Dear Benito:

On behalf of the Adaptation Fund Board, I would like to thank you for organizing the informal dinner discussion regarding the possible operational linkages between the Adaptation Fund and the Green Climate Fund (GCF) held on 8 April 2015 in Bonn.

I am grateful for your overall contributions during the event including your excellent presentation on the role of the Adaptation Fund in the new climate finance regime and its relationship with the GCF, as well as your facilitation of the lively discussion among the Board members and other participants. The discussion provided the Board with an excellent opportunity for brainstorming in a confidential setting before the formal discussion took place during the 25th meeting of the Board on 9-10 April. Even as the eventual Board decision was not quite as far-reaching as the emerging consensus during the dinner discussion might have allowed to anticipate, I am certain that it helped converge members’ views and laid important foundation for future deliberations and decisions by the Board. Your insights and suggestions are very useful as we develop a strategy for the COP21/CMP11 in Paris as well as for our deliberations on the future of the Adaptation Fund.

Thank you again for the generous dinner arrangement that ECBI made for this occasion. I look forward to our continued discussions and collaborations between the Adaptation Fund Board and ECBI.

Sincerely,

Hans Olav Ibrekk
Chair
Adaptation Fund Board