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Summary and Purpose of Document

This document is an information note (FAQ) on the Adaptation Fund that seeks to inform in the process and procedures of the Adaptation Fund as a new potential funding source for WMO Programmes and NMHS in particular in support to the implementation of the GFCS

Adaptation Fund: WMO Briefing Paper

What is the Adaptation Fund?

The Adaptation Fund was established by the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to finance concrete adaptation projects and programmes in developing countries that are Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. The Fund is financed with 2% of the Certified Emission Reduction (CERs) issued for projects of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and other sources of funding.

WMO became accredited to the Adaptation Fund as a Multilateral Implementing Entity in December 2010. This will allow WMO to work with members in developing countries to put together projects, aligned with National Adaptation Plans, and submit these for funding through the Adaptation Fund.

What sort of projects and programmes can WMO implement under the Adaptation Fund?

The AF has been established to finance: *“Concrete adaptation projects and programmes that are country driven and are based on the needs, views and priorities of eligible parties”.*

This means that all projects proposed should be consistent with national sustainable development strategies, such as:

- development plans
- poverty reduction strategies
- National Communications
- National Adaptation Programmes of Action
- Strategies of national delivery agencies (such as NMSs)

The Adaptation Fund documentation also refers to “Decision 5/CP.7” of the Conference of the Parties which identifies priorities for adaptation including:

- National level research into climate variability and change
- Strengthening early warning systems for extreme weather events.
- Strengthening observation networks

Note:

- Accreditation to the Adaptation Fund does not automatically mean access to the funds.
- Projects need to be signed off at a National Level by a Designated Authority (DA) that is officially recognized by the Fund.
- Projects can be on a national, or sub-regional level. Involving more countries increases the complexity of getting initiatives signed off by the individual country designated authorities.
- Adaptation Fund is not set up to support regional or international programmes or regular activities.
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Who else is accredited to the fund?

National Implementing Entities are accredited in Senegal, Jamaica and Uruguay.

As well as WMO, Multilateral Implementing Entities include: African Development Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme, World Food Programme and the World Bank.

What types of projects might WMO propose under the fund?

WMO can propose projects on behalf of Members that are consistent with furthering our mission of capacity development to deliver sustainable observing, forecast and warning services in Weather, Climate and Water. In this way we will help national governments, through their National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, reduce the risks to the most vulnerable communities from future climate change and existing climate variability.

Types of projects might include development of climate services for agricultural or health applications; or improving disaster forecast and warning services so that vulnerable communities are better prepared for both climate variability and climate change.

In all cases proposals will lean heavily towards GFCS taking an “end to end” approach is to strengthening the weather and climate (and hydrology) services and early warning systems. This can include:

- Large scale strengthening of observations for both climate monitoring and real time weather monitoring (this could include surface, marine, upper air, radar, etc)
- Development and installation of forecasting tools
- Training of forecasting staff
- Sustainable establishment of new products and delivery channels: including new services delivered to end-users through television, radio, internet and mobile phone.
- Close engagement with end user community groups.
- Wider scale training on project management, leadership, customer engagement, etc.

All projects will be based on the premise of “no regrets scenario” in that reducing vulnerability to current weather and climate impacts is an adaptation strategy for both future climate change and existing climate variability.

How can Members access the AF through WMO?

WMO will establish a project appraisal committee to submissions from WMO Technical Programmes on behalf of Members or from Members directly for Adaptation Fund support.

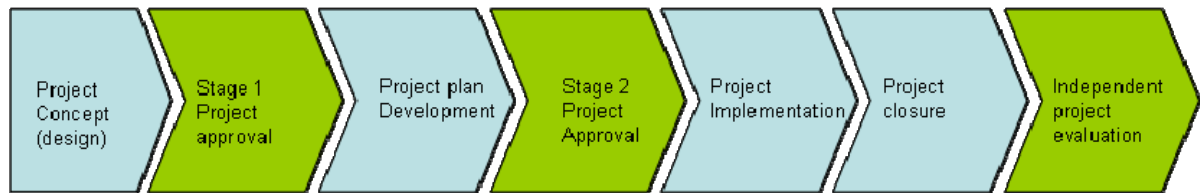
The WMO project appraisal committee will assess and prioritise project outlines submitted and advise on whether a project concept meets the requirements of the fund. The appraisal committee will be led by the Director DRA and membership will draw on WMO and independent experts from members. RMO will manage the interaction with the Fund in all cases.

As the resource within the DRA office to help develop project concepts is limited only the highest scoring project proposals will be taken forward to full project concept development and submitted to the fund. All project proposals will be developed in collaboration with the RMO office and relevant Technical Departments of WMO – as well as the NMHSs and stakeholder groups within the benefiting countries. All final proposals must be submitted through the Director, RMO to ensure consistent quality and that WMO have the resources in place to deliver the proposed initiatives.

A Project Management Unit will need to be established to support this process.

What is the process for project development?

The project cycle for WMO projects submitted to the Adaptation Fund is shown in the diagram below.



For projects whose value is greater than \$1M a two stage approval process is recommended. This means that both a project concept and project proposal are submitted to the board for approval.

Full details of the project management process required for Adaptation Fund Projects is given in “Project Management Framework: for projects implemented by the World Meteorological Organization on behalf of the Adaptation Fund”

Where can further information be obtained?

Mary Power, Director Resource Mobilisation Office, is the Adaptation Fund focal point within WMO.

The Adaptation Fund website has full details of the project application process and publishes approved proposals which are useful examples for project design: www.adaptation-fund.org