



# Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support (AFRICA 4)

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

10945

**Countries**

Regional (Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Congo DR, Gabon, Guinea)

**Project Name**

Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support (AFRICA 4)

**Agencies**

UNEP

**Date received by PM**

3/29/2022

**Review completed by PM**

3/30/2022

**Program Manager**

Mark Zimsky

**Focal Area**

Biodiversity

**Project Type**

EA

## **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

March 30, 2022

Yes. The EA responds to the evolution of the GBF development process and facilitates preparation of NBSAP revision and alignment as well as enabling actions related to monitoring, policy coherence and biodiversity finance, all necessary elements for the implementation of the GBF. Cleared.

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

March 30, 2022

Yes. Extensive upstream discussion has been undertaken to ensure project framework design is appropriate for the outcomes and outputs desired. Cleared.

Agency Response

**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

March 30, 2022

No cofinancing is required for EAs. Please report any cofinance that does materialize and that is easy to track during project implementation. Cleared.

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

March 30, 2022

Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 30, 2022

NA

Agency Response

**The focal area allocation?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 30, 2022

Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 30, 2022

NA

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 30, 2022

NA

Agency Response

**Focal area set-aside?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 30, 2022

Yes, these resources were set aside for EA support at the start of GEF-7. Cleared.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 30, 2022

Yes. Extensive upstream discussions were held on cost parameters. Cleared.

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

March 30, 2022

Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

**Goals, Objectives, and Activities.**

**Is the project framework sufficiently described?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 30, 2022

Yes. Cleared.

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

March 30, 2022

Yes. Cleared.

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

March 30, 2022

Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

**Monitoring and Evaluation.**

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 30, 2022

This MSP does not require a PIR. In lieu of the annual PIR reporting, the project will provide project status data during the annual reporting period in the GEF Portal. UNEP will implement one TE that will cover the 10 MSPs providing EA support for the recipient countries.

The TE will be budgeted for out of a global MSP technical support grant that will be provided to UNEP to facilitate technical support for the implementation of the 10 MSPs across all recipient countries. Cleared.

Agency Response

**Cost Effectiveness.**

**Is the project cost effective?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 30, 2022

Yes. It is very cost effective. Cleared.

Agency Response

**Cost Ranges**

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 30, 2022

NA

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

March 30, 2022

Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

**Response to Comments**

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

GEF Secretariat Comment

March 30, 2022

NA

Agency Response

**Other Agencies comments?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 30, 2022

NA

Agency Response

**Council comments**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 30, 2022

NA

Agency Response

**STAP Comments**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 30, 2022

NA

Agency Response

**Convention Secretariat comments**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 30, 2022

Yes. Extensive upstream discussion was held with the CBD and their concerns have been fully incorporated.

Agency Response

**CSOs comments**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 30, 2022

NA

Agency Response

**GEFSEC DECISION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Is CEO Endorsement/approval recommended?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 30, 2022

No.

Please clarify in the budget table what Operational Support (Implementing Partner) entails ? please note that per Guidelines, PMC are meant to cover specific activities / goods / services as opposed to generic items such as ?operational support?.

Please correct the project title in the ESS document. It currently is listed as Africa-1.

4/12/2022

All revisions are adequate. Project is recommended for CEO approval.

**Review Dates**

	<b>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement</b>	<b>Response to Secretariat comments</b>
<b>First Review</b>	<b>3/31/2022</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>4/12/2022</b>	
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**CEO Recommendation**

**Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations**

The objective of this enabling activity support is to fast-track readiness and early actions to implement the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework by providing financial and



technical support to GEF-eligible Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in their work to review and align their national targets, NBSAPs, policy frameworks, monitoring frameworks and finance with the Global Biodiversity Framework.

Each grant will support countries to achieve the following four outcomes:

- 1) NBSAPs are ready to be aligned and National Biodiversity targets are aligned with post-2020 GBF and relevant SDG targets
- 2) Enhanced and improved monitoring, reporting systems and transparency frameworks
- 3) Identification of actions for policy alignment and coherence on nature-related sectors
- 4) Biodiversity finance gaps defined, and opportunities for resource mobilization identified

COVID 19 risk mitigation plan is in place to support implementation.