 February 2025, the applicant uploaded several documents in the Workflow. The secretariat has accordingly updated the Panel about the entity's progress.
NIE163	Feb-2024	N/A	The Panel completed its review of the July 2024 list of documents uploaded to the Workflow and produced a follow-up list of questions, which the secretariat transmitted to the applicant on 22 August 2024. In response, the applicant uploaded additional information to the Workflow on 17 September 2024, allowing the Panel to resume its review of the application. The Panel produced a follow up list of questions which the secretariat shared with the applicant on 7 October 2024. At the request of the applicant, the secretariat facilitated a call with the Panel to provide clarification on the pending issues. Subsequently, the applicant uploaded its responses to the Workflow, allowing the Panel to conduct a further review. On 16 January 2025, and at the request of the Panel, the secretariat facilitated a conversation with representatives from the applicant organization, during which the Panel provided updates on its latest review and suggested that the applicant considers the option to be reviewed under the streamlined route. At the time of this report, no further information have been received from the applicant.

NIE164	Nov-2023	N/A	Ahead of the AP42 meeting, the Secretariat reached out to the focal point on 20 August 2024 to request updates on the initial list of follow up questions from the Panel. In response, the applicant uploaded some documents to the Workflow on 27 August 2024 and indicated it plans to upload additional files soon. On 1 October 2024, the secretariat requested updates from the focal point but received no response. The latest exchange with the focal point was on 28 January 2025, when the secretariat again requested for updates. In response, the applicant uploaded some documents to the Workflow the same day.
NIE166	Nov-2023	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	In response to the Panel's list of follow up questions transmitted to the applicant on 13 June 2024, the focal point uploaded several documents to the Workflow on 26 August 2024. This allowed the Panel to resume its review of the application, subsequently producing another list of follow up questions. The secretariat shared this with the focal point on 5 November 2025, and then in response, the applicant uploaded additional documents to the Workflow on 30 December 2024 and 16 January 2025. The Panel reviewed the latest documents and produced a follow up list of questions which the secretariat shared with the applicant on 27 January 2025. At the time of this report, no further updates have been received from the applicant.
NIE167	Jun-2024	N/A	This application is being assessed under the fast-track process. The initial list of questions from the Panel was shared with the applicant on 15 August 2024. In response, the applicant uploaded some documents to the Workflow on 10 September 2024, permitting the Panel to conduct a further review of the application. The Panel shared a follow up list of questions, which the secretariat transmitted to the applicant on 18 November 2024. At the margins of the COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, the secretariat held a high-level meeting with representatives from the country of the applicant organization to discuss the status of the application. On 13 January 2025, the focal point uploaded some documents to the Workflow in response to the Panel's questions, permitting the Panel to resume review of the application. The Panel produced the latest list of follow up questions, which the secretariat transmitted to the applicant on 21 January 2025.

RIE016	Jun-2017	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	The last set of documents uploaded to the Workflow was on 23 August 2024. Since the AP42 meeting, the secretariat has not received additional documents from the applicant. Consequently, the Panel requested the secretariat to arrange a call on 13 January 2025 with representatives from the applicant organization to discuss the status of the application and to help clarify the list of outstanding issues that were shared with the applicant on 18 April 2023. At the time of this report, the Secretariat has received no further updates from the focal point.
RE-ACCREDITATION			
NIE002	Sep-2024	N/A	This application was first submitted to the secretariat on 20 May 2024, and then after initial screening, the secretariat sent the application back to the applicant with comments. The application was resubmitted twice on 19 July and 6 September 2024. In both cases, the secretariat conducted further screening and sent back the application with comments. The final submission was on 16 September 2024, and then after a final screening, it was progressed for initial review. On 30 October 2024, the applicant requested for updates on the status of the application, which the secretariat conveyed to the Panel. At the time of this report, the Panel's review of the application is ongoing.
NIE004	May-2021	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	At the time of the AP42 meeting, the Panel was reviewing the latest documents the applicant had uploaded to the Workflow in March and April 2024. The Panel subsequently produced a follow up list of questions which the secretariat shared with the applicant on 25 October 2024. On 27 November 2024, and at the request of the focal point, the secretariat provided further guidance on the pending list of issues raised by the Panel. Thereafter, the applicant uploaded some documents to the Workflow on 9 and 10 December, allowing the Panel to conduct a further review. On 10 January 2025, the focal point requested for updates on the status of the application, which the secretariat conveyed to the Panel. The Panel later completed its review of the latest documents and produced a list of follow up questions, which the secretariat transmitted to the applicant on 17 January 2025. On 21 and 24 January 2025, the applicant responded to the Panel by uploading additional documents to the Workflow. The secretariat has since informed the Panel about the applicant's progress.

