

Submission on possible future institutional linkages and relations between the Adaptation Fund and other institutions under the Convention

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In response to the guidance and specific questions provided on the requested submission on possible future institutional linkages and relations between the Adaptation Fund and other institutions under the Conventions, the following responses are presented for informing further work of the Standing Committee of Finance:

1. What are the possible options for enhancing institutional linkages and relations between the AF and other institutions under the Convention (noting the above distinction between these terms)?

Some options for enhancing the institutional linkages and relations between the Adaptation Fund and other institutions under the Convention have been elaborated by the Adaptation Fund Secretariat for further consideration in the document “potential linkages between the Adaptation Fund and the Green Climate Fund”. This document includes two scenarios on “operational linkage” and “institutional integration” (see AFB/B.25/Inf.6). I therefore recommend the Standing Committee of Finance take the work of the Adaptation Fund Secretariat on this matter into account and to look into additional options, if necessary.

2. For each option, are there
 - a. operational procedures that could enhance cooperation and address the relations and institutional linkages; and
 - b. technical and/or legal barriers to be addressed, and if so, how could these issues best be resolved?

The technical aspects and other implications of the options identified by the Adaptation Fund Secretariat need to be further explored. In addition, additional options might be available and require assessment.

The Adaptation Fund Board has requested its Chairs to consult with the Standing Committee on Finance and the Green Climate Fund on this issue. I recommend to follow the expected invitation and to actively and constructively engage in the dialogue. It is also recommended to involve the secretariat and Board of the Green Climate Fund at an early stage.

3. Which option(s) are the most feasible? Which options may have most desired effect and which options should be the immediate focus of the SCF (i.e. the SCF work plan in 2015)?

It is recommended to intensify the work and to enter into a constructive dialogue with the Adaptation Fund Board as well as the GCF Board on this matter and further institutions, if useful. This question should be considered based on this work and consultations.

4. To the extent possible, please elaborate on any options by taking into account the level of engagement, i.e. resource mobilization/exchange, policy coordination and exchange of information and best practices.

See response 3.