



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR CLIMATE ACTION & AMBITIONS

Helping SIDS access to
climate finance



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HOW THE ADAPTATION FUND IS ALREADY SUPPORTING SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES

➔ In the Fund's governance, special seats on the Adaptation Fund Board reserved for representatives of SIDS are currently filled by Antigua & Barbuda and Seychelles.

➔ To date, 24 projects have been approved by the Adaptation Fund Board for a total financing of US\$ 164.5 million in 19 SIDS, these include regular proposals and innovation small grants. The active pipeline of regular projects and programmes in SIDS amounts to US\$ 52.6 million.

➔ The Fund has accredited Seven National Implementing Entities (NIEs) among SIDS – Antigua & Barbuda, Belize, Cook Islands, Dominican Republic, Federated States of Micronesia, Jamaica and Tuvalu – representing 21% of all NIE accredited (34) and Four Regional Implementing Entities, The Pacific Community (SPC), the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Program (SPREP), the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC).

➔ Since April 2015, Streamlined Accreditation Process, Fit-for Purpose for smaller entities.



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ACCREDITATION MODALITIES



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- ❑ **Regular Accreditation:** Available to entities of all types, sizes, and risk profiles.
- ❑ **Streamlined Accreditation:** Designed to support **smaller entities** access AF resources; typically available for applicants that **execute or implement projects that cost up to USD 1 million**; that have a **staff of up to 25 members** engaged in projects, and that have **annual administrative expenses of up to USD 1 million**.
- ❑ **Fast-track Accreditation:** Available to all applicant entities that had been accredited by the GCF within a period of four years prior to the submission of the accreditation application to the Fund.
- ❑ **Regular re-accreditation & fast-track re-accreditation:** Allow an entity to renew its accreditation status, either through the Regular Reaccreditation or Fast-Track Reaccreditation modality.
 - Developed to provide the Panel with a systematic approach to review the sustainability of an applicant's competencies under the fiduciary standards as well as its potential to address the criteria of the ESP and GP.

STREAMLINED ACCREDITATION PROCESS POLICY

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“SMALL”

It is proposed to have this modality available to **applicants currently executing or implementing projects up to USD 1 million per project or programme, having up to 25 professional staff working on implementing or executing projects and having annual administrative expenses of up to USD 1 million.** It is important to note that **the characteristics are provided to give a general parameter and are not intended to be rigidly applied.** Applicants falling outside of these ranges could be considered under the streamlined approach based on other considerations such as their characteristics or type of business.

EXAMPLES OF CAPACITY GAPS IN SIDS AND MITIGATING FACTORS

POTENTIAL GAPS

Less Formal Control

Limited segregation of duties

Limited ability to withstand adverse financial conditions and still sustain operations

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MITIGATING FACTORS

Active Board or other oversight Bodies, Full documentation of key financial and operating processes and procedures

Active management supervision of staff

The NIE would need to demonstrate financial sustainability in the short, medium and long term

The NIE would need to demonstrate that key staff, necessary to deliver grant-funded projects are fully staffed medium and long term. Focus on training and Board Oversight.



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EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS IN SIDS FROM THE AF PORTFOLIO

- Ecosystem Based Adaptation to Climate Change in Seychelles (regular project) – UNDP: aims to incorporate EBA into the country's climate change risk management system, to safeguard water supplies. In addition, aims to increase resilience to expected enhanced erosion and coastal flooding risks. Results achieved: 15 km of coastal paths and beaches protected; over 1,000 ha of watersheds have improved management practices; more than 100 ha of forests rehabilitated and 400 households (55% headed by women) see improvements in their livelihoods as a result of enhanced ecosystem services and adequate water storage.
- Implementing Measures for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Mitigation of School Facilities in Haiti (regular project) - UNESCO: aims to enhance the adaptive capacity and resilience of the Haitian education sector to disaster risk of natural hazards related to climate change, through the establishment of appropriate risk assessment tool, schools retrofitting and implementing adaptation actions in Haiti. The intervention aims to directly benefit 1.7 million people (more than 55% women).
- Innovative Technologies for Improved Water Availability to Increase Food Security in Antigua and Barbuda (innovation small grant) - ABED: aims to improve food security by facilitating the availability and use of ground or surface water for agricultural purposes via innovative technologies. The proposed technologies for demonstration purposes run on self-generating renewable power, making them resilient to disruptions from grid instabilities or extreme climate events.



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