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PREVIEW OF THE ADAPTATION FUND E-COURSE
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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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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)
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.

The primary climate funds can vastly improve direct access by women’s organizations.
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
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 climate-vulnerable 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

Tangible results

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 SIDS/LDCs
US$ 720 Million
Committed to Date

- **Asia Pacific**
  - $177 M

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

- **Eastern Europe**
  - $29 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%
- Agriculture 14%
- Water Management 13%
- Forests 1%
- Rural Development 11%
- Food Security 16%
- Multi-sector 12%
- Urban Development 2%
Direct Access: Building Country Ownership in Adaptation

Knowledge Exchanges
Sharing experiences and best practices through readiness and knowledge events and products

Accreditation
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
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

- to inform the new Gender Policy & Action Plan
NAVIGATING THE WEBSITE

Finding Projects in Your Country
• Click Projects & Programmes
• Order by Country

Finding Your NIE (if it exists)
• Open Apply for Funding
• Select Implementing Entities
• Select National Implementing Entities
TARA DANIEL

ENGAGEMENT PATHWAYS

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FIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

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 funding directly.

4. Develop a **mapping** tool of implementing entities.

5. Identify and pursue further **research**.
PATHWAY ONE

Join the Adaptation Fund NGO Network

- 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 and programmes
- Arrange the Civil Society Dialogue in each Adaptation Fund Board meeting
- Opportunity to deepen your knowledge of the Adaptation Fund and its operations
• 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

• New funding opportunity for non-accredited entities working in countries without NIEs
• 45 grants up to $250,000
• UNEP and UNDP are overseeing the delivery of these funds
• Pathways for access to be determined
• Check https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/innovation-grants/ (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 projects/programmes
  - Proven track record
  - Capacity to pursue accreditation

*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 OPPORTUNITIES

Updated Gender Policy

Roster of Gender Experts

READ THE BRIEF

www.wedo.org/womens-orgs-climate-finance-adaptation-fund
CRISTINA DENGEL
E-COURSE
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
- Each module requires approximately 3 hours to complete in one sitting, but you can save and return.
- Certificate upon completion
- Download and save notes from each session for easy reference
- Free of cost and available in English and French and soon in Spanish
Structure – Module 1

Accreditation to the Adaptation Fund

- Definition of a Designated Authority and its role in nominating an entity to apply for accreditation to the Adaptation Fund
- Fund’s fiduciary standards and ways in which these apply to different types of accreditation and re-accreditation processes
- Steps and governing bodies involved in the regular accreditation process
Structure – Module 2

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
Introduction to Accreditation

Start

Turn on your audio and click START to begin.
HOW TO ACCESS

EN: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/e-course-on-direct-access-unlocking-adaptation-funding/
FR: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/l acces-direct-debloquer-le-financement-de-ladaptation/
OLC: https://olc.worldbank.org/content/direct-access-unlocking-adaptation-funding-self-paced

Create username and password to login to OLC

Direct Access: Unlocking Adaptation Funding (Self-Paced)

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.
ALL SPEAKERS and ATTENDEES

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION
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