

12th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 8 (a) (i)

Information paper on experiences of countries in accessing the readiness programme for adaptation of the Green Climate Fund

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I: Introduction and background

- ❖ Decision 4/CP.21, para. 10 requests the AC and the LEG to consider how they can provide more information on accessing funding from the GCF for NAPs
 - AC agreed to engage continuously with the GCF to understand its policies and programmatic priorities relating to adaptation
 - AC included in its workplan the development of an information paper, on *experiences of countries in accessing the GCF readiness programme, including for NAPs*, in collaboration with the GCF, LEG and SCF
- ❖ A concept note for the development of the paper was presented at AC 9 (March 2016)
- ❖ At AC11 a draft paper was presented and the AC agreed on the next steps as outlined in the document
- ❖ It agreed to include case studies and best practice examples from countries.
- ❖ The NAP taskforce will continue reviewing and providing guidance to future drafts.



I: Content

- ❖ The paper was developed by drawing primarily on the results of surveys and in - person or telephone interviews conducted by the AC in 2016 and in the first half of 2017 with:
 - Countries that have accessed the GCF readiness programme and have moved into implementation of their proposals (18 countries);
 - Countries that have accessed the GCF readiness programme for the formulation of their NAPs and/or other adaptation planning processes, but not started implementation (8 countries);
 - Delivery partners appointed by National Designated Authorities (NDAs) or focal points to assist countries in formulating and implementing their readiness activities (5 delivery partners)
 - Information on the readiness programme, including on changes to access procedures and on the progress made by countries, was received via direct communication with the GCF secretariat as well as from relevant GCF documents
 - ❖ The paper synthesizes experiences of countries in accessing the GCF readiness programme and provides initial lessons learned as well as good practice examples from countries.
 - ❖ It summarizes recommendations from countries and delivery partners on how to improve access to the readiness programme. Section 6 proposes next steps that the AC may take to facilitate such access.
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III: Recommendations

❖ The COP may wish to:

1. Welcomes the GCF Board's decision to initiate a review of the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme and encourages the GCF to continue improving access to GCF resources and communication about available support with relevant GCF stakeholders, including National Designated Authorities;
 2. Invites the GCF, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism, to provide information on how to access GCF resources, including through the Readiness and Preparatory Support programme, in French and Spanish and potentially other languages to facilitate the application process for non-Anglophone countries;
 3. Request the GCF to further improve the efficiency of approval and disbursement processes to accelerate access to readiness funds, allow for seamless continuation of readiness activities in case of subsequent proposals and continue to enable countries to swiftly access GCF funds;
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III: Recommendations (cont.)

- ❖ The COP may wish to:
 4. Request the GCF to continue improving guidance on how to develop proposals, based on the experience of, and input from, countries, delivery partners and the GCF Secretariat with particular attention to be given to NAP-related readiness proposals in the context of the assessment of country circumstances and needs, NAP guidance provided by the COP and related technical work developed by the LEG and the AC, as appropriate;
 5. Request the GCF to allow for flexibility in the implementation of NAP-related readiness activities in order to enable countries to take into account evolving COP guidance on NAPs and related processes such as NDCs or adaptation reporting



III: Next Steps

- ❖ The AC may wish to:
 - Agree on a set of recommendations for consideration by COP 23
 - Use the findings of this paper to inform the preparation of the workshop included in its workplan to advance the understanding and overcome challenges relating to:
 - ✓ The establishment of national entities for direct access; and
 - ✓ iAccessing the GCF readiness programme for adaptation;
 - Continue work on collecting experiences from countries in accessing the readiness programme and expanding the scope to also cover GCF funding beyond the readiness programme, to relevant information on accessing funding from the GCF for the process to formulate and implement NAPs, in response to decision 4/CP.21, paragraph 10, to be included in its annual report and through other means.

