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December 14th 2017

Subject: Notification of readiness project completion

This letter is to inform you that the project to implement the grant proposal for *South-South cooperation* approved by the Adaptation Fund Board on October 2014 has officially been completed. Details of the project completion are below:

Implementing Entity: Centre de Suivi Ecologique

Country: NIGER

Grant Type: *South-South Cooperation Grant*

Project Description: Grant to support national implementing to *accreditation through South-South cooperation* in Niger

Project Start Date: 17 April 2015

Project Completion Date: 31 December 2015

Sincerely



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TEMPLATE FOR EVALUATION OF READINESS GRANT PROJECTS

A. COMPLETION REPORT AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BUT NOT MORE THAN SIX MONTHS AFTER PROJECT COMPLETION

Implementing Entity: Centre de Suivi Ecologique
Country: NIGER

Adaptation Fund Project I.D: N/A

Grant Type: S-S Cooperation Grant

Grant Description: In May 2014, the Adaptation Fund launched a call for proposal to promote South-South cooperation between countries that have already established a functional National Implementing Entity (NIE) on the one hand and countries eager to set up one, on the other hand.

The Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE) has successfully submitted an application for this program to assist Niger in the identification of a national institution applying for accreditation and in the preparation and submission of the dossier accreditation. A protocol was signed between the CSE and the Adaptation Fund on 1 December 2014.

Support Activity Provided/Received	Expected Outcomes	Outcome Achieved/Not Achieved	Comment/Explanation (also explain any deviation from initial plan)
Screening exercise, including an information workshop on the AF and the main features of an operational NIE. Assessment of institutional capacity and readiness, including a seminar on the AF's accreditation process and the role of an NIE in directly accessing AF resources	An NIE candidate is nominated Institutional capacity of the NIE candidate is assessed A task force is set-up	Achieved Achieved	Pre-selection criteria were prepared based on AF guidance. In collaboration with the DA, these criteria were used for the screening exercise. BAGRI has been selected as the NIE candidate for accreditation. BAGRI's capacities has been assessed and a task-force set-up. A Workshop has been organized to present to raise awareness of the task-force on : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NIE's role and responsibilities; - the accreditation process; - the accreditation form. Finally, a roadmap has been prepared to serve as a frame for the preparation of the accreditation file.
Collecting supporting documents	Transmission of documents collected to the CSE	Achieved	Under CSE's supervision, the Task force members have collected supporting documents required. CSE's oversight was done both remotely and through in-country mission.

Review of the adequacy of all required back-up documentation to ensure it meets the requirements of the AF Accreditation Panel, and filling gaps	Rewiew collected documents for submission	Achieved	Supporting documents collected by the task-force have been analyzed as they are shared with CSE, in terms of relevancy and the completeness. Suggestions and recommendations were made on a regular basis. Once the process has progressed significantly, a mission was organized in the country by CSE. The mission team assessed the accreditation folder and identified the last gaps remaining to be filled.
Submission of the application folder	Online submission	Achieved	During the third and last mission, CSE worked with BAGRI's task force members to proceed with the online submission of the accreditation folder.
Providing technical support after submission		Achieved	CSE provide technical support to BAGRI in addressing comments received from the AF Secretariat and the AP after submission of the accreditation folder.
Budget			There was no over expenditure under the planned budget. The approved budget is 47,449 The total expenses is US \$ 45,470,35 The balance on the approved budget is US \$ 1977.65 ¹
Overall outcome			The accreditation folder was submitted with all available supporting documents, taking into account BAGRI's capacities and mandate. Some lacking procedures and policies were formalized, based on CSE's guidance: ESS policies, Grievance mechanism, Gender policies, Procedure to deal with complains. After submission of the accreditation package, the CSE has continued providing remotely technical support to BAGRI: several teleconferences and working sessions with the coordinator of the Task Force in the margins of international meetings such as COP21 and COP22) to address comments and respond to requests for clarification from the Accreditation Panel.

General Comment: BAGRI is the most suitable institution in Niger to undertake the accreditation application. Though it is a young institution, it has shown significant strengths in terms of financial management and project management. However, as it is the case for many other national institutions, some procedures were still to be formalized, meaning that it would be difficult to show that they were operationalized.

¹ See audited financial report submitted.

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