





# (1)ebinar **ADAPTATION FUND** ENGAGEMENT PATHWAYS

### **#GENDERJUSTFINANCE**

Women's Environment & Development Organization



### AGENDA

#### **INTRODUCTION**

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#### **THE ADAPTATION FUND AND GENDER**

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#### **ENGAGEMENT PATHWAYS**

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#### **PREVIEW OF THE ADAPTATION FUND E-COURSE Cristina Dengel, AF Knowledge Management Officer**

**QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION** 

5 MIN

**10 MIN** 

**10 MIN** 

**10 MIN** 

**15 MIN** 

# CONTEXT

# WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT ACCESSING FINANCE FOR CLIMATE SOLUTIONS:

- Only ~10% of climate finance flows to the local level (Soanes et al., 2017)
- Only ~1% of "Gender Equality" funding from governments flows to women's organizations (Staszewska, Dolker and Miller, 2019)
- Only ~3% of environmental philanthropy supports "women's environmental activism" (Dobson & Lawrence, 2018)

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# CONTEXT

#### THE PRIMARY CLIMATE FUNDS CAN VASTLY IMPROVE DIRECT ACCESS BY WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

- Climate finance architecture is not oriented toward scaling and replicating local, women-led solutions
- Gender-sensitivity and gender policies do not automatically entail the participation of women's organizations
- Processes for accessing funds are complex and lengthy, advantaging large organizations with certain types of capacity

### WEDO'S RESPONSE

#### **INITIATIVE THROUGH PROSPERA, INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF WOMEN'S FUNDS**

- Publication covering:
  - four climate funds' approaches to gender
  - potential pathways for women's organizations to engage
  - challenges for women's organizations in accessing climate finance
  - framework for organizations seeking greater engagement
- Accompanying brief summarized the report
- Example from MONES, The Mongolian Women's Fund, demonstrated benefits of an iterative, adaptative approach to engagement



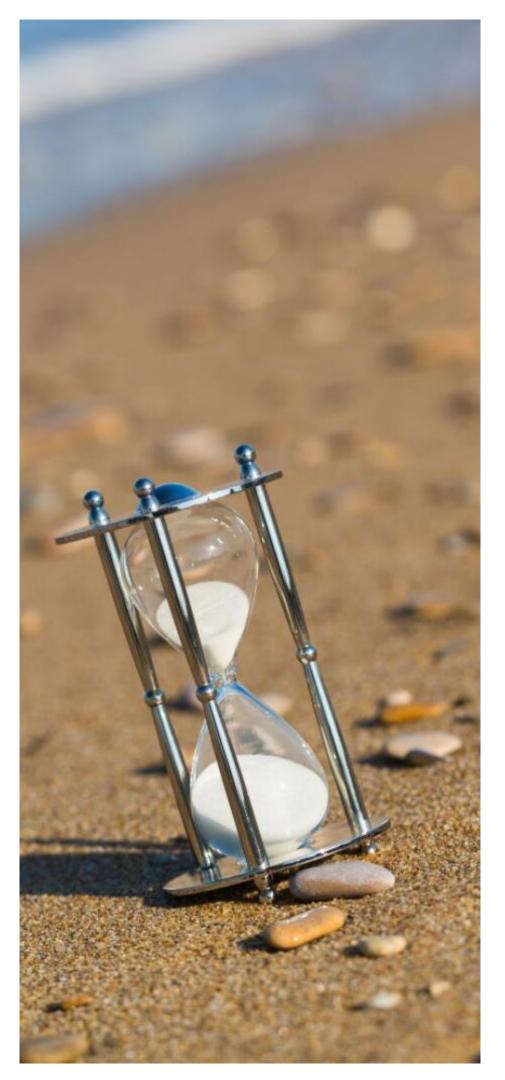
#### WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS AND CLIMATE FINANCE: ENGAGING IN PROCESSES AND ACCESSING RESOURCES

gender considerations and uphold stakeholder engagement in climate financing for all four of the main public climate finance mechanisms-the Adaptation Fund, Climate Investment Funds (CIF), Green Climate Fund (GCF), and Global Environment Facility (GEF) - each varies in their mode of operation and implementation.

associated with system change.

Other key barriers also contribute to women's organizations' limited engagement, access, and ability to contribute to strong outcomes in climate finance.

