

# REPORT ON MENTORING OF PROPOSED NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION ENTITY (NIE) OF ZIMBABWE FOR ACREDITATION FOR ADAPTATION FUND - MISSION REPORT

## 1. Background

Adaptation Fund was adopted as UNFCCC funding in 2007 during the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the COP of the Kyoto protocol in Marrakech and focuses on addressing adaptation challenges in the developing Country Parties. Adaptation Fund is accessed through National Implementation Entities (NIE), Regional Implementation Entities (RIE) and Multilateral Implementation Entity (MIEs).

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), as an Implementing Entity of the Adaptation Fund, submitted a proposal to access grants available to support accreditation of Malawi and Zimbabwe national implementing entities under the South to South Cooperation grants. The proposed activities are as outlined in the Schedules 1–2 of the attached Agreement.

The proposal was approved by the Board in March 2016, and the Board has agreed to make grants (Grants) available to NEMA for projects in Malawi and Zimbabwe. The approval agreement provides that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) will serve as the trustee of the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund (the Trustee) and, in that capacity, will make transfers of the Grants to NEMA on the written instructions of the Board.

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## 2. Mission objective

- High level meeting of officials of the DNA and potential NIE for both Kenya and Zimbabwe in order to plan for the mentoring of the potential NIEs for accreditation

## 3. Events

- a. Welcome remark by the Ag Principal Secretary Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources \_ Director of Finance at Kivuvuli house HQ –Zimbabwe  
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- The Director Finance, the Ag PS Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Zimbabwe Government, welcomed the Kenya delegation to Zimbabwe and

thanked the Permanent Secretary who was the head of delegation for taking the initiatives to executive the mentoring

- She reiterated the impact of climate change on Zimbabwe citing the recent flooding in Harare where about 130 people lost their lives, emphasizing the reality of climate change she added.
- She reiterated that the Kenya delegation was in Zimbabwe to assist the Environment Management Agency (EMA) of Zimbabwe with accreditation by the Adaptation fund (AF), this will allow Zimbabwe to anchor its fiduciary standards and access Adaptation fund as an NIE.

**b. Remark by the Principal Secretary ,Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources –Kenya PS Charles Sunkuli**

- The PS appreciated the Welcome by the team from Zimbabwe led by the Ag Principal Secretary Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and reiterated that the Kenya team has come over to assist in mentoring Zimbabwe for accreditation for Adaptation fund.
- The PS highlighted some of the achievement of Kenya in climate change including the enactment of the climate change act 2016, the development of the Kenya climate Change Action plan and the recent ban on plastic bags and the accreditation of NEMA as an NIE which has enabled the Country access Adaptation Fund from UNFCCC.
- Kenya has learnt that the process of accreditation is not an easy one and requires a lot of resolve. There are about five important standards requiring compliance with in to be accredited.
- The Kenya team is on a peer to peer learning and mentoring of the Zimbabwean team for accreditation.

**c. Remark by the Chair Board of Management of Management of Environment Management Agency of Zimbabwe.**

- The chair of EMA board of management acknowledged the NEMA board representative and the team from the parent Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources.
- That EMA was indeed honored to have a high level delegation from Kenya ,EMAZ has experience on environment management for over 10 years now and have been instrumental in development of environmental action plan for Zimbabwe.
- Zimbabwe like many Nations is challenges with many climate change impacts and is looking for solutions as well as resources to address these challenges, thus the mission on accreditation from Kenya is timely.
- He pledge the full commitment of the board of management of EMA in the p[rocess f accreditation and addressing climate change.

**d. Remark by the Chair Board of Management of the National Environment Management Authority –Kenya Prof.Moturi**

- The chair of the board reiterated the full support to NEMA by the Board of management during their quest for accreditation and in the implementation of adaptation fund projects and on this mentoring as well.

**e. Remark by the Director of Climate Change – Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources of Zimbabwe – Ms.Veronica Gundu**

- The Director of Environment, who was the master of ceremony, narrated her engagement with the NIE –Kenya since they met in Marrakech, following up on the South –South cooperation of Adaptation fund.
- She expressed her happiness that this has now bore fruit and EMA Zimbabwe is now in path for accreditation with this mentoring from the Kenyan NIE in progress.

