

11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 9 (a) (i)

**Provision of information on accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund for the process to formulate and implement national action plans**

Workshop to advance the understanding and overcome challenges relating to the establishment of National Implementing Entities and accessing the readiness programme for adaptation of the Green Climate Fund. Background and concept note  
Bonn, Germany, 7 to 10 March 2017



## I: Introduction and background

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- ❖ In accordance with its workplan, the AC agreed to organize a workshop in 2017 to advance the understanding and overcome challenges relating to:
  - ✓ The establishment of National Implementing Entities (NIEs)
  - ✓ Accessing the GCF readiness programme for adaptation
    - in particular the new activity area “*Support for the formulation of NAPs and/or other national adaptation planning processes*” (GCF Board decision B.13/09 (June 2016))
- ❖ At AC10, the AC decided to revise the concept note and also prepare a background note to continue to inform the preparation of the workshop
  - ✓ These documents are both part of the note contained in AC/2017/7
- ❖ To maximize participation and increase visibility, the AC agreed that the workshop could be held in conjunction with a relevant GCF event



## II: Content – Sources of information

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- ❖ Information was drawn primarily from:
  - The draft *information paper on experiences of countries in accessing the readiness programme* (which draws from interviews and surveys with selected countries)
  - The review of online materials developed by organizations that:
    - ✓ Support countries in their accreditation process under the GCF and Adaptation Fund, and/or
    - ✓ Monitor countries' progress to contribute to
      - ✓ enhancing the Adaptation Fund and GCF procedures, and
      - ✓ strengthening developing countries' capacity to access these funds



## II: Content – Scope of the note

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- ❖ Challenges and lessons learned
  - ✓ Could inform the development of recommendations to enhance developing countries' access to the GCF, including the GCF readiness programme
- ❖ Regarding NIE/direct access accredited entities:
  - ✓ The analysis focuses on the establishment of entities specifically preparing for the accreditation
  - ✓ Relevant lessons learned from NIEs of the Adaptation Fund are also captured as these could inform
    - ✓ The preparation for direct access under the GCF, and
    - ✓ Further enhancement of the GCF direct access accreditation procedures



## II: Content – Workshop

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- ❖ The workshop will provide an opportunity to explore:
  - How financing for NAPs could be facilitated through:
    - a) Accessing the GCF readiness programme and
    - b) Establishing direct access accredited entities
- ❖ Possible guiding questions could include:
  - What key lessons could be learned from the Adaptation Fund on establishing NIEs for direct access to climate finance?
  - How can long - term capacity support for direct access entities be ensured, including through the GCF readiness programme?
  - How to ensure that the establishment of direct access accredited entities also provides ancillary benefits (e.g. strengthening of financial institutions, capacity building)?
  - How can synergies between the GCF readiness programme and the NAP process be explored and promoted at the country level? What could be the entry points?



### III: Next Steps

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- ❖ The AC may wish to agree on:
  - ✓ The focus of the workshop, and
  - ✓ Core guiding questions
  
- ❖ The AC may also wish to:
  - ✓ Seek input from the GCF about any upcoming GCF events that the workshop could be associated with, and
  - ✓ Provide further guidance to the secretariat for the workshop preparation