 Accredited implementing entities of the funds and practitionare generally have inadequate knowledge



# TODAY

#### **UPDATING ADAPTATION FUND BRIEF FOR 2020**

- Capturing new opportunities
- Collaborating with the Adaptation Fund Secretariat
- Engaging with the Adaptation Fund NGO Network

#### **REVISITING OUR FIVE RECOMMENDATIONS** FOR WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

- Frame this conversation within a larger conversation about gender and the public climate funds
- Highlight ways to engage

# YOUNG HEE LEE **ADAPTATION FUND AND GENDER**







### **Adaptation Fund at a Glance**

Only global UN fund created to fund concrete adaptation projects, in most climatevulnerable developing countries

One of 1st fully functioning climate funds, operating since '07; pioneered innovative 'Direct Access' climate finance modality

As urgency of climate change has risen, it has grown rapidly to \$1B fund today





# Where We Are

100 Concrete Projects on Ground to date to build communities' resilience to climate change

SIDS/LDCs



- Serving Paris Agreement since Jan '19> wide recognition & trust for its work
- 8.7 million direct beneficiaries, 19 million indirect beneficiaries
- 271,680 ha natural habitat saved
- 121,025 meters coastline protected
- Ab. 115,000 trained in climate resilience
- Active in ab. 90 countries, half in



### US\$ 720 Million Committed to Date



**Latin America &** Caribbean \$215 M



**Eastern Europe** \$29 M

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#### **Asia Pacific** \$177 M



Africa \$283 M

# All AF projects tailored to local adaptation needs and driven by country ownership



 Disaster Risk Reduction 20%



 Ecosystem-based adaptation 4%



 Coastal management 7%



Forests 1%



Rural
Development
11%

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 Food Security 16%



• Agriculture 14%



Water
Management
13%



Multi-sector
12%



Urban
Development
2%

### Direct Access: Building Country Ownership in Adaptation





#### Knowledge Exchanges

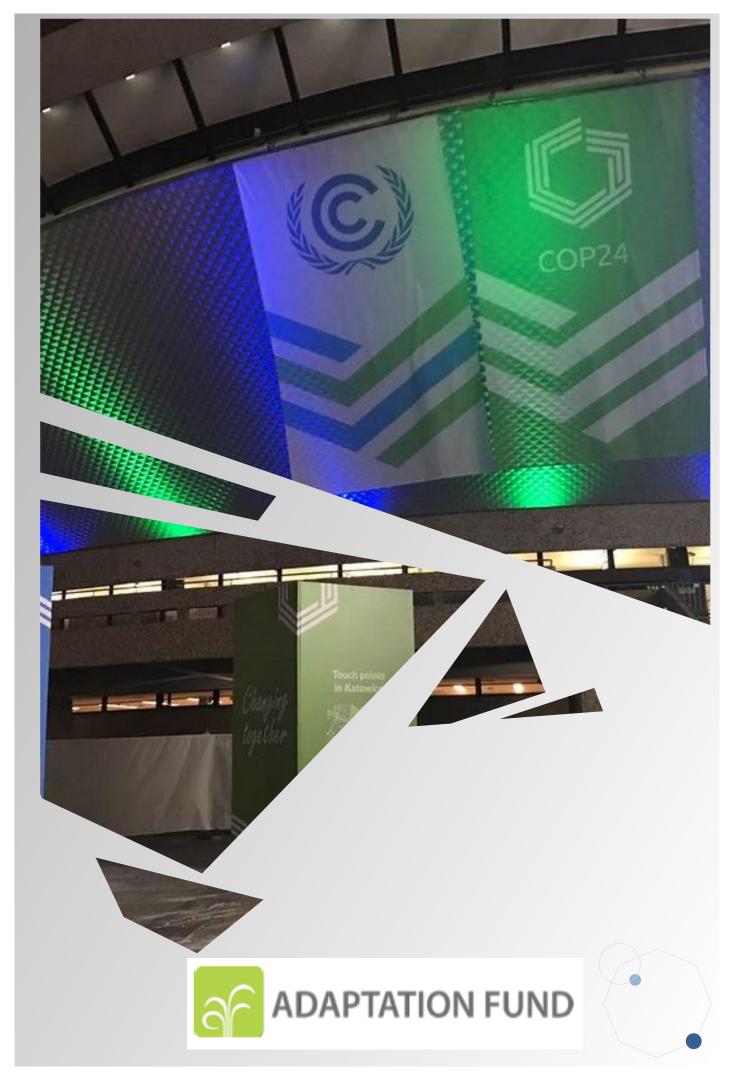
### Accreditation

Sharing experiences and best practices through readiness and knowledge events and products Building country capacities by accrediting national organizations to effectively identify and develop adaptation projects

