

MONITORING OF SIERRA LEONE SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION GRANT

Date report received by the Secretariat: 7 December 2017 Implementing Entity: Centre de Suivi Ecologique Country: SIERRA LEONE Adaptation Fund Grant ID:

Grant Type: South-South Cooperation Grant

Grant Description: This South-South cooperation grant was requested by CSE to support the Designated Authority of Sierra Leone in identifying a potential NIE candidate and to provide technical assistance to this latter for the preparation and submission of its application.

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1. Screening exercise, including an information workshop on the AF and the main features of an operational NIE	Mission Report, including evaluation sheet and screening outcome Slides	Completed September 2016	In collaboration with the DA of Sierra Leone, a workshop was held in Freetown in order to inform potential NIE institutions about the AF accreditation process and purpose. The main outcome of this workshop was the selection of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED) as candidate for the accreditation with the AF.
2. Assessment of institutional capacity and readiness, including a seminar on the AF's accreditation process and the role of an NIE in	Mission Report, including gap assessment summary showing the potential NIE applicant's	Completed December 2016	A task force was setup within MoFED and trained on the accreditation process and the role of an NIE. A road map has been prepared for the collection and/or preparation of supporting documents.

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directly accessing AF resources	strengths and weaknesses towards accreditation by the AF - Slides		
 3. Collecting supporting documents Collecting and analyzing relevant supporting documents for each performance criteria required in the application form Review of questions raised by the Accreditation Panel during previous applications (to better understand what is expected) Preparing and sharing a note on accreditation standards (to better understand what is expected) 	List of supporting documents/information collected - Summary of questions addressed by the Adaptation Panel and the Board to applicants during accreditation process - Note on accreditation standards	Completed	Relevant supporting documents, for the accreditation application were collected by the Task force, and analyzed by CSE. Lessons learned from the implementation of other readiness programs have been capitalized during this process.
4. Review of the adequacy of all required back-up documentation to ensure it meets the requirements of the AF Accreditation Panel, and filling gaps	Supporting documents check-list - Documentation of the main findings	Completed	All supporting documents were reviewed to check their adequacy with regards to the accreditation requirements. Then, a visit of a delegation from MoFED to CSE was organized from 10 th to 13 th April 2017 for a final review of the application folder, and to address identified gaps. The application folder was organized and labeled and additional documents were

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 Checking the documents collected against AF requirements Identifying potential gaps or weaknesses Providing guidance on how to overcome issues identified Supporting the task- force in organizing supporting documents 			prepared by MoFED, namely: the gender policy, the grievance mechanism, the environmental and social policy.
5.Submission of the application folder	An application for accreditation as a National Implementing Entity - A one-page summary report	In progress	The online application form has been filled and all supporting documents have been uploaded. A last visit in Freetown is scheduled for mid-December in order to proceed to the final submission of the accreditation file.

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