

Global programme on climate-resilient renewable and efficient systems in small island developing States ? national project in Cuba

Review PIF and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

12369

Countries

Cuba

Project Name

Global programme on climate-resilient renewable and efficient systems in small island developing States ? national project in Cuba

Agencies

UNIDO

Date received by PM

6/8/2026

Review completed by PM

Program Manager

Jason Spensley

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

MSP

GEF-8 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION FORM (PIF) REVIEW SHEET

1. General Project Information / Eligibility

a) Does the project meet the criteria for eligibility for GEF funding?

b) Is the General Project Information table correctly populated?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments Thank you.

2. Project Summary

Does the project summary concisely describe the problem to be addressed, the project objective and the strategies to deliver the GEBs or adaptation benefits and other key expected results?

Secretariat's Comments

June 12, 2026:

Cleared

June 9, 2026:

When referring to "adaptation", "adaptive capacity", and "resilience", please always consistently indicate throughout all sections of the document that the terms are referring to "climate resilience", "climate adaptation", and "adaptive capacity to climate impacts", to avoid any potential for confusion as to the focus.

Agency's Comments

Thank you and PIF has been updated accordingly.

3 Indicative Project Overview

3.1 a) Is the project objective presented as a concise statement and clear?

b) Are the components, outcomes and outputs sound, appropriate and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objective and the core indicators per the stated Theory of Change?

Secretariat's Comments

June 12, 2026

Cleared

June 9, 2026:

Please ensure a visual of the Theory of Change is provided.

Please note the comments below on elements that will need to be addressed during project preparation.

Agency's Comments

Thank you and a visual of the Theory of Change has been attached.

Thank you and well noted the various elements to be addressed during the project preparation.

3.2 Are gender dimensions, knowledge management, and monitoring and evaluation included within the project components and appropriately funded?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

3.3 a) Are the components adequately funded?

b) Are the GEF Project Financing and Co-Financing contributions to PMC proportional?

c) Is the PMC equal to or below 5% of the total GEF grant for FSPs or 10% for MSPs? If the requested PMC is above the caps, has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

4 Project Outline

A. Project Rationale

4.1 SITUATION ANALYSIS

a) is the current situation (including global environmental problems, key contextual drivers of environmental degradation, climate vulnerability) clearly and adequately described from a systems perspective?

b) Are the key barriers and enablers identified?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Please note the elements below that will need to be strengthened during project preparation.

Agency's Comments

4.2 JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT

a) Is there an indication of why the project approach has been selected over other potential options?

b) Does it ensure resilience to future changes in the drivers?

c) Is there a description of how the GEF alternative will build on ongoing/previous investments (GEF and non-GEF), lessons and experiences in the country/region?

d) are the relevant stakeholders and their roles adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Please note the elements below that will need to be strengthened during project preparation.

Agency's Comments

5 B. Project Description

5.1 THEORY OF CHANGE

a) Is there a concise theory of change that describes the project logic, including how the project design elements will contribute to the objective, the expected causal pathways, and the key assumptions underlying these?

b) Are the key outputs of each component defined (where possible)?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Please ensure there is a detailed visual explaining the Theory of Change.

Agency's Comments

[Thank you and a visual of the Theory of Change has been attached.](#)

5.2 INCREMENTAL/ADDITIONAL COST REASONING

Is the incremental/additional cost reasoning properly described as per the Guidelines provided in GEF/C.31/12?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

5.3 IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

a) Is the institutional setting, including potential executing partners, outlined and a rationale provided?

b) Comments to proposed agency execution support (if agency expects to request exception).

c) is there a description of potential coordination and cooperation with ongoing GEF-financed projects/programs and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project area

d) are the proposed elements to capture and disseminate knowledge and learning outputs and strategic communication adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

5.4 a) Are the identified core indicators calculated using the methodology included in the corresponding Guidelines (GEF/C.54/11/Rev.01)?

b) Are the project's indicative targeted contributions to GEBs (measured through core indicators)/adaptation benefits reasonable and achievable?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

5.5 NGI Only: Is there a justification of financial structure and use of financial instrument with concessionality levels?

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments

5.6 RISKS

a) Is there a well-articulated assessment of risk and identification of mitigation measures under each relevant risk category?

b) Is the rating provided reflecting the residual risk to the likely achievement of intended outcomes after accounting for the expected implementation of mitigation measures?

c) Are environmental and social risks, impacts and management measures adequately screened and rated at this stage and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

5.7 Qualitative assessment

a) Does the project intend to be well integrated, durable, and transformative?

b) Is there potential for innovation and scaling-up?

c) Will the project contribute to an improved alignment of national policies (policy coherence)?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

6 C. Alignment with GEF-8 Programming Strategies and Country/Regional Priorities

6.1 Is the project adequately aligned with focal area and integrated program strategies and objectives, and/or adaptation priorities?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

6.2 Is the project alignment/coherent with country and regional priorities, policies, strategies and plans (including those related to the MEAs and to relevant sectors)

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

6.3 For projects aiming to generate biodiversity benefits (regardless of what the source of the resources is - i.e. BD, CC or LD), does the project clearly identify which of the 23 targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework the project contributes to and how it contributes to the identified target(s)?