[32 NIEs accredited out of 50 IEs]

### **Partnerships**

Collaborating with other countries, funds and civil society to enhance access to climate finance and adaptation practices on ground for most vulnerable



### AF committed to promoting Gender Equity and Empowerment of Women and Girls

Gender mainstreaming efforts since 2013

Gender Policy and Action Plan (2017-2019) Gender Policy and Action Plan (2020--)

AF Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) – 'advancing gender equality and empowerment of women and girls' as cross-cutting theme

Gender considerations incorporated into Fund's work



### **GENDER RESOURCES**

### Continued Learning & Guidance

**Guidance Document for Implementing Entities for Compliance with the Adaptation Fund Gender** Policy

### Assessing Progress: Integrating Gender in AF Projects and Programmes

- review of successes and lessons learned in mainstreaming gender elements
- projects in Ecuador, Mongolia, Morocco, Rwanda and Seychelles

# Assessment Report on Progress in the Implementation of the Adaptation Fund's Gender Policy and Gender Action Plan

• to inform the new Gender Policy & Action Plan



#### **Assessing Progress: Integrating Gender in Adaptation Fund Projects and Programmes**

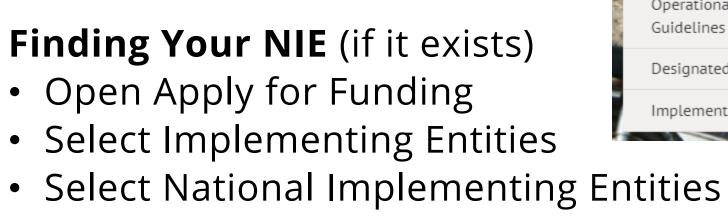
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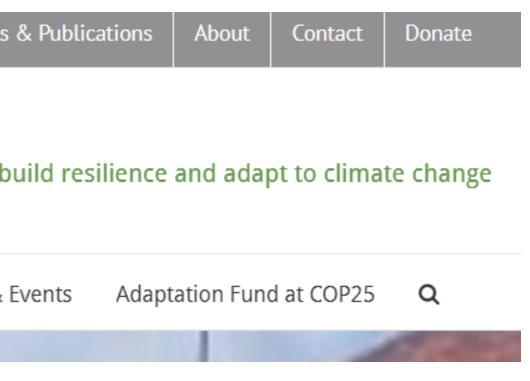
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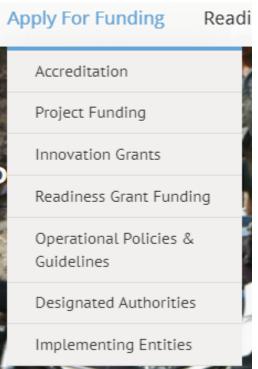
### **Finding Projects in Your Country**

- Click Projects & Programmes
- Order by Country •

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#### TARA DANIEL

# ENGAGEMENT PATHWAYS





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# FIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

funding directly.

entities.

- **1. Learn** the processes and procedures of the climate fund(s) of interest.
- **2. Connect** with stakeholders and networks directly engaging with the climate finance funds, particularly those already receiving funding for approved projects.
- **3. Pitch** to implementing entities or pursue
- **4.** Develop a **map**ping tool of implementing
- **5.** Identify and pursue further **research**.

Facts & Information

### **ADAPTATION FUND NGO NETWORK**

#### Join the AF NGO Network ...



... and become an associate CSO! Associate CSOs engage in the Network's activities and act as voices of the Network in their country and region.

### **PATHWAY ONE**

#### Join the Adaptation Fund NGO Network

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- and programmes
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Free membership network of civil society and Indigenous Peoples Opportunity to organize and work in collective in engaging with Adaptation Fund actors

