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| **Guidelines for the research proposal on “Adaptation Finance”** |
| **GENERAL INFORMATION** |
| **Project title**:  |
| Countries in which research will take place:  |
| Advisor name:  | Advisor’s email: |
| **Researcher** |
| Last Name: | First name: |
| E-mail address: | (personal and institutional emails) |
| Telephone/Mobile number: | (include country and area codes)  |
| Nationality: | Birthdate: |
| Academic degree (Institution/University): |
| Years of research experience including PhD dissertation: |
| Publications (past 3 years): |
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| 1. State your research question/research objective. Make sure that the research objectives/ questions are researchable and manageable given time available, i.e., there are empirical methods and available data or empirical evidence to answer the questions, or to analyze the behavior. For example, if an objective is to assess the cost-benefit of farmers’ adaptation strategy in response to climate risks, you must be able to identify the “adaptation strategies” and measure the both the cost and the benefits of the strategies. Moreover, limit the scope of work so that the research can be finished within 12 months. Finally, there should be only one major research question, which can be detailed into 2-3 specific sub-questions. (At most 200 words)
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| 1. Conceptual understanding of adaptation finance. How do you define climate finance in general and adaptation finance in particular? Why is your research /research objective relevant in terms of adaptation finance? (e.g., clear definition of adaptation finance, the costs and benefits of adaptation, and how the adaptation strategies will be financed, etc.). (Limit of 350 words.)
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| 1. Place your research questions or objectives in the context of the most relevant literature, and identify 5-6 references that are most relevant to your proposal in the list of references in guideline number 7 below. (Limit of 400 words.)
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| 1. Brief outline of the research methodology and how it will help answer your research question. Please explain briefly why you chose this methodology. Also identify your sources of data. If you plan to do survey and/ or interviews, please describe the planned survey/interviews. Limit the scope of your work to within 12 months. (At most 400 words.)
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| 1. Describe the main contribution of this research to the empirical and/or methodological literature (e.g., what knowledge gap are you filling?). (At most 400 words.)
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| 1. Describe the main contribution of this research to the policy question or business opportunity/ practices or vulnerable people. Who will be your audience? How do you intend your research to have an impact? What parts of your methodology will lead to your work having an impact? What would successful impact look like in your research? (At most 300 words.)
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| 1. Provide a list of references which are relevant to your topic and mark the five most relevant literatures for your research.
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| 1. Timeline of the research plan: must not exceed 12 months.
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| **BUDGET** |
| 1. The project budget cannot exceed USD16,000. Present the research cost estimates that are consistent with your research method and scope of work. See the list of eligible and non-eligible expenses in the application files.
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| 1. Also, please let us know whether you will complement these funds with your own or other sources. You will be asked to submit the detailed budget if you are selected by the International Advisory Committee.
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**Please submit your proposal through the application platform until 31st January 2018.**