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SESSION 4:

“ENHANCING ADAPTATION ACTION:

WHAT HAS WORKED AND WHAT IS NEEDED IN ADAPTATION FINANCE”

CSE’S EXPERIENCE WITH DIRECT ACCES: TAKING STOCK OF LESSONS LEARNT

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CSE - NIE

SHORT PRESENTATION

CSE



- **CSE** ➔ an information center for the environment, engaged in various initiatives that focus on impacts of CC and LD (coastal management & monitoring; food security and related issues; environmental and social assessment; biodiversity...)
- First NIE accredited by the Adaptation Fund (2010)
- Has implemented the “Adaptation to coastal erosion in vulnerable areas” project (USD 8.6 ; Direct Access Modality; 2011-2014)
- Has submitted the 2nd project from Senegal for funding by the AF : “Reducing vulnerability and increasing resilience of coastal communities in the Saloum Islands (Dionewar)” which focuses on building resilience through innovative production process, flood control and protection against coastal erosion
- Implementing a readiness programme funded by the AF

MAIN CHALLENGES DURING THE AF ACCREDITATION PROCESS

- ✓ Language: all documents have to be submitted in English and all exchanges were in English as well.
- ✓ Formalizing some procedures/processes (anti-fraud and transparency, whistle blowing, E&S Policy, etc.) and upgrading the accounting package to international standards.
- ✓ Upgrading procurement procedures



BENEFITS



- ❑ Having documentation translated into English proved very useful later : improved capacity to react promptly when applying for accreditation with the GCF or re-accreditation with the AF...
- ❑ Opportunity to
 - ❑ upgrade CSE's handbook of procedures in order to better take into account large budget procurements;
 - ❑ upgrade CSE's accounting package;
 - ❑ formalize a transparency and anti-fraud policy, a gift and hospitality policy, an E&S Policy, a PCM manual;
- ❑ Getting familiarized with international fiduciary standards.
- ❑ Recognition: the CSE has gain more recognition at national and at international level
 - ❑ Leading a consortium made of about 10 organizations (from Senegal, Germany and Switzerland) to apply successfully to the first phase of the BRACED (*Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters - DFID*) programme.
 - ❑ Entrusted to handle procurements for the PRCA programme

STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES

- Further capacity-building efforts in the area of procurement, for CSE and for downstream partners
- Improving control and M&E processes (Reporting)
- Strengthening capacities for project development and fund raising
- Improving administrative and financial management procedures, for CSE and downstream partners as well





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Direct Access to funding for Adaptation

A perspective from Africa

ADAPTATION CHALLENGES IN AFRICA

- Africa faces a significant challenge in adapting to CC with costs and damages rising rapidly with warming, challenging communities' capacity to cope.
- Needs of funding for adaptation are huge and rapidly increasing
- At the same time the landscape of international development and climate finance is changing, giving to African countries new opportunities to access funding directly

DIRECT ACCESS: AN OPPORTUNITY

- Accessing funds using the direct access modality helps countries not only to adapt, but also to take greater ownership of adaptation funding flows and project implementation.
- Participating in the direct access modality also helps countries build the necessary institutional capacity to effectively absorb international climate finance and redistribute it internally in accordance with their own local priorities
- Going through the accreditation process is an outstanding institutional development opportunity, whatever the outcome.

MAIN BARRIERS FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES

- Understanding Direct Access Enhanced Access and the stakes behind



- Difficulties to “demonstrate” capacities
- Weaknesses for project development using specific/different templates (*the results of having been a long time under trustee? Weaknesses in the education systems? Complexity of these templates?*)



Key messages

- The Adaptation Fund has paved the way and gained a valuable experience
- This experience should be harnessed and further developed to live up to the expectations created and maintain the new momentum towards a greater ownership
- The readiness programmes are to be welcomed in this regard

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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