Disseminate opportunities for crafting comments on policies, reviewing projects

Arrange the Civil Society Dialogue in each Adaptation Fund Board meeting

Opportunity to deepen your knowledge of the Adaptation Fund and its operations



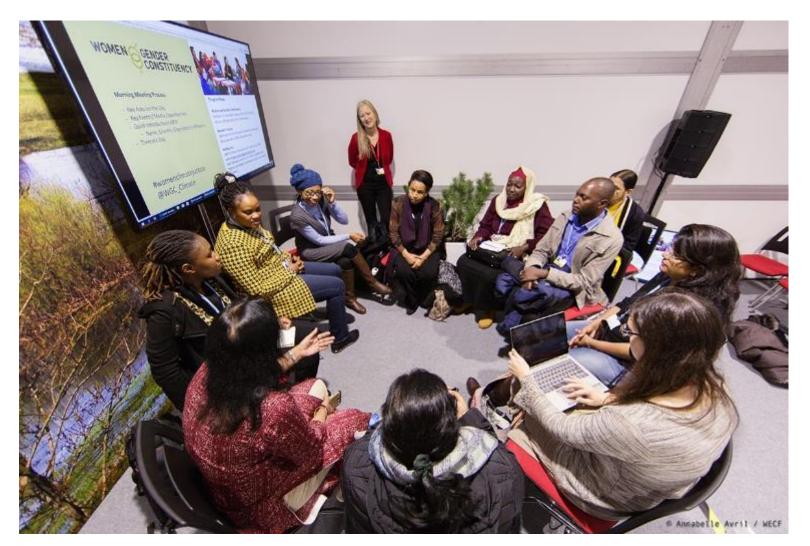


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### **PATHWAY TWO**

**Provide Technical Assistance to National Implementing Entities** 

- Readiness Programme grants to accredited NIEs to strengthen their capacity to address gender-related issues •
  - Project/programme capacity as well as institutional level
  - Compliance with the Fund's Gender Policy
- The Readiness Programme also offers other grants and activities to prepare national and regional implementing entities to propose and implement projects
- Opportunity to highlight these opportunities to your NIE, integrate your expertise into their work •







## **PATHWAY THREE**

#### **Apply for an Innovation Grant**

- 45 grants up to \$250,000
- these funds
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New funding opportunity for non-accredited entities working in countries without NIEs UNEP and UNDP are overseeing the delivery of

Pathways for access to be determined Check <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-</a> <u>funding/innovation-grants/</u> (contains info only on NIE innovation grants at the moment)

# **ADDITIONAL PATHWAY**

#### **Become the NIE for Your Country**

- Accreditation as NIE enables submitting a project for funding
- Limited option
  - No current NIE
  - Less <\$10 million allocated in</li> projects/programmes
  - Proven track record
  - Capacity to pursue accreditation



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Mongolia: Ecosystem Based Adaptation Approach to Maintaining Water Security in Critical Water Catchments in Mongolia, implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), US\$5,500,000

### **FUTURE OPPORTUNITES**

Updated Gender Policy

Roster of Gender Experts

### **READ THE BRIEF**

www.wedo.org/womensorgs-climate-financeadaptation-fund



This brief updates the information and approaches included within the 2019 Prospera/WEDO report "Women's Organizations and Climate Finance: Engaging in processes and accessing resources." That report examined four climate funds' approaches to gender and potential pathways for women's organizations to engage with the funds, detailed challenges for women's organizations in accessing climate finance, and presented an overarching framework for women's organizations seeking greater engagement. Five key recommendations for women's organizations emerged from this work:

### ENGAGING WITH THE ADAPTATION FUND: FIRST STEPS FOR WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

- Learn the processes and procedures of the climate fund(s) of interest.
- 2. Connect with stakeholders and networks directly engaging with the climate funds, particularly those already receiving funding for approved projects.
- Pitch themselves to implementing entities or pursue funding directly.
- 4. Develop a mapping tool of implementing entities.
- 5. Identify and pursue further research in several areas.

With a focus only on the Adaptation Fund, this document features the latest information and outlines the Adaptation Fund's specific opportunities for women's organizations, feminist advocates, and gender-related groups to engage in promoting and implementing gender-responsive climate finance.

