Session 1: “Adaptation Fund’s Fiduciary Standards: Challenges, Successes and Lessons Learned.”

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Outline of the presentation

1. MINIRENA Accreditation Process
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MINIRENA Accreditation Process

- Starting up the Adaptation Fund - Invitation to nominate National Implementing Entities for accreditation to the Adaptation Fund Board (Letter dated October 6, 2009)
- Reception of a comprehensive Questionnaire :
- Submission of MINIRENA by 12 August 2010

a) SECTION I Background/Contact : Information on MINIRENA
b) SECTION II: Financial Management and Integrity : Planning process, MTEF, Smart Financial Management System (FMIS), National Procurement Procedures, Financial reports.
c) SECTION III: Requisite Institutional Capacity : MINIRENA and Affiliate Agencies Organizational Structures
d) SECTION IV: Transparency, self-investigative powers, and anti-corruption measures : Ombudsman Office, Auditor General, PAC/Parliament, Independent Auditors
3 Significant Challenges

- Complicated application form: It requires time and staff to leave other duties and work on the application form.
- Overdue of the application process: From 12 August 2010 to December 14, 2012 (two years).
- Funding ceiling not matching with the efforts used during the application processes: Due to efficient resources allocation the country gap is estimated to only 10 million USD.
Contribution of the accreditation process towards building the Capacities for MINIRENA

- After the assessment of MINIRENA internal systems and guidance we got from the Adaptation Fund Secretariat we build the capacities of the staff working in Planning, budgeting monitoring and evaluation, Formulate projects, programs and sector wide approaches to access finance, implement and coordinate the Environment and Natural Resources programs and build the capacities of our staff in Monitoring, reporting and verification.

- We strengthened our financial internal management systems, procurement regulations, contract management and enhanced internal and external audits.
Successes and Lessons learned

- Mainstreaming of Climate change adaptation and mitigation though Green Growth Strategy by implementing 14 programs with big and quick wins (Environment interns to support implementation of Vision 2020, EDPRSII, SSPs, DDPs)
- SWGs, TWGs, JADFs
- National Implementing Entity (MINIRENA)
- Preparation, submission, approval and implementation is on going of the Project “Reducing Vulnerability to Climate Change through Community Based Adaptation in North West Rwanda”
- Establishing the National Fund for Environment for mobilizing both domestic and non domestic resources including blending.
Conclusion

- Only the advise is to have a political will of mainstreaming the Environment and Climate change into National Development

- Put in place strong institutional systems in:
  a) Scientific assessment, Projections and scenarios, Costing and resource mobilization, monitoring, reporting and Verification (MRV)
  b) Empowerment Procurement and Finance Management
  c) Empowerment of Internal and External Audits
  d) Strong Political will in Efficient Government Resources use: Ombudsman’s Office and Parliament to monitor the implementation of the Government Programs
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