



First and Second Biennial Transparency Reports (1BTR+ 2BTR) of Uruguay to the UNFCCC, according to the Paris Agreement's Enhanced Transparency Framework ?????

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11320

Countries

Uruguay

Project Name

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Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

8/2/2023

Review completed by PM

8/11/2023

Program Manager

Toshiyuki Yamasaki

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

EA

Expedited Enabling Activity req (CEO)

Section I - Enabling Activity Summary

Funding elements.

Is the enabling activity aligned with the relevant GEF funding elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF-8 Programming Directions? Is the General Enabling Activity Information table correctly populated?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

Yes. This project is aligned with the GEF-8 climate change focal area strategy.

Agency's Comments

Cost Ranges.

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

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 10/16/2023:

Cleared. We take note of your justification not to combine the NC7 with your BTR1 or BTR2 and agree with your suggestion to combine it with a subsequent BTR, e.g., BTR3, and still meet the 4-year submission period for NCs.

Toshi 8/17/2023:

No.

As noted in the project proposal, Uruguay is preparing its Sixth National Communication (NC6) (GEF ID 10513) and expects to submit it by December 2023.

Following information note GEF/C.62/Inf.15 - <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-c-62-inf-15>, countries with an ongoing enabling activity project can access additional financing (top-up) up to \$250,000.

This option is only intended to be used for the first BTR, and it is available for countries that, as of January 1, 2023, have an ongoing BUR or NC.

Please change the support modality for the first BTR from stand-alone BTR (Modality 1) to the top-up modality (Modality 3) and adjust the cost accordingly (up to \$250,000).

The country can also combine its second BTR with its subsequent National Communication (NC7). Please consult with the country and make the corresponding changes if needed.

Agency's Comments

10/10/2023:

Uruguay is requesting Modality 1, which includes funds for BTR1 and BTR2 as stand-alone reports that will be presented to the UNFCCC in 2024 and 2026, respectively.

Any other alternative for requesting funds would imply presenting the NC7 together with the BTR2 in 2026. Considering that the NC6 will be presented in 2023, the Government of Uruguay has defined that being a Non-Annex I country, the Country will not present the NC7 in a period of less than 4 years.

Furthermore, if Modality 3 is requested, the amount of \$250,000 would not be sufficient to prepare the BTR1 given that the BUR4 project (presented in 2021) and NC6 did not contemplate the necessary costs for the 2022 inventory (t-2 as required by ETF MPG), the monitoring component of the NDC and information about the support needed and received.

Funds will later be requested to prepare the BTR3/NC7 and BTR4 to be presented to the UNFCCC in 2028 and 2030, respectively.

In view of the above justifications, no changes are necessitated and the proposal is kindly presented for GEF Secretariat's clearance.

Enabling activity summary.

Is the enabling activity summary clear? Are the components in Table B and as described in the enabling activity request sound, appropriate, and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objectives?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 10/16/2023:

Cleared.

Toshi 8/17/2023:

Please address the following comments:

Abbreviation

Regarding abbreviation words, to avoid confusion, please explain them when they appeared for the first time, i.e., GPG, and check through again.

Stakeholders? involvement

Private sector actors haven't been identified in the list of key stakeholders. Please clarify and elaborate further on the engagement expected with private sector actors under this proposal.

Gender

Please include in output 6.1.3, reporting on gender dimensions/lessons learned on gender mainstreaming.

Agency's Comments

10/10/2023:

Abbreviations are explained when appearing for the first time in the text.

Stakeholders? involvement: The expected engagement with the private sector is further elaborated in the proposal.

Gender: The suggested text has been included in Output 6.1.3.

Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

Eligibility Criteria.

Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

Yes.

Agency's Comments

Institutional framework.

Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

Yes, institutional arrangements, including the narrative description of the project activities are well elaborated.

Agency's Comments

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

Yes. The M&E budget for the project is \$5,000.

Agency's Comments

Section 3. Information Tables

GEF resource availability.

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

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Toshi 8/17/2023:

Yes.

Agency Response

Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):

STAR allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

Yes. This is in line with Information Note

GEF/C.62/Inf.15 - <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-c-62-inf-15>

Agency's Comments

Rio Markers.

Are the Rio Markers for CCM ,CCA, BD and LD presented?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

Yes.

Agency's Comments

Country endorsement.

Has the project been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point at the time of the EA submission and has the name and position been checked against the GEF database? Are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in Portal

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 10/16/2023:

Cleared.

Toshi 8/17/2023:

Yes. The project has been endorsed by the country's GEF OFP and the endorsed amounts are consistent with the amounts in the Portal.

However, it should be modified as a result of addressing to comment in the Cost Ranges section.

Agency's Comments

10/10/2023:

Not applicable considering the justification provided to the first comment in relation to the Cost Ranges section.

Response to Comments

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

Gef Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

26/10/2023

Thank you for GEFSEC comment. The Expected Implementation Start Date has been updated accordingly in the EA request form and the Agency Project Document.

Other Agencies comments

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Council comments

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

STAP comments

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

CSOs comments

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Project Budget Table.

Is the project budget table attached? Are the activities / expenditures reasonably and accurately charged to the three identified sources (Components, M&E and PMC)?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 10/16/2023:

Cleared.

Toshi8/17/2023:

1) On ANNEX B: PROJECT BUDGET TABLE

The activity ?provision of unexpected costs associated to project management and insurance for consultants? is ineligible to be paid with GEF funds as we can?t cover unspecified expenditures and this project (an enabling activity) does not imply any type of risks for the consultants that deserve to be insured. Please remove it and re-distribute the funds in other activities (i.e. travel expenses to domestic travel related with project management, currently covered by component 4).

	semination materials														
Other Operating Costs	Costs related to the design and publication of dissemination material.									6,200	6,200			6,200	MA
Other Operating Costs	Costs related to the design and publication of the BTR, translations and/or dissemination material								6,200		6,200			6,200	MA
Other Operating Costs	Provision of unexpected costs associated to project management and insurance for consultants												21,800	21,800	MA
Grand Total		391,900	88,700	109,000	100,000	230,600	68,400	19,000	43,200	35,200	1,086,000	5,000	109,000	1,200,000	

2) Also, please address the comment in the cost ranges section.

Agency's Comments

10/10/2023:

- 1) The activity is removed and the funds are redistributed in other activities under the project management.
- 2) The justification is for the first comment above in the Cost Ranges section.

Environmental and Social Safeguards.

**If there are screening documents or other ESS documents available, have these been attached?
(only as applicable)**

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 8/17/2023:

Yes. ESS documents have been attached. The overall project risk is categorized as low risk.

Agency's Comments

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION.

Is CEO endorsement/ approval recommended?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 10/16/2023:

This Enabling Activity needs to be circulated 4-weeks prior to CEO Approval, please revise the Expected Implementation Start Date (currently 10/1/2023) to a later date to account for the 4-week Council review period.

Toshi 8/17/2023:

Please address the comments above.

REVIEW DATE(S)

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	8/17/2023	10/10/2023
Additional Review (as necessary)	10/16/2023	10/26/2023

**Secretariat Comment at
CEO Endorsement**

**Response to
Secretariat comments**

Additional Review (as necessary)	10/26/2023
Additional Review (as necessary)	
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