



The South African National Biodiversity Institute begins its Green Climate Fund Concept Note development process

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The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) issued a call for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) in December 2017 for institutions who wish to make use of SANBI's services as an Accredited Entity of the Green Climate Fund (GCF). At the time of closure, a total of 126 EOIs were received by SANBI in response to this call.

All submissions that were received were subjected to an extensive review against SANBI's GCF Funding Framework. The outcome of this extensive review process was the shortlisting of six project themes which SANBI will be developing into project proposals for submission to the GCF.

Two of these project themes are being developed into first stage GCF Concept Notes for submission to the GCF before the end of 2020. They are as follows:

- Scaling up ecosystem-based approaches to managing climate-intensified disaster risks in vulnerable regions of South Africa, focusing on droughts, floods and fire that builds on a submission by DEA NRM.
- Climate resilient agro-ecological farming systems in rural landscapes in KwaZulu-Natal, the Eastern Cape and Limpopo, that builds on a submission by the University of KwaZulu Natal, in partnership with DAFF.

The remaining four project themes have been identified as SANBI's GCF project priorities and will need substantial further development through future technical processes and stakeholder engagements.

The theses are as follows:

- A Strategic Water Source Areas project in Mpumalanga that focuses on vulnerable communities affected by South Africa's energy transition.
- An aquifer recharge project that focuses on Ecological Infrastructure and the enhancement of natural recharge mechanisms.
- A coastal Ecosystem-based Adaptation / Ecological Infrastructure that incorporates natural and built infrastructure.
- A project that seeks to mainstream Climate Change into South Africa's Early Warning System for pests and diseases.

SANBI wishes to thank all its project partners for the support and patience throughout this review process.

If you or your organisation would like more information about how you could become involved in the upcoming projects development processes, or to be added to our stakeholder databases for the upcoming technical and/ or stakeholder engagement processes for any of the project themes, please email: climatefunds@sanbi.org.za

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South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) completed its re-accreditation process with the Adaptation Fund

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The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) was re-accredited with the Adaptation Fund as a Direct Access Entity at the thirty-third Board meeting which was held on the 15th of March 2019 in Bonn, Germany. SANBI is delighted to be in good standing with the Adaptation Fund in this regard.

SANBI's re-accreditation confirms its role as one of the Adaptation Fund's eleven African National Implementing Entities (NIEs).



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SANBI was first accredited with the Adaptation Fund in 2011 and has two projects that are currently under implementation namely:

- “Building resilience in the greater uMngeni catchment” project - (US\$ 7,495,055) which aims to increase resilience of vulnerable communities in the uMgungundlovu District of KwaZulu-Natal.
- “Taking adaptation to the ground: A Small Grants Facility” for enabling local level responses to climate change” which is being implemented in the Mopani and Namakwa Districts in the Northern Cape and Limpopo Provinces - (US\$2,442,682). The project provides small grants that enable vulnerable communities to directly implement local adaptation.

These projects continue to unlock opportunities and deliver tangible outcomes that respond directly to the needs of local vulnerable communities.

SANBI's re-accreditation will unlock opportunities to continue engaging through the Adaptation Fund's South- South Cooperation mechanisms for capacity building and institutional strengthening. These include the sharing of local implementation lessons, tools and best practice towards replicating and scaling up successful approaches.

The Adaptation Fund Board has set a country cap of USD 10 million. As South Africa has already reached this cap, SANBI's re-accreditation will not enable SANBI to submit any new proposals to the Adaptation Fund for project funding at this time.

Please email Mpfunzeni Tshindane to join the NIE mailing list to receive future URP and SGF project updates.