## NOTIFICATION TEMPLATE FOR PROJECT START / PROJECT COMPLETION FOR READINESS GRANTS, PROJECT SCALE-UP GRANTS AND LEARNING GRANTS

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The Adaptation Fund Board 1818 H Street NW MSN N7-700 Washington DC, 20433 USA

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Subject: Notification of TA-ESGP project start (Decision B.35-36/8)

This letter is to inform you that the project to implement the grant proposal for Technical Assistance Grant for the Environment, Social and Gender Policy approved by the Adaptation Fund on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 has not yet officially started due to constant changes in the administrative process to hire a consultant, derived from the Austerity Policy in Mexico.

There was an initial delay in the transfer of the funds due to a mistake in the bank details. The funds officially arrived on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021, therefore, the original workplan had to be brought forward six months. By then, a mismatch in the agenda of the consultant and the National Implementing Entity delayed the project start until March 2022. However, in April 2022, the NIE was communicated that the regulations to hire an external consultant and make use of international funds had changed, and now a more complex and lengthy process had to be in place to make use of the funds. As of July 2022, the NIE received a second notification of a further modification in the regulations and is currently in the process of carrying out the paperwork to activate the Grant by October 2022.

Implementing Entity: Mexican Institute of Water Technology

Country: Mexico

**Project Description:** Grant to strengthen the capacity of the Mexican Institute of Water Technology (IMTA) of Mexico to assess and manage environmental, social and gender related issues in its projects and programs and to comply with the Adaptation Fund environmental and social policy

and gender policy

Expected Project Start Date: October 2022

Expected Project Completion Date: July 2023

Sincerely.

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