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GCF Structured Dialogue with the Caribbean

Antigua & Barbuda: Experiences and lessons learnt from early engagement with the GCF

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Readiness Programme



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Antigua & Barbuda's experience implementing two Readiness grants

READINESS GRANT #1

Approved: USD 300,000

Duration: 12 months (Mar 2016 – Apr 2017)

Focus areas:

Strengthening NDA and developing a country programme

NDA: Dept. of Environment/Finance

READINESS GRANT #2

Approved: USD 620,000

Duration: 12 months (Apr 2017 – May 2018)

Focus areas:

Accreditation, Enhanced Direct Access, private sector engagement

NDA: Dept. of Environment/Finance



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Benefits realized through the Readiness Programme

- Internal and inter-ministerial capacity building through updating manuals, providing trainings on GCF, etc.
- Country ownership of the pipeline of projects/programmes
- Readiness is helping to accredit Direct Access entities (Department of Environment in Antigua; the OECS Commission)

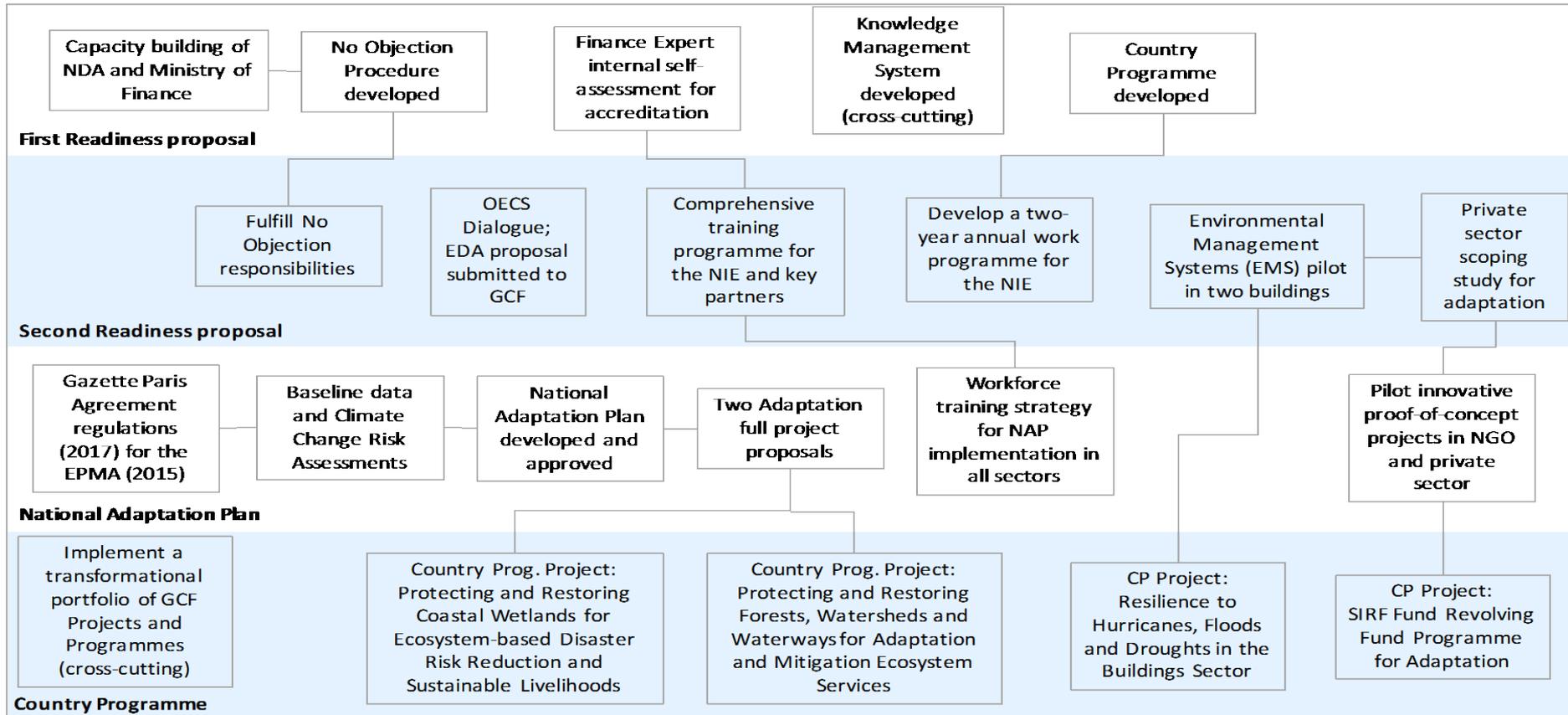
Lessons learned to date

- Readiness process is accessible & streamlined
- Important to have dedicated staff to manage the GCF processes
- We hope to move to to NIE multi-year Readiness programming (so far this is only happening with international Delivery Partners)



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Demonstrating interlinkages across Readiness proposals





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Accreditation



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Benefits realized through the Accreditation process

- Diversity of Accredited Entities to choose from (national, regional, international) – choice is a great thing!
- Strengthening auditing and financial management systems of the Government (Paris transparency framework)

Lessons learned and advice for other entities seeking accreditation

- The GCF accreditation pipeline is long (2-4 years!). Prioritization via: responding to RfPs issued by GCF; direct access/National Implementing Entities
- Fast-track from the Adaptation Fund speeds up accreditation
- It's an iterative process – start early, learn quickly, be engaged



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Project Preparation Facility



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Antigua and Barbuda Community Water Documentary:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuQHWiUCX24&t=433s>

Water Documentary Antigua & Barbuda



Potworks Dam – the
largest reservoir in
Antigua, after a 3-year
drought



Ian Lewis
Production Engineer Water Business Unit - APUA

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Changing the paradigm: At a glance

- Transformative adaptation project for the Water Sector to projected climate change impacts (20-40% less rainfall by 2100)
- At least 60% of the population to benefit
- Potential partnership with UNOPS for PPF technical studies

Project Preparation Facility can help by:

- Feasibility studies (technical, financial) for designing a comprehensive water sector project, *inter alia*: water distribution losses, wastewater recycling, desalination, enlarging reservoirs, water storage
- Sustainable financing negotiations (Water Levy for the SIRF Fund as an exit strategy)
- Environmental and social/gender impact assessment



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