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**ACCREDITATION OF NEMA AS THE NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION ENTITY UNDER UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

**UNFCCC's ADAPTATION FUND BOARD ACCREDITS NEMA AS A NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION ENTITY (NIE)**

**Background:**

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is a Global environmental agreement whose objective is to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere and to tackle impacts of Climate Change. Kenya is a Party to this treaty and its subsequent Kyoto Protocol. Kenya is vulnerable to effects of climate change as evidenced by increased frequency of floods, prolonged droughts, unpredictable rainfall patterns and its subsequent threat to food security.

The Adaptation Fund is a financial instrument under the UNFCCC established to finance concrete adaptation projects and programmes in developing countries which are Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. This fund is intended to finance full costs of adaptation in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change in an effort to reduce negative impacts facing communities, countries and sectors.

The Adaptation Fund Board was established to supervise and manage the Adaptation Fund. This board also undertakes accreditation of National Implementing Entities.

The Adaptation Fund is unique in its disbursement modality since it promotes direct access of funds to developing countries through accredited National Implementing Entities (NIE).



National Implementing Entities are country specific institutions accredited by the Adaptation Fund Board to receive direct financial transfers from the Fund in order to carry out Climate Change Adaptation projects and programmes.

**NEMA's Accreditation as a National Implementing Entity**

The Adaptation Fund Board has put in place an elaborate and very rigorous process of assessing applicants for accreditation as NIEs. NEMA successfully underwent this process through a systematic evaluation by the Adaptation Fund Accreditation Panel. During this evaluation NEMA demonstrated that it had the staffing, experience, expertise, and internal controls necessary to properly operationalise the role of an NIE. The authority also demonstrated adequate capabilities in financial integrity and management, institutional capacity, transparency and self-investigative powers.

It is against this background that NEMA-Kenya is proud to announce to the public that it was accredited as the National Implementing Entity (NIE) for Kenya by the Adaptation Fund Board during its 16th Meeting held on 17th March, 2012 in Bonn, Germany. Globally NEMA-Kenya becomes the twelfth National Implementing Entity (NIE). This accreditation is a highly prestigious and honorable recognition and serves as prove of competence, efficiency and trustworthiness of NEMA at international level.

Following the accreditation, the Authority has since embarked on establishing the necessary internal structures and guidelines in readiness to kick-off the NIE operations.



*Accreditation assessment in progress by Experts through interrogation of NEMA officials*



*Experts and NEMA Officials pay a courtesy call to Mr. Ali Mohamed CBS, PS MEMR & Designated Authority*

**Role of NEMA as the NIE**

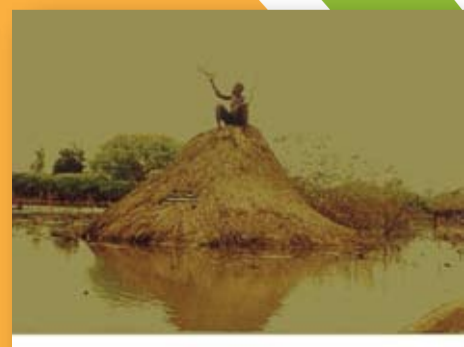
NEMA as an NIE will receive Project/Programme proposals from various interested applicants who shall be known as Executing Entities (EE). NEMA shall undertake review, verification and finally select the eligible projects for submission to the Adaptation Fund for consideration. In turn, the Authority will receive notification on the successful projects by the Board which shall subsequently release the project funds to NEMA for disbursement. Subsequently, NEMA shall then prepare Contractual Agreement with the EE on the project implementation as well as monitoring and evaluation procedures.

**Unique Benefits of the Adaptation Fund**

The Adaptation Fund (AF) has two strategic and unique advantages over other funding sources. First it is the only multilateral adaptation finance mechanism funded by an automated funding source. The Fund is financed with a share of proceeds from Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project activities as well as through voluntary pledges of donor governments. The Fund receives 2% of total global sales of certified emission reductions (CER) issued for a CDM project activities.

The second unique advantage is that Adaptation Fund allows Direct Access of financial resources from the fund to the recipient countries. Direct access modality means transfer of financial resources directly to eligible countries. This is in contrast to indirect access, where funding is channelled through a third party implementing agency, usually a multilateral organization, selected by the fund administrators. The logic behind this approach is to increase the level of country ownership, oversight, and involvement in adaptation activities, and to create stronger accountability of the recipient country to the Fund.

It is also expected that this direct access modality will help ensure proper reliance on and harmonization with national systems, plans and priorities, help increase the speed of delivery of desired outcomes and cut transaction costs.



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