NIE015	May-2024	N/A	<p>In response to two status update requests on the application, the secretariat, on 29 August and 19 September 2024 clarified that the initial review of the application by the Panel was ongoing and that further updates will be shared once available. At the margins of the COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, the secretariat held a meeting with a representative from the applicant organization, during which the status of the application was further discussed. Thereafter, the Panel completed its initial review and shared a list of follow up questions which the secretariat shared with the applicant on 23 December 2024. At the time of this report, no further information have been received from the applicant.</p>
NIE016	May-2017	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	<p>Prior to the AP42 meeting, the Panel produced a follow up list of questions, which the Secretariat transmitted to the applicant on 8 August 2024. In response, the applicant uploaded additional documents to the Workflow on 19 August 2024. After the AP42 meeting, the applicant, on 8 October 2024, requested updates on the status of the application, which the secretariat conveyed to the Panel. The Panel completed its review of the documents and produced a list of follow up questions which the secretariat shared with the applicant on 30 October 2024. In the margins of COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, the secretariat held a high-level meeting with representatives from the applicant entity's country to among others discuss the status of the application. This was followed by another meeting on 21 November 2024 between the focal points and the Panel to provide clarification on the pending issues. Subsequently, the applicant uploaded some documents to the Workflow on 25 and 26 November 2024, permitting the Panel to conduct a further review of the application. On 20 December 2024, the secretariat transmitted the latest list of follow up questions to the applicant, and then in response, the focal point uploaded additional documents to the Workflow on 24 December 2024. At the request of the applicant, the secretariat organized a call on 6 January 2025 to allow the Panel to provide clarification on the pending list of issues. The latest Board approved deadline for the entity to achieve re-accreditation was on 13 January 2025. However, as the applicant has an ongoing AF project under implementation, the secretariat received an official request from the entity for a grace-period extension to align with the completion date for the AF project. The request was processed by the secretariat and intersessionally circulated to the Board for consideration.</p>

NIE020	Jun-2024	N/A	This application was assigned to the Panel for initial review around the time of the AP42 meeting. There has not been substantial progress on the application since then. On 22 January 2025, the applicant requested for updates from the Panel on the status of the application. In response, the secretariat clarified that the Panel will soon provide an update on its review. At the time of this report, the Panel was still reviewing the application. On 23 January 2025, the secretariat indicated to the focal point that it will revert with a follow up list of questions once further updates from the Panel become available.
NIE029	Jun-2022	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	After the AP42 meeting, the applicant was addressing the latest list of follow up questions which the secretariat shared with the focal point on 13 August 2024. On 17 October 2024, the applicant informed the secretariat that it had made substantial progress in addressing the list of pending issues raised by the Panel and requested the secretariat to organize a call between representatives from the applicant organization and the Panel. This was held on 20 December 2024, during which the applicant shared its progress and sought further clarification on the pending issues. The latest exchange with the focal point was on 28 January 2025, when the secretariat requested updates on the application. At the time of this report, no further documents have been received in the Workflow.
NIE032	Oct-2023	N/A	This application was assigned for initial review on 22 May 2024. The Panel completed the review and produced a follow up list of questions which the secretariat shared with the focal point on 24 June 2024. In response, the applicant uploaded several documents to the Workflow in August 2024, allowing the Panel to resume review of the application. On 25 November 2024, the applicant requested for updates on the status of the application, which the secretariat conveyed to the Panel. The Panel later completed its review of the documents and produced a follow up list of questions, which the secretariat shared with the focal point on 3 December 2024. At the time of this report, no further documents have been received from the applicant.
NIE049	Mar-2023	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	After the AP42 meeting, the Panel continued its review of the documents the applicant had uploaded to the Workflow on 12 July 2024. On 4 November 2024 and 16 January 2025, the focal point requested for updates on the status of the application, and in both cases, the secretariat conveyed the request to the Panel. At the time of this report, the Panel is actively reviewing the application. The Secretariat will revert to the applicant when further updates become available.

RIE001	Nov-2021	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	The grace period for the applicant to achieve re-accreditation expires on 17 November 2025. Since the AP42 meeting, there have not been significant progress on the application. The Panel mentioned during the AP42 meeting that it was awaiting a satisfactory submission of project performance reports (PPRs) from the applicant for the ongoing AF supported projects the applicant is implementing. During the period between the AP42 and AP43 meetings, the panel has been engaging with relevant colleagues at the fund on the entity's project performance. The latest exchanges between the Panel and the secretariat on the PPRs was on 21 January 2025. At the time of this report, further review of the PPR assessments is ongoing.
RIE002	Dec-2023	N/A	In response to the 13 July 2024 list of follow up questions from the Panel, the applicant uploaded several documents to the Workflow on 12 August 2024. After the AP42 meeting, the applicant on 13 September and 5 December 2024 requested for updates on the status of the application which the secretariat conveyed to the Panel. The Panel continued its review of the application, including elements related to ESG, and produced a follow up list of questions which the secretariat shared with the applicant on 6 January 2025. At the time of the report, no further information have been received from the applicant.
MIE008	Dec-2024	N/A	This application was first submitted to the secretariat on 9 November 2023, and then after initial screening, the secretariat sent the application back to the focal point with comments. The application was resubmitted on 5 December 2024, and then after further screening, the secretariat progressed it for initial Panel review on 16 December 2024. At the time of this report, the Panel has not provided updates on the status of the application.
MIE012	Apr-2022	AFB/B.43/4/Rev.1	In preparation for the AP42 meeting, the secretariat sent a request for updates from the applicant on 21 August 2024. In response, the focal point indicated that the organization will be presenting the latest draft of the Environmental and Social Safeguards Framework (ESSF) for the organization to the management and would share the finalized version subsequently. On 12 November 2024, the focal point uploaded the validated ESSF to the Workflow, and accordingly, the secretariat informed the Panel about the applicant's progress. The Panel resumed its review of the application and produced a follow up list of questions which the secretariat shared with the applicant on 14 January 2025. At the time of this report, no further updates have been received from the applicant.

