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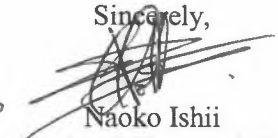
Mr. Jeffrey Griffin
GEF Coordinator
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Dear Ms. Battaglini and Mr. Griffin,

With regards to World Bank's transfer notice dated May 28, 2019 for the transfer of the full-sized project entitled: "***Strengthening the Resilience of Multiple-use Protected Areas to Deliver Multiple Global Environmental Benefits***" – ***GEF ID 5277***, I have reviewed the circumstances that have led to this request for change of implementing agency. With FAO's readiness to take over the implementation of the project and with the concurrence of the country's Political Focal Point, I find your justification acceptable and, therefore, approve the proposed project transfer. I expect continued close coordination among the concerned GEF Agencies and partners to implement this project.

Last Project Status:	Under implementation
GEFSEC ID:	5277
Transferring Agency:	World Bank
Receiving Agency:	FAO
Focal Area:	Multi-Focal Area
Project Type:	Full-Sized Project
Country(ies):	Nicaragua
Name of Project:	Strengthening the Resilience of Multiple-use Protected Areas to Deliver Multiple Global Environmental Benefits
GEF Project Grant:	\$6,192,512
Agency Fee:	\$588,288
Project Preparation Grant:	\$80,000
Undisbursed GEF Project Grant to be transferred to FAO:	\$5,885,515
Undisbursed Agency Fee to be transferred to FAO:	\$121,473
Undisbursed Project Preparation Grant to be transferred to FAO:	\$0
Funding Source:	GEF Trust Fund

Sincerely,

c/o 
Naoko Ishii
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Attachment: World Bank's Transfer Notice, OFP's Request Letter
Copy to: Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, Trustee



**AGENCY NOTIFICATION ON
PROJECT TRANSFER FULL-SIZED PROJECT**

Attachment 1

MAY 28, 2019

PROJECT IDENTIFIER

Name of Project: Strengthening the Resilience of Multiple-use Protected Areas to Deliver Multiple Global Environmental Benefits

Country(ies): Nicaragua

GEF Agency: World Bank

GEF Project ID: 5277

Agency Project ID: P160688

Focal Area: Multi-Focal Area

Trust Fund: GEFTF

PIF Approval Date: 2/21/2013

PPG Approval Date: 1/6/2014

Council Approval Date (for FSP): 4/12/2013

CEO Approval Date (for MSP, EA):

CEO Endorsement Date (for FSP): 2/27/2015

FINANCIAL STATUS

FSP/MSP/EA Transfer Date: 5/28/2019

Grant Amount: \$6,192,512 **Agency Fee:** \$588,288

Undisbursed Grant Amount: \$5,885,515

Undisbursed Agency Fee: \$121,473

PPG Amount: \$80,000

Undisbursed PPG Amount: \$0

Explanation for transferring project¹: The Government of Nicaragua has expressed its desire to transfer the implementing agency role for the abovementioned project from the World Bank to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). This request is supported by the enclosed letter dated May 8, 2019. To allow the Government of Nicaragua to continue to benefit from its STAR allocation, the World Bank is fully prepared to collaborate with the Government of Nicaragua and the FAO to ensure a smooth transfer of the project.

AGENCY CERTIFICATION

The transferring World Bank would like to inform the GEF Secretariat the transfer of the abovementioned project to FAO after consultation with the beneficiary country/countries,

¹ Attach concurrence letters from operational focal point(s).

particularly with the relevant government agencies involved in project preparation/implementation and other partners, including co-financiers.



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Despacho de la Ministra
Managua, 08 mayo 2019
Ref.: DM-FSCL/0101.05.19

Sra. Seynabou Sakho
Director de País
Banco Mundial
Su Despacho

Referencia: Solicitud de Cambio de Agencia Implementadora del Proyecto Fortalecimiento de la Resiliencia de Áreas Protegidas de Usos Múltiples para la Generación de Beneficios Ambientales Globales Múltiples, ciclos de financiamiento 5 y 6.

Estimada Sra. Sakho:

Me permito dirigirme a Usted para solicitarle en nombre del Ministerio del Ambiente y los Recursos Naturales (MARENA), la transferencia de Agencia Implementadora del Proyecto de Paisajes Resilientes del ciclo de financiamiento 5 y 6, del Banco Mundial al Organismo de las Naciones Unidas para la Alimentación y Agricultura (FAO, por sus siglas en inglés), para fortalecer las iniciativas ambientales en marcha que desarrollamos con este organismo de cooperación.

En relación al GEF6, solicitamos a Ud., la reestructuración de la donación de preparación del Proyecto de Gestión de Paisajes Resilientes de Nicaragua (TF0A5824) con una antelación de la fecha de cierre, fecha que será decidida conjuntamente con los equipos técnicos designado por el Banco Mundial y el Ministerio del Ambiente y los Recursos Naturales (MARENA).

En cuanto al ciclo de financiamiento GEF7, le manifestamos que el Ministerio del Ambiente y los Recursos Naturales (MARENA), realizará las gestiones necesarias ante el Fondo del Medio Ambiente Mundial, para la designación de Agencia Implementadora.

Sin más a que hacer referencia, aprovecho la ocasión para expresar las muestras de mi consideración y estima.

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Atentamente,

Sumaya Castillo Lara
Ministra
MARENA

Cc:

Sra. Kinnon Scott - Representante Residente Banco Mundial
Cro. Iván Acosta - Ministro de Hacienda y Crédito Público
Cra. Arlette Marengo - Vice Ministra y Secretaria de Cooperación MINREX
Cro. Javier Gutiérrez - Vice Ministro MARENA
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