



---

## Minamata Convention: Initial assessment for Rwanda

GEF Secretariat Review for Enabling Activity – GEF - 7

### Basic Information

**GEF ID**

10132

**Countries**

Rwanda

**Project Title**

Minamata Convention: Initial assessment for Rwanda

**GEF Agency(ies)**

UNIDO

**Agency ID**

UNIDO: 180267

**GEF Focal Area(s)**

Chemicals and Waste

**Program Manager**

Esteban Bermudez Forn

## Expedited Enabling Activity req (CEO)

## Part 1: Project Information

### Focal area elements

**Is the enabling activity aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF 7 Programming Directions?**

#### Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

AT, 12/21/18: Yes.

#### Agency Response

### Project description summary

**Is the project structure/design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs as in Table B and described in the project document?**

#### Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

AT, 12/21/18:

Project Outcome 1.1.: Rwanda is already a Party to the Convention. Please delete "ratify" from this project outcome and fix appropriately.

AT, 03/26/19: Comment cleared.

**Agency Response** The term "ratify" was removed from the updated project document and outcome.

## Co-financing

**Are the confirmed expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented, with supporting evidence and a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified [and meets the definition of investment mobilized, and a description of any major changes from PIF, consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?]**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

AT, 12/21/18: Yes.

**Agency Response**

## GEF Resource Availability

**Is the proposed GEF financing in Table D (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines?**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

AT, 12/21/18: Yes.

**Agency Response**

**Are they within the resources available from:  
The STAR allocation?**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

N/A

**Agency Response**

**The focal area allocation?**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

AT, 12/21/18: Yes. This project can be funded by resources allocated to enabling activities Minamata in CW focal area.

**Agency Response**

**The LDCF under the principle of equitable access**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

**Agency Response**

**The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

**Agency Response**

**Focal area set-aside?**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

**Agency Response**

**Is the financing presented adequate and demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives?**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

AT, 12/21/18: Yes.

**Agency Response**

**Part 2: Enabling Activity Justification**

**Background and Context.**

**Are the achievements of previously implemented enabling activities cited since the country(ies) became a party to the Convention?**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

AT, 12/21/18: Mostly, but not sufficient.

Rwanda became a Party to the Convention June 2017. EA have been developed in Rwanda with GEF's resources in order to assist the country in the implementation of the Stockholm Convention. This MIA projects will complement the country efforts to reduce significantly the exposure of harmful chemicals and wastes.

A preliminary national survey was conducted to map out different institutions and priority area suspected to have mercury and mercury compounds. Please describe the result of the preliminary survey in detail.

AT, 03/26/19: Comment cleared.

**Agency Response**

Detail on the national survey on mercury and mercury compounds is available for consideration by the Secretariat of the GEF in the annex D attached to the submitted project.

**Goals, Objectives, and Activities. Is the project framework sufficiently described?****Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

AT, 12/21/18: Yes.

This project will strengthen Rwanda's national capacity to fulfill obligations under the Minamata Convention and promote effective implementation of its provisions.

**Agency Response**

**Stakeholders.**

**Does the project include detailed report on stakeholders engaged during the design phase? Is there an adequate stakeholder engagement plan or equivalent documentation for the implementation phase, with information on Stakeholders who will be engaged, the means of engagement, and dissemination of information?**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

AT, 12/21/18: Yes.

**Agency Response****Gender equality and women's empowerment.**

**Has the gender analysis been completed? Did the gender analysis identify any gender differences, gaps or opportunities linked to project/program objectives and activities? If so, does the project/program include gender-responsive activities, gender-sensitive indicators and expected results?**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

AT, 12/21/18: Not yet. Please provide the detailed gender analysis. For example, what is context, barrier and solutions on gender issues in Rwanda?

AT, 03/26/19: Comment cleared.

**Agency Response**

Detail on gender equality and gender mainstreaming in the MIA is available for consideration by the Secretariat of the GEF in the updated project document. Further detail on gender equality context and barriers in Rwanda is available in the annex E attached to the submitted project. A new indicator for output 1.1.2, "At least one gender-related association/ministry consulted", was set.

**Monitoring and Evaluation.**

### **Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?**

#### **Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

AT, 12/21/18: Yes.

