

Green Climate Fund approves SANBI's Ecosystems and Disaster Risk Reduction Concept Note

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Following an extensive two-year project identification and development process, the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) recently submitted its first Concept Note proposal to the Green Climate Fund (GCF). A Concept Note proposal is the first step in the GCF's project development process.

The Concept Note proposal is for a USD 50 million project, that requests USD 20 million of GCF support, entitled "*Scaling up ecosystem-based approaches to managing climate-intensified disaster risks in vulnerable regions of South Africa*". This project will be led by the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries in partnership with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

SANBI is proud to announce that the GCF Secretariat has endorsed the Concept Note which has now entered a process of development into a full Funding Proposal. The full proposal development process is anticipated to take approximately 12 to 18 months.

Substantial progress has also been made on the development of a second Concept Note which focuses on agroecosystems. Furthermore, discussions about a project that will focus on a just transition to a low carbon economy and climate resilient society have been initiated with the Mpumalanga Department: Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs together with the National Planning Commission (NPC).

SANBI intends to commence with project development processes for the envisaged GCF Small Grants Facility project in the new year.



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