

INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY

Third session of the Assembly
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**IRENA/ADFD Project Facility
Note of the Director-General****I. Background**

1. This note is submitted in response to decision A/2/DC/10 by which the Assembly requested the Director-General to propose, in consultation with the Advisory Committee and the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD), streamlined funding cycle procedures for projects applying for funding from the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development for the consideration of the Assembly at its third session.

II. Launch of the first funding cycle

2. The first funding cycle was launched pursuant to Assembly decision A/2/DC/10, and in accordance with the provisions of decision PC.4/DC.4 on the selection procedures for projects applying for funding from the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development. The steps taken so far included:
 - a. The election of the Advisory Committee at the second session of the Assembly and the subsequent selection of its Chair (see Annex 1);
 - b. The establishment of the Panel of Experts by the Advisory Committee (see Annex 2);
 - c. Issuance of guidelines for project applications and project review available on the IRENA website at <http://www.irena.org/adfd>. These guidelines include evaluation considerations of both the Advisory Committee and the Panel of Experts in line with IRENA's mission and objectives; and
 - d. The call for project summary applications opened on the IRENA website on 11 November 2012 and is due to close on 12 January 2013.

III. Streamlining of procedures – some preliminary proposals

3. The preparations for the launch of the first cycle were detailed and thorough and have offered an opportunity to examine the policies and processes outlined in the decision of

the Preparatory Commission PC.4/DC.4. These preparations and the steps undertaken so far in implementing the first cycle have enabled the Agency to gain valuable experience that will contribute to improvements and refinements in funding cycle procedures. As the first funding cycle has yet to be fully implemented, it is expected that further refinement takes place once the cycle proceeds to a more advanced stage.

4. At present, input and feedback is being gathered from all interested parties, stakeholders and potential recipients. The outcome of this process will support the efforts of the Advisory Committee and the Secretariat, in consultation with the ADFD, to effectively contribute to further revisions to be proposed to the Assembly.
5. Work at this initial stage has indicated tentative areas that could possibly benefit, amongst others, from modifications and refinements. For example, in the context of procedures, consideration may be given to the timing of funding cycles, the composition and rotation in the membership of the Advisory Committee and Panel of Experts, and additional project review approaches.
6. It is expected that the implementation of the first funding cycle will continue to provide indications of whether the given terms and conditions need further refinement to ensure consistency with IRENA's mission on the one hand, and the commitment of the United Arab Emirates to make funds available through the ADFD to finance renewable energy projects in developing countries on the other.

IV. Process going forward to project selection

7. Within 120 days after the opening of the call for proposals and review and ranking by the Advisory Committee and the ADFD with support from the Panel of Experts, the shortlisted applicants will be notified and the list of shortlisted projects shall be posted on IRENA's website. Consequently within 60 days of being notified by the Secretariat, shortlisted Executive Project Summary applicants are invited to submit their Full Project Proposal. Within 90 days following the deadline for submission of the Full Project Proposals, after receiving the Panel of Experts' recommendations, the Advisory Committee will review the qualified Full Project Proposals and will forward its comments and recommendations to the Secretariat for transmission to the ADFD. The final project selection will be made by the ADFD based on all documentation and using input from both the Panel of Experts and Advisory Committee. ADFD will communicate the results of their selection to the Secretariat to forward to the submitting entities within 90 days.

V. Recommendation

8. The Assembly might wish to request the Director-General to develop, in consultation with the ADFD, the Advisory Committee, as well as other relevant stakeholders, a refined set of procedures and conditions for the IRENA/ADFD project facility for its consideration at its fourth session.

Members of the Advisory Committee and alternates for the first ADFD funding cycle

Members

1. Ecuador
2. France
3. India
4. **Poland - Chair**
5. Republic of Korea
6. Samoa
7. Tunisia

Alternates

1. Bosnia and Herzegovina
2. Germany
3. Japan
4. Spain
5. Swaziland

Members of the Panel of Experts for the first ADFD funding cycle

Members

1. Mike Enskat, Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Germany
2. Tarun Kapoor, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), India
3. Sadao Wasaka, New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO), Japan
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9. Julio Eisman Valdes, Acciona Microenergia Foundation, Spain
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