

Application for a Grant to support NIE accreditation

Submission Date: 24 October 2018

Adaptation Fund Grant ID: Country/ies: Mauritius Islands

Implementing Entity: Centre de Suivi Ecologique

A. Timeframe of Activity

Expected start date of support	March 2019
Completion date of support	June 2020

B. Experience participating in, organizing support to, or advising other NIE candidates

The CSE has been repeatedly invited by various actors (Development Agencies, CSOs, Projects and Programmes, UN Agencies) to share its experience and to support other NIE candidates in assessing their readiness and/or to prepare and submit their application for the accreditation by the AF. To date, CSE has provided technical assistance to nine (9) countries in the framework of the AF Readiness Programme.

Year	Type of support provided	Outcome of the support	Country/institution supported
2012	Department of Finance for Assessment of Institutional Capacity and Readiness	reviewed, strengths and	Philippines / Department of Finance (DOF)
2013	Facilitating accreditation of a National Implementing Entity to the Adaptation Fund	Application submitted	Nigeria / Bank of Industry
2013	Technical advice on project formulation and implementation	1	Benin / Direction Générale du Fonds National pour l'Environnement (FNE)

2014	account used), payment of services, procurement	procedures put in place by the	Morocco / Agence de Développement Agricole (ADA)
2014	documents (project launching report, technical and financial reports) and	Better understanding of procedures put in place by the CSE regarding grant management, procurements and implementation arrangements	Rwanda / Ministry of Natural Resources (MINIRENA)
2014	Sharing of experience of achieving NIE accreditation	Experience sharing	Malawi / Civil society Network on Climate change (CISONEC)
2014	Sharing execution documents (Project Risk assessment/management manual, Project Monitoring and evaluation Manual) and technical advice	Templates of documents	Nigeria / Bank of Industry (BOI)
2014	Sharing execution documents (Project Risk assessment/management manual, Project Monitoring and evaluation Manual) and technical advice	Templates of documents	Tanzania / National Environment Management Council (NEMC)
2015		Experience sharing on AF accreditation process	Chad / Fonds Spécial pour l'Environnement (FSE)
2015	Readiness technical assistance	Experience sharing on AF accreditation process	Niger / Banque Agricole du Niger (BAGRI)
2015		Experience sharing on AF accreditation process	Cape-Verde / Agence Nationale de l'Eau et de l'Assainissement (ANAS)
2015		Supporting countries for the implementation of the Green Climate Fund Readiness programme	Senegal
2015	Delivery partner	Supporting countries for the implementation of the Green Climate Fund Readiness programme	Djibouti

2015	Delivery partner	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Democratic Republic of Congo
2016	Readiness technical assistance	accreditation process	Mali/ Agence de l'Environnement et du Développement Durable (AEDD)
2016	Readiness technical assistance	accreditation process	Sierra Leone/ Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MOFED)
2016	Readiness technical assistance	accreditation process	Guinea / Centre d'Etude et de Recherche en Environnement (CERE)
2016	Delivery partner	Supporting countries for the implementation of the Green Climate Fund Readiness programme	Togo
2016	Delivery partner	Supporting countries for the implementation of the Green Climate Fund Readiness programme	Chad
2016	Capacity building	Enhanced capacity for French speaking countries for a better access to Climate Funds (AF and GCF)	Burkina Faso, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, DRC, Gabon, Guinea, Haiti, Madagascar, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo (Funded by the IFDD/OIF)
2016	Sharing of experience of achieving AF project	Experience sharing	National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) of Kenya (with financial support from WRI)
2017	Readiness technical assistance	Experience sharing on AF accreditation process	Togo / Office de Développement et d'Exploitation des Forêts (ODEF)
2017	Readiness technical assistance	Experience sharing on AF accreditation process	Burundi / Fonds de Promotion pour l'Habitat Urbain (FPHU)

2017	Delivery partner	Supporting countries for the implementation of the Green Climate Fund Readiness proramme	Cote d'Ivoire
2018	Readiness technical assistance	Experience sharing on AF accreditation process	Cote d'Ivoire/Fonds Interprofessionnel pour la Recherche et le Conseil Agricoles (FIRCA)

C. Proposed activities to support NIE accreditation

The first step of the process will consist in a screening exercise to select the best NIE candidate at national level, using interviews, focus-group discussions and, to a lesser extent, document review. This activity will be conducted in close collaboration with the Designated Authority (DA). This screening exercise will be performed using the guidance and the evaluation sheet (Annex 2) based on criteria and guidance provided by the AF (Annex 1).

Once the appropriate candidate is identified, a five-man committee will be established within the selected organization. The members of this committee will be chosen based on their availability and capacity for collecting required supporting documentation. This committee will be tasked to work in close cooperation with the CSE in order to:

- perform an assessment of institutional capacity and readiness of the selected organization for the AF's accreditation application. This will be done through qualitative assessment, using document review, SWOT analysis, risk analysis or any other relevant tool or approach.
- collect required supporting documents within the selected organization, but also through key partners they are used to work with for project formulation and implementation. To facilitate this work, a guidance sheet on "accreditation standards" (Annex 3) will be prepared, using information available in the accreditation toolkit developed by the AF. In the same view, a summary of comments and recommendation made so far by the Accreditation Panel during applications reviews will be prepared. This should help focus efforts on the most relevant documents and keep in mind the most important aspects;
- review the adequacy of all required back-up documentation to ensure it meets the requirements of the AF Accreditation Panel. This will be done based on the supporting documents check-list provided by the AF (Annex 4);
- conduct follow-up discussions and advise in addressing identified gaps, if any, in the collected supporting documentation, and in completing all the remaining aspects of the assessment;
- proceed with the online submission of the NIE application.
- address comments made by the AF Secretariat and/or the Accreditation Panel following the online submission.

Proposed Support Activities	of the Activities	Country/Inst itution to be Supported	Requested budget (USD)	Tentative timeline (Completion date)
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Proposed Support Activities	Expected Output of the Activities	Country/Inst itution to be Supported	Requested budget (USD)	Tentative timeline (Completion date)
Screening exercise, including an information workshop on the AF and the main features of an operational NIE	- Check-list of key	Mauritius Islands	3,000	30 April 2019
Training the NIE on accreditation process and set up a Task force and elaborate a road map for collecting supporting document	 Presentation and set of slides Road map for 	Mauritius Islands	3,000	30 April 2019
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 submitted with CSE support (to better understand what is expected) - Preparing and sharing a note on accreditation standards (to better understand what is expected), using the AF's guidance document on its accreditation standards	documents/inform ation collected - Summary of previous questions raised by the Adaptation Panel and the Board to applicants during accreditation process - Note on accreditation standards	Mauritius Islands	6,600	30 September 2019

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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 - 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	documents check- list including a brief description of AF requirements - Documentation of the main findings	Mauritius Islands	3,000	13 January 2020
5. Translation of supporting documents	Supporting documents in English	Mauritius Islands	2,000	28 February 2020
6. Submission of the application folder	 An application for accreditation as a National Implementing Entity A one-page summary report 	Mauritius Islands	5,400	16 March 2020
7. Responding to AP comments		Mauritius Islands	3,000	Not more than 3 months after submission
8. Communication		Mauritius Islands	1000	
9. Travel		Mauritius Islands	16,500	
10. Workshops and logistics	Documentation of main findings	Mauritius Islands	2,000	
11. Management Fees (Monitoring, review and	Monitoring and completion report	Mauritius Islands	3,910	
Total Grant Requested (USD)			49,910	

D. Implementing Entity

This request has been prepared in accordance with the Adaptation Fund Board's procedures

Head of Implementing Entity	Signature	Date (Month, day, year)	Implementing Entity Contact	Telephone	Email Address
Dr Assize TOURE Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE)	15532 14664855566 14764855566	2 OCT. 201	Dethie Soumare Ndiaye	+221 338258066 +221 776583878	

E. Record of request of support on behalf of the government

Provide the name and position of the government official, the Designated Authority of the Adaptation Fund, and indicate date of endorsement. If the proposed support targets more than one country, list the officials requesting support for all the participating countries. The request letter(s) should be attached as an annex to the application.

Date: 23/10/18 .

D.D Manraj, G.O.S.K

Financial Secretary &

Designated Authority for Mauritius

Ministry of Finance and Economic Development



Ministry of Finance & Economic Development

Government Centre, Port Louis, Republic of Mauritius

In your reply, please quote:

CF/50/100/40/38

22 October 2018

Endorsement Letter

The Manager Adaptation Fund Board c/o Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat Email: afbsec@adaptation-fund.org

Dear Madam,

Endorsement for support in NIE accreditation under the Call for South-South Cooperation Grants 2018

In my capacity as designated authority for the Adaptation Fund in Mauritius, I confirm that the Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE) has been requested by my government to support the process of accreditation of a National Implementing Entity for the Adaptation Fund in my country.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the grant proposal submitted by Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE) for funding from the Adaptation Fund.

Yours Sincerely,

D.D. Manraj, G.O.S.K Financial Secretary &

Designated Authority

	Nbr of staff	Staff unit cost (CFA)
Communication		
Ticket Mauritius		1,750,000
DSA		150,000
Screening exercise (in-country)	2	150,000
Assessment of institutional capacity and readiness (in	-	
country)	2	150,000
Set ting up a task force and developing a road map (in-country)	2	150,000
Monitoring remotely the collection/preparation of		,
supporting documents	2	150,000
Analyzing in-country supporting documents collected	2	150,000
Translation of supporting documents (lump sum)		
Review of the adequacy of all required back-up		
documentation	2	150,000
Preparation of the application folder	2	150,000
Submission of the application folder (in-country)	2	150,000
Backstoping (adressing AP comments and CR)	2	150,000
Workshops and logistics		1,000,000
Management Fees		lumpsum
TOTAL		

Nb of days/travels	Total (CFA)	Total (USD)
	750,000	1,500
3	5,250,000	10,500
20	3,000,000	6,000
5	1,500,000	3,000
4	1,200,000	2,400
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1	300,000	600
5	1,500,000	3,000
,	1,500,000	3,000
6	1,800,000	3,600
	1,000,000	2,000
5	1,500,000	3,000
5	1,500,000	3,000
4	1,200,000	2,400
5	1,500,000	3,000
1	1,000,000	2,000
	1,955,000	3,910
	24,955,000	49,910