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11th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 9 (a)

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

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

Bonn, Germany, 7 to 10 March 2017



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)



I: Introduction and background

- ❖ The draft paper was developed by drawing primarily on the results of surveys and interviews conducted in 2016 and early 2017 with:
 - ➤ 4 countries that had accessed the GCF readiness programme and have started implementation for more than 6 months
 - ➤ 2 countries that had specifically accessed the GCF readiness programme for NAPs although implementation had not started
 - > 4 delivery partners
- ❖ The GCF secretariat also provided information on the readiness programme, including on changes to access procedures and progress made by countries
- ❖ Note: An additional 4 countries and 4 delivery partners were approached but did not respond to the survey or validate the interview transcript.



II: Content

- The draft information paper explores the challenges, lessons learned and good practices related to countries accessing the GCF readiness programme.
 - It specifically looks at:
 - Access to information and communication
 - Establishment of an National Designated Authority (NDA)
 - The country's coordination mechanism
 - Development of the GCF proposal
 - Implementation of the GCF proposal
 - Preliminary impacts in countries of readiness activities
 - ➤ It also contains preliminary recommendations derived from the lessons learned (see AC/2017/8, boxes 1-4)



III: Plans for further development of the paper

- The draft paper is to be further developed in the course of 2017:
 - Additional country experiences will be collected via
 - ✓ Interviews (e.g. at SB 46) and/or
 - ✓ Surveys
 - A follow up with countries already surveyed will be done to reflect on progress made
 - > Engagement with the GCF secretariat will continue, and
 - Recommendations contained in the paper will be further refined to reflect new findings
- The NAP TF will continue to provide feedback and in addition the LEG and SCF (and of course the whole AC) will be invited to review an advanced version
- ❖ A final draft will be made available at AC12



III: Next Steps

- ❖ The AC may wish to:
 - > Approve the plans for further developing the paper, but also
 - Consider expanding the scope of the paper to cover the GCF funding beyond the readiness programme (the questionnaire will be adjusted accordingly)
 - Continue using the findings of the paper to inform the preparation of the NIE and readiness workshop
 - Consider preparing a periodic finance bulletin to inform on the evolving policies and programmatic priorities of the GCF and other funds
 - Upon consideration of a finalized paper at AC12, derive recommendations to the COP