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments

7 D. Policy Requirements

7.1 Is the Policy Requirements section completed?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

7.2 Is a list of stakeholders consulted during PIF development, including dates of these consultations, provided?

Secretariat's Comments

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Cleared

June 9, 2026:

A brief summary and list of names and dates of consultations is required. Please also upload any relevant stakeholder engagement documents or assessments.

Agency's Comments

A brief summary of consultations held with Uni?n El?ctrica de Cuba (UNE) and its provincial subsidiaries, Ministry of Energy and Mines of Cuba (MINEM) and Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment of Cuba (CITMA) has been added in Section D of the PIF.

An Annex with the list of people consulted and key issues discussed has been prepared and attached.

8 Annexes

Annex A: Financing Tables

8.1 Is the proposed GEF financing (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines? Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):

STAR allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

N/A

Agency's Comments

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments
SCCF A (SIDS)?

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments
SCCF B (Tech Transfer, Innovation, Private Sector)?

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments
Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments
8.2 Is the PPG requested within the allowable cap (per size of project)? If requested, has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated?

Secretariat's Comments
June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments
8.3 Are the indicative expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented and consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?

Secretariat's Comments
June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments
Annex B: Endorsements

8.4 Has the project been endorsed by the country's(ies) GEF OFP and has the OFP at the time of PIF submission name and position been checked against the GEF database?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

Are the OFP endorsement letters uploaded to the GEF Portal (compiled as a single document, if applicable)?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

Do the letters follow the correct format and are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in the Portal?

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

8.5 For NGI projects (which may not require LoEs), has the Agency informed the OFP(s) of the project to be submitted?

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments

Annex C: Project Location

8.6 Is there preliminary georeferenced information and a map of the project's intended location?

Secretariat's Comments

June 12, 2026

Cleared

June 9, 2026:

Please provide a map of the project's intended location.

Agency's Comments

Thank you and initial georeferenced information and maps for project locations have been added.

Annex D: Safeguards Screen and Rating

8.7 If there are safeguard screening documents or other ESS documents prepared, have these been uploaded to the GEF Portal?

Secretariat's Comments
June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

Annex E: Rio Markers

8.8 Are the Rio Markers for CCM, CCA, BD and LD correctly selected, if applicable?

Secretariat's Comments
June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

Annex F: Taxonomy Worksheet

8.9 Is the project properly tagged with the appropriate keywords?

Secretariat's Comments
June 9, 2026:

Yes

Agency's Comments

Annex G: NGI Relevant Annexes

8.10 Does the project provide sufficient detail (indicative term sheet) to take a decision on the following selection criteria: co-financing ratios, financial terms and conditions, and financial additionality? If not, please provide comments. Does the project provide a detailed reflow table to

assess the project capacity of generating reflows? If not, please provide comments. Is the Partner Agency eligible to administer concessional finance? If not, please provide comments.

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments

9 GEFSEC Decision

9.1 Is the PIF and PPG (if requested) recommended for technical clearance?

Secretariat's Comments

June 12, 2026

Yes, the PIF is recommended for technical clearance.

June 9, 2026:

Not yet. Comments need to be addressed.

Agency's Comments

9.2 Additional Comments to be considered by the Agency at the time of CEO Endorsement/ Approval

Secretariat's Comments

June 9, 2026:

During project preparation, and before the time of CEO Approval, please:

1) Significantly deepen articulation of the specific current and anticipated impacts of climate hazards (including and especially hurricanes) on energy production, storage, and transmission, drawing from optimistic and pessimistic climate scenarios.

2) Significantly deepen analysis of the extent to which the technology solutions that will be deployed, particularly as part of component 3, will directly reduce the current and anticipated climate hazards on energy production, storage, and transmission.

Agency's Comments

Thank you and during project preparation we will deepen the analysis and articulation of the specific climate change impacts to address and corresponding measures and solutions.

We have added some text in section A Project Rationale based on initial information provided by Union Electrica de Cuba, the national power utility.

Review Dates

	PIF Review	Agency Response
First Review	6/9/2026	

	PIF Review	Agency Response
Additional Review (as necessary)	6/12/2026	
Additional Review (as necessary)		
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Additional Review (as necessary)		