OTHER MATTERS

Streamlining of AP assessment reports:

13. This discussion was led by a former Panel member who was engaged by the secretariat during the intersessional period between the AP42 and AP43 meetings to lead the ongoing efforts to streamline assessment reports in line with the Board Decisions B.42/4 and B.43/2. During the intersessional period between the AP42 and AP43 meetings, the consultant engaged in extensive consultations with both the Panel and the secretariat. These consultations led to the development of two key documents: (i) a guidance document for preparing the Panel's assessment reports on (re-)accreditation applications and the associated note to the Board, and (ii) an approach document defining the roles and responsibilities of the Panel with respect to quality assurance, aimed at enhancing efficiency in the application review process. During the meeting, it was clarified that the guidance document establishes the Panel's agreed principles and procedures for preparing assessment reports, fostering greater consistency and efficiency in the Panel's operations. The approach document, on the other hand, focuses on detailing the Panel's working practices, further promoting efficiency and quality assurance throughout the review of (re-)accreditation applications. The consultant emphasized the robustness of the consultation process, which involved nine meetings and detailed discussions with both the Panel and the secretariat. The Panel commended the thorough and inclusive approach, noting that their comments and inputs were thoughtfully incorporated. They expressed satisfaction with the progress made and the quality of the documents developed during the intersessional period. The Panel agreed to adopt the documents as guidance to ensure consistency and efficiency in the review process and the preparation of assessment reports for (re-)accreditation applications. The Panel recognized these as living documents, subject to periodic revision based on practical experience, with the aim of continually enhancing the efficiency, consistency, and quality assurance of the (re-)accreditation application review process.

Brainstorming on Adaptation Fund re-accreditation process:

14. The Secretariat presented an analysis of the (re-)accreditation pipeline, highlighting the current workload, the distribution of applications among Panel Experts, the pipeline of applications under screening, and the potential impact on the turnaround time for completing application reviews. Additionally, recent developments at the Green Climate Fund (GCF) concerning re-accreditation were presented, emphasizing their implications for operational complementarity between the two funds on (re-)accreditation. The Secretariat outlined key insights from the 37th meeting of the GCF Board, where an analysis of the accredited entities portfolio identified some challenges with the GCF re-accreditation process. These included the time-consuming and resource-intensive nature of the process for both the GCF Secretariat and applicant entities. In response, the GCF Board decided, through Decision GCF/B.37/18, to temporarily pause re-accreditation. Further developments were detailed in Decision GCF/B.40/15, where the Board acknowledged the inefficiencies in the existing accreditation process and highlighted the need for a revised accreditation framework. This background information provided valuable context for the Panel's discussion on the matter. Following deliberations, the Panel advised that further intersessional analysis of the issue would be essential to informing the next steps for the AF re-accreditation process. Consequently, the Panel proposed the recommendation outlined in this document for the Board's consideration at its forty-fourth meeting, scheduled for April 2025.

Update on the Strategic Results Framework of the Adaptation Fund:

15. This was an information session, during which the secretariat informed the Panel of the ongoing efforts to revise the Strategic Results Framework (SRF) of the Fund. The secretariat highlighted the key activities undertaken thus far, including consultations with implementing entities conducted both in-person and virtually; a preliminary analysis of the results frameworks of sister climate funds to identify gaps and best practices; and a draft analysis of the gaps and challenges and potential solutions. The Secretariat emphasized that the revised SRF aims to align more closely with the Global Goal on Adaptation, provide flexibility to accommodate local conditions and realities, address challenges related to measurement and attribution, and focus on capacity building to support use and uptake. The Panel found the discussion insightful and emphasized the importance of the ongoing work in the context of the (re-)accreditation process. They mentioned that the revised SRF will be critical for the Panel's assessment of project implementation competencies and project performance for entities in the Workflow.

Next AP Meeting:

16. The forty-fourth meeting of the Accreditation Panel will be held in Washington, DC, on 2-3 September 2025.