**a. Presentation by National Implementation Entity ,NEMA Kenya – NIE Coordinator – Wangare Kirumba**

- Wangari Kirumba ,the NIE coordinator ,Kenya ably presented the whole idea about the South –South cooperation and the mentoring programme designed by the adaptation fund.

- The presentation covered five key areas including i) Background of adaptation fund and the South –South mentoring co-operation.ii) accreditation success factors iii) why pursue accreditation iv) NEMA accreditation to GCF v) adaptation project in Kenya vi ) South –South mentoring support
- The salient features of the presentation included the accreditation requirements, the date NEMA was accredited as NIE , 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012,and that it is a very intrusive process involving interrogation of systems and processes and documenting them as well
- Accreditation requires support from the top management as well as the political arm of the Government; undertake appraisals supported by documentation for accreditation and focuses on processes and systems.
- The advantages of pursuing AF accreditation was enumerated to include ,enhanced global rating, increasing potential of attracting resources, strengthening internal capacities ,increasing internal capacities and systems and transcending into opportunities for global climate change finance.
- The NIE coordinator shared on the accreditation of NEMA for GCF as well, acquired on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016, which rides on the AF accreditation, since those accredited are fast tract for GCF accreditation.
- The NIE coordinator also shared on the milestone so far achieved in the implementation of Kenya climate change adaptation projects to the tune of USD 10 million
- A couple of questions and issues arose from the audience for discussions including the length of going through the process, time which it was said cannot easily be determined since it depends on many factors.
- The South –South support is intended to focus on i) high level delegation or a mission to the target Countries ii) in country visit by the intended beneficiaries iii ) training workshops iv ) development of an NIE programme v ) development of NIE tools of Governance

**a. Remark by the Ag Director Environment Management Agency (EMA)  
Zimbabwe – Mr.Chikwana**

- The Ag Director EMA indicated that coming of the NIE –Kenya for mentoring of Zimbabwe is a welcome idea, because it has made EMA to see that what was impossible is indeed possible.
- Mr Chikwana indicated that as an Environmental Agency, just like NEMA is in Kenya, there are many areas to learn from including the recent plastic ban in Kenya, he was also happy that NEMA has included assisting EMA in the development of tools and instruments as part of mentoring process.

**b. Courtesy call to the Minister of Environment and Mineral Resources of Zimbabwe –Hon O.C.Z.Muchinguri at Ministry HQ –Kivuvuli House**

- The delegation also paid a courtesy call to the Minister of Environmental and Natural resources of Zimbabwe who thanked the PS- Kenya for coming fourth to assist Zimbabwe and EMA secure accreditation.
- The Minister reiterated the long standing cooperation between the two Countries in many fields and indicated that a delegation of Zimbabwe was also planning to come to Kenya to learn about how to prepare Nationally determined Contributions (NDCs)
- **Lessons learnt**
  - Mobilization of the Zimbabwean team was adequate, since it brought all the players and relevant officers on board, ranging from those important for accreditation and those important for project proposal and development.
  - Ownership on the Zimbabwean side was at the highest level possible, the Ag.Principal Secretary attended the meeting and came for Dinner. The PS met the Minister for Environment and Mineral Resources of Zimbabwe.
  - Zimbabwean team selection of Environment Management Agency of Zimbabwe seemed to present some strong added advantage like NEMA had for several reasons like:
    - EMA is a cooperate entity created by Act of parliament and has several regulation related to safeguards including those of EIA/EA and therefore can build on those.
    - Environment Management Agency of Zimbabwe was represented by a strong team of professionals led by the acting CEO including officers in various environmental disciplines ,Director of Environmental Management Services , EIA Ecosystems Protection and Solid Waste

Manager, Environmental planning and Monitoring ,Environmental Education and Publicity Manager including legal officers.

- Environment Management Agency of Zimbabwe have a strong pool of climate change scientists, who attended the meeting as well and are clear of the UNFCCC and AF projections, this is an added advantage.
- EMA is involved in project development and implementation and therefore has plenty of experience in the same and therefore can easily package and present a standard procedure and due diligence for project appraisal, development and implementation.
- Zimbabwe seems more focused and well mobilized for the process of accreditation; however the level at which they are was not established.

- **Way forward**

- EMA Zimbabwe present high level of readiness for accreditation, there is needed to understand at what level they have reached in the accreditation process.