#### **Agency Response**

### **Cost Effectiveness.**

### **Is the project cost effective?**

#### **Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

AT, 12/21/18: Yes.

#### **Agency Response**

### **Cost Ranges**

### **If there was a deviation in the cost range, was this explained?**

#### **Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

N/A



## Agency Response

### Part III. Endorsement/Approval by OFP

#### Country endorsement

**Has the project been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point and has the name and position been checked against the GEF database?**

#### Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

AT, 12/21/18: Yes. The project is endorsed by Eng. Coletha U. RUHAMYA, Director General, REMA, OFP of Rwanda.

## Agency Response

### Response to Comments

**Are all the comments adequately responded to? (only as applicable)**

#### GEF Secretariat Comment

AT, 03/27/19: Yes. All comments cleared.

## Agency Response

Further detail on the national survey on mercury and mercury compounds, gender equality and gender mainstreaming in the MIA is available for consideration by the Secretariat of the GEF in the updated project document and new annexes D and E.

Information on "Type of Reports", "Submission Date", "Expected Implementation Start", "Expected Completion Date", "Expected Report Submission to Convention" is completed.

### **Other Agencies comments?**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

**Agency Response**

### **Council comments**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

**Agency Response**

### **STAP Comments**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

**Agency Response**

**Convention Secretariat comments**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

**Agency Response**

**CSOs comments**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

**Agency Response**

**GEFSEC DECISION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Is CEO Endorsement/approval recommended?**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

AT, 12/21/18: Not at this time. Please address all comments stated above.

AT, 03/26/19: The comments stated above are cleared. However, in Part I Project Information (in the Portal), it is found that information on "Type of Reports", "Submission Date", "Expected Implementation Start", "Expected Completion Date", "Expected Report Submission to Convention" is blank. Please fill in the information.

Type of Reports	Submission Date	Expected Implementation Start	Expected Completion Date	Expected Report Submission to Convention
-----------------	-----------------	-------------------------------	--------------------------	--

AT, 03/27/19: All comments cleared. the program manager recommends for CEO approval.

**Cover Memo****Context**

The objective of the Enabling Activity project is to strengthen Rwanda's national capacity to fulfil obligations under the Minamata Convention and promote effective implementation of its provision.

There are several barriers to implement the Minamata Convention in Rwanda as follows;

- (a) Institutional barriers: lack of institutional capacity to implement the Convention;
- (b) Policy barriers: gaps in political and legislative frameworks to support Convention provisions;
- (c) Capacity barriers: Lack of data on sources of emissions and releases;
- (d) Awareness barriers: low awareness of health risks associated with mercury among the public and government officials, with limited occupational safety mechanisms in place to reduce community exposure to mercury;
- (e) Technology barriers: lack of knowledge on non-mercury technologies.

Rwanda is a Party to the Minamata Convention. It will require assistance to formulate and apply sector wide programs through cost effective approaches within the context of development efforts.

**Project**

This project sets out activities necessary to prepare an Minamata Initial Assessment to support efficient implementation of the Minamata Convention within the national context. The project will assist Rwanda to plan the post-ratification activities while mainstreaming sound mercury management into legal and institutional structures that are fully in line with national priorities. It will also help the country to collect information on mercury use, emissions and releases that will serve as input to the design of future interventions required by treaty.

This project is comprised of the following Project Outcomes and Outputs;

1. National capacity improved to prepare for implementation of the Minamata Convention;

- (1) Project coordination mechanism established and institutional gaps identified;
  - (2) Review of existing mercury related regulations and identification of needed policy reforms to prepare for implementation of the Convention completed;
  - (3) National mercury profile established based on the initial inventory and key sectors identified for intervention and investment to reduce and where possible, eliminate, mercury use, release, and emissions;
  - (4) Dissemination of information among relevant stakeholder groups (academia, public and private sectors, and civil society conducted)
2. Project achieves objectives on time through effective monitoring and evaluation;
- (1) Periodic monitoring and terminal evaluation if project implementation completed.

This project will be funded \$200,000 from the GEF TF leveraging co-financing of \$18,400 (UNIDO (Grants): \$9,200, UNIDO (In-Kind): \$9,200).

## Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	12/21/2018	3/18/2019
Additional Review (as necessary)	3/27/2019	3/27/2019
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		

## CEO Recommendation

### Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations

