



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

**Attachment 1**

**03 December, 2020**

**PROJECT IDENTIFIER**

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**Name of Project:** Regional Capacity building of COMESA Member States in Eastern and Southern Africa for Enhanced Transparency in Climate Change Monitoring, Reporting and Verification as defined in the Paris Agreement

**Country(ies):** The Comoros, Eritrea, Seychelles, Zambia

**GEF Agency:** Conservation International

**GEF Project ID:** 10093

**Agency Project ID:**

**Focal Area:** Climate Change

**Trust Fund:** GEFTF

**PIF Approval Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**PPG Approval Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Council Approval Date (for FSP):** June 2019

**CEO Approval Date (for MSP, EA):** N/A

**CEO Endorsement Date (for FSP):** June 2021

**FINANCIAL STATUS**

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**FSP amendment Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

**Grant Amount:** US\$ 5,250,000 (Council Approved)

**Agency Fee:** US\$ 472,500

**PPG:** US\$ 142,855

**Undisbursed Grant Amount:** Original Undisbursed Grant \$5,250,000; Revised Undisbursed Grant US\$ 4,200,000

**Undisbursed Agency Fee:** Original Undisbursed US\$ 378,000; Revised Undisbursed \$283,500

**Undisbursed PPG:** N/A

**Explanation for amending project<sup>1</sup>:**

In the approved PIF, the Regional Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) Project comprised five (5) Countries namely: Botswana, Comoros, Eritrea, Seychelles, and Zambia. However, during the Project Preparation Grant (PPG) Phase, Botswana pulled out citing that they would like to pursue a stand-alone CBIT Project. The project currently has four (4) Countries namely: Comoros, Eritrea, Seychelles, and Zambia.

The 4 remaining countries are supportive of this regional CBIT project and have actively participated in preparation of the CEO Endorsement Package.

The Council approved Project amount was US\$ 5,722,500 (inclusive of Agency Fee). Botswana's allocation for the implementation phase was US\$ 1,144,500 (inclusive of Agency Fee). Given Botswana's

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request to be removed from the project, CI is requesting a revision to the overall cost of this regional project to **US\$ 4,578,000** (US\$ 4,200,000 (GEF Project Financing) and US\$ 378,000 (Agency Fees)).

#### **AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

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The **Conservation International GEF Agency** would like to inform the GEF Secretariat that it is proposing an **amendment** the above-mentioned project after consultation with Botswana, one of the beneficiary countries, particularly with the relevant government agencies involved in project preparation/implementation, and other partners including co-financiers.



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## 1. PIF & PPG Approval Letter



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**Naoko Ishii**  
CEO and Chairperson

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Mr. Miguel Morales  
Vice President/Managing Director  
Conservation International  
2011 Crystal Drive, Suite 500  
Arlington VA, 22202  
USA

Dear Mr. Morales:

I am pleased to inform you that I have cleared the project concept detailed below for inclusion in the upcoming work program. I have also approved your request for Project Preparation Grant.

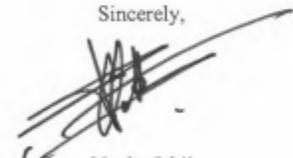
Decision Sought:	Project Identification Form (PIF) Clearance for Work Program Inclusion and Project Preparation Grant Approval
GEFSEC ID:	10093
Agency(ies):	CI
Focal Area:	Climate Change
Project Type:	Full-sized Project
Country(ies):	Regional (Seychelles, Botswana, Comoros, Eritrea, Zambia)
Name of Project:	Regional Capacity Building of COMESA Member States in Eastern and Southern Africa for Enhanced Transparency in Climate Change Monitoring, Reporting and Verification as Defined in the Paris Agreement
Indicative GEF Project Financing:	\$5,250,000
Indicative Agency Fee:	\$472,500
PPG Grant:	\$142,855
PPG Agency Fee:	\$12,855
Funding Source:	GEF Trust Fund

Indicative Agency Fee Commitment:					
Agency	Trust Fund	20% to be committed at Council approval (US\$)	50% to be committed at first disbursement (US\$)	30% to be committed at mid-term review (US\$)	Total (US\$)
CI	GEFTF	94,500	236,250	141,750	472,500

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This PIF clearance and PPG approval are based on the understanding that the project is in conformity with GEF Trust Fund focal area strategies and with GEF policies and procedures. Please ensure that your final project document, having fully addressed all Secretariat, STAP and Council comments, will be endorsed within 18 months of Council approval of the work program.

Sincerely,



Naoko Ishii  
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Copy to: Country Operational Focal Point(s), GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee

## 2. Botswana's withdrawal letter



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*All Correspondence to be addressed to the Director*

**DEA 1/12/71 (148)**

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

The Secretary  
COMESA Secretariat  
P O BOX 3005  
Ben Bella Road, Lusaka  
**ZAMBIA**

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PROJECT – ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
REGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING HUB TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY  
OF MEMBER STATES IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA TO  
IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT'S ENHANCED TRANSPARENCY  
FRAMEWORK**

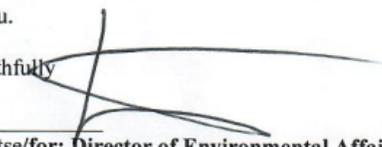
In my capacity as the GEF Operational Focal Point for Botswana, I wish to inform you that Botswana is withdrawing from the above project for the following reasons:

- (i) The executing Agency being the Department of Meteorological Services believes the multi country PIF is not addressing the capacity needs for Botswana.
- (ii) The CBIT Multi-Country PIF proposes regional structures that are incompatible with other initiatives of SADC of which Botswana is a member state.

In this regard, I request that you withdraw Botswana from the 20190404 CBIT Multi – Country project.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

  
B. Othusitse/for: **Director of Environmental Affairs**

Cc: Ag. Permanent Secretary – Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources  
Conservation and Tourism  
Ag. Director, Meteorological Services

### 3. Botswana's Signed Letter of Endorsement



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**Ref: DEA 1/12/7 I (40)**

**6<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**

To: The Secretary General  
COMESA Secretariat  
P O Box 3005  
Ben Bella Road, Lusaka  
Zambia

**RE: ENDORSEMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING HUB TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY OF MEMBER STATES IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA TO IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT'S ENHANCED TRANSPARENCY FRAMEWORK**

1. In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Botswana, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with my government's national priorities and our commitment to the relevant global environmental conventions; and (b) was discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points.
2. I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of the GEF Agency(ies) listed below. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Department of Environmental Affairs. I request the GEF Agency(ies) to provide a copy of the project document before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.
3. The total financing (from GEFTF, LDCF, or SCCF) being requested for this project is US\$1,175,642 inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and Agency fees for project cycle management services associated with the total GEF grant. The financing requested for Botswana is detailed in the table below.

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Source of Funds	GEF Agency	Focal Area	Amount (in US\$)			
			Project Preparation	Project	Fee	Total
GEF TF	CI	Climate Change	28,571	1,050,000	97,071	1,175,642
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<b>Total GEF Resources</b>			28,571	1,050,000	97,071	1,175,642

Sincerely,



Khulekani Mpofu  
Chief Natural Resources Officer (CNRO)  
GEF Operational Focal Point

CC: Director, Department of Meteorological Services  
UNFCC Focal Point

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