## **CRISTINA DENGEL E-COURSE**







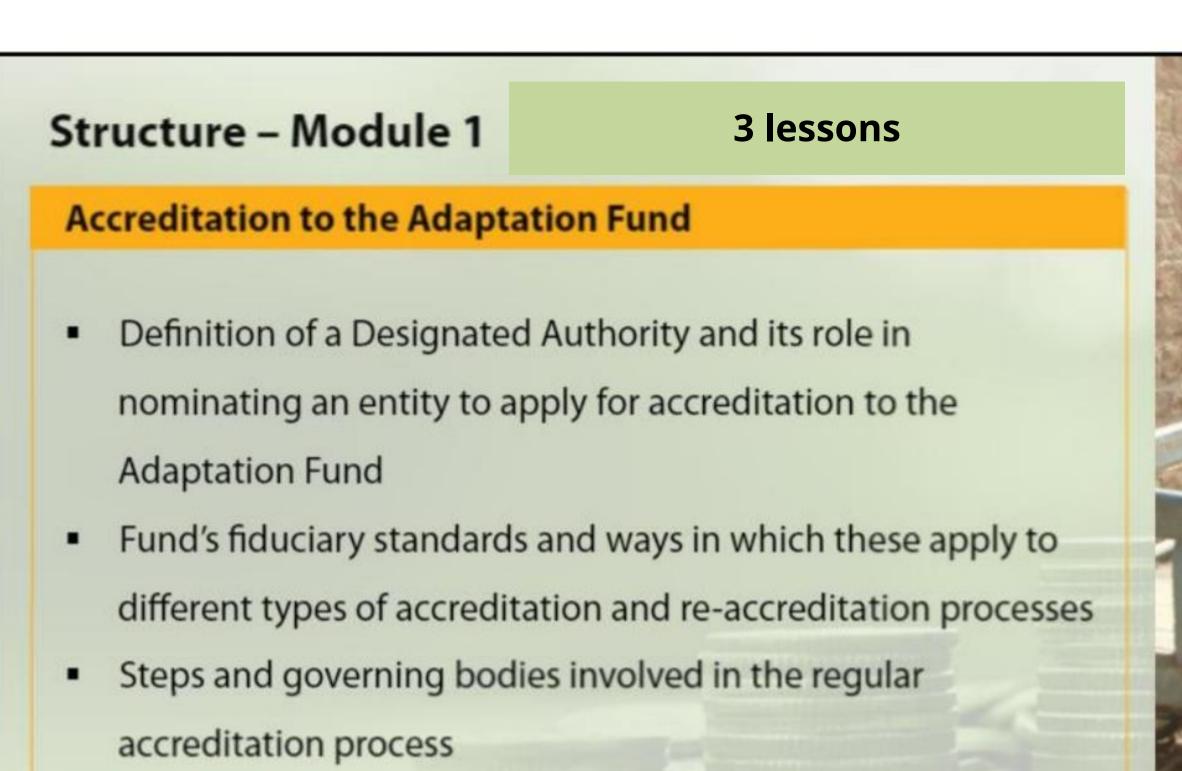


## **PURPOSE and STRUCTURE**

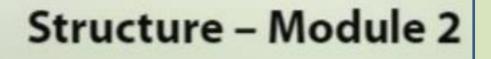
**Direct Access: Unlocking Adaptation Funding** 

- Overview of the accreditation process and the Environmental, Social and Gender considerations in project design and implementation.
- Organized in 2 modules, each with case studies and short quizzes and final test ۲
- Each module requires approximately 3 hours to complete in one sitting, but you can save and return. •
- Certificate upon completion  $\bullet$
- Download and save notes from each session for easy reference ullet
- Free of cost and available in English and French and soon in Spanish  $\bullet$









6 lessons

Adaptation Fund Environmental, Social and Gender Considerations in Project Design and Implementation

- Adaptation Fund's projects approval process
- Compliance with the AF Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) and the Gender Policy (GP)
- ESP Risk Identification process and its requirements
- Characteristics of a robust consultative process and grievance mechanism
- Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) and Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation requirements
- Information on completing relevant ESP and GP sections in the Fund's "Apply for funding" templates







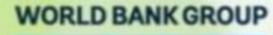
Lesson 01

### Introduction to Accreditation





Turn on your audio and click START to begin.





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### HOW TO ACCESS



EN: <u>https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/e-course-on-direct-access-unlocking-adaptation-funding/</u> FR: <u>https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/lacces-direct-debloquer-le-financement-de-ladaptation/</u>

OLC: <u>https://olc.worldbank.org/content/direct-access-unlocking-adaptation-funding-self-paced</u> Create username and password to login to OLC



### Direct Access: Unlocking Adaptation Funding (Self-Paced)

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#### SIGN-IN TO ENROLL

The "Direct Access: Unlock Adaptation Funding" e-learning course is an important tool for capacity building at national and subnational level as it tackles the specific challenges and opportunities associated with the Direct Access Modality and, in particular, the capacity gaps in financial management and fiduciary standards, environmental, social and gender standards and its mitigation factors.



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# QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

ALL SPEAKERS and ATTENDEES



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