



# Second Biennial Transparency Report (BTR2), Fourth National Communication (NC4), and Third Biennial Transparency Report (BTR3) of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the UNFCCC

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

<b>GEF ID</b>	12281
<b>Countries</b>	Venezuela
<b>Project Name</b>	Second Biennial Transparency Report (BTR2), Fourth National Communication (NC4), and Third Biennial Transparency Report (BTR3) of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the UNFCCC
<b>Agencies</b>	FAO
<b>Date received by PM</b>	2/13/2026
<b>Review completed by PM</b>	
<b>Program Manager</b>	Saba Kalam
<b>Focal Area</b>	Climate Change
<b>Project Type</b>	

## **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

03/03/2026

Cleared

Agency's CommentsNA

**Cost Ranges.**

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

Secretariat's Comments

03/03/2026

Cleared, no deviation. EA-set aside is \$1,233,000 is within the threshold. ( \$633,000 for combined NC/BTR and \$600,000 for standalone BTR). The project will produce one combined NC4/BTR3 and a standalone BTR2 to be submitted to UNFCCC.

Agency's CommentsNA

**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

4/16/2026

1. Cleared. Details included.
2. Cleared. Title of component 3 is updated.
3. Cleared. brief summary included.
4. Cleared
5. Cleared

03/03/2026

1. Please include brief summary of the previous national communication submitted to UNFCCC.
2. Component 3 title "Strengthening Institutional Coordination and the Climate Transparency Framework in Venezuela" does not match with the details provided in its outcome and outputs. There is already a GEF supported ongoing project in Venezuela on CBIT. If we choose this title then it will overlap with the CBIT project. This project is only supporting development and submission of the national communication to UNFCCC. Please consider revision of component 3.
2. Please include brief summary of each component.
3. Please ensure consistency in the font size.
4. Elaborate on the roles of stakeholder related to project components and activities, including the potential roles of civil society and local community and project plans to engage and consult these in project development.

### Enabling Activity Summary

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, after ratifying the Paris Agreement and its Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF), is progressively advancing in strengthening technical and institutional capacities regarding climate change, under the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities aligned with the national policies established in the Organic Law of Plan de la Patria (Homeland Plan) 2025–2030 and the Gran Misión Madre Tierra (Great Mission Mother Earth) Venezuela.

This enabling activity project aims to continue strengthening the country's institutional and technical capacity to comply with its climate transparency obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement, particularly in accordance with Article 13 and the Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines (MPGs) of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF). To achieve this, a strategic and complementary alliance will be established with the Project "Strengthening National Capacities of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to Respond to the Commitments of the Paris Agreement," GEFID 11662 through which technical capacities are being strengthened under a learning-by-doing approach, and the national technical team is preparing for the elaboration of the reports established in Decisions 18/CMA.1, 5/CMA.3, and 4/CMA.1.

### Agency's Comments

13 April 2026

1. Thank you for the comment, a paragraph was included in the summary.
2. Component 3 was reviewed as requested, and mentions to the complementarity between this project and CBIT were included.
2. The summary was adjusted to add a brief summary of components as requested.
3. The fonts were reviewed. The inconsistency is due to the functionality of the GEF portal, it tends to mix fonts by itself when pasting information, and sometimes it is challenging to adjust.
4. A paragraph describing roles of stakeholders and participation was also included, within the framework of what is feasible in these projects of data collection and management, which could be sensitive, and what has been established by the Ministry of Ecosocialism (MINEC) as technical focal point.

### Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

**Eligibility Criteria.**

**Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?**

**Secretariat's Comments**

03/03/2026

Cleared. Venezuela has submitted its first BTR to UNFCCC in Feb 2025. The second BTR is due in Dec 2026 and third in Dec 2028. The request is to develop these two BTRs and the full National Communication as part of the convention.?

**Agency's Comments**

NA

**Institutional framework.**

**Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?**

**Secretariat's Comments**

04/16/2026

The project has requested dual execution and implementation role for the GEF Agency. The request has been approved by the Manager and uploaded in the documents section.

03/03/2026

The project has requested dual execution and implementation role for the GEF Agency. The request has been submitted to the GPU manager for approval. The portal will be updated before the project endorsement as per the decision.

**Agency's Comments**

13 April 2026

Thank you, duly noted.

**Monitoring and Evaluation.**

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

**Secretariat's Comments**

4/16/2026

Cleared

03/03/2026

There is no separate M&E "budgeted plan". However the M&E budget has been broken down into sub parts in the detail budget sheet. M&E is nearly 1.1% of the total budget. Typically projects up

to \$5M in financing will have M&E budgets equal to 5% of the total grant. Please consider revising the cost for providing an adequate level of monitoring.

Agency's Comments  
13 April 2026

The M&E budget allocated to the project is only the minimum, for a person who will assist the monitoring of the control and quality of the ETF reports and for a terminal report of the project itself. Kindly note that we have not allocated more resources as in other projects, because in Enabling Activities, and as per GEF policies, M&E costs are not applicable, so we understand that the suggested 5% does not apply to these projects.

### **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  
03/03/2026

Cleared

Agency Response NA  
**Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):  
STAR allocation?**

Secretariat's Comments  
03/03/2026

Cleared. This is from CC- EA set aside

Agency's Comments NA  
**Focal Area allocation?**

Secretariat's Comments  
03/03/2026

Cleared. This is from CC- EA set aside

Agency's Comments NA  
**LDCF under the principle of equitable access?**

Secretariat's Comments NA

Agency's Comments NA

**SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?**

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's CommentsNA  
**Focal Area Set Aside?**

Secretariat's Comments  
03/03/2026

Cleared. This is from CC- EA set aside

Agency's CommentsNA  
**Rio Markers.**  
**Are the Rio Markers for CCM ,CCA, BD and LD presented?**

Secretariat's Comments  
2/24/2026

Cleared

Agency's CommentsNA  
**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  
03/03/2026

The project has been endorsed by Alinexis Raquel Barrios Reyes OFP since 20th May 2025

Agency's CommentsNA  
**Response to Comments**

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

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's CommentsNA  
**Other Agencies comments**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's CommentsNA  
**Council comments**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's CommentsNA  
**STAP comments**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's CommentsNA  
**Convention Secretariat comments**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's CommentsNA  
**CSOs comments**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's CommentsNA  
**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  
04/16/02026

Cleared.

03/03/2026

1. There are several staff positions that have been included in the *Consultants* category. One example is of the *Admin/Financial Assistant*. Staff positions should be included in a separate category labeled *Salary and Benefits/Staff Costs*. Please include all staff positions in this new category.

Administrative/Financial and Operations Assistant							39,600	39,600	MINEC
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**Appendix A: Indicative Project Budget Template**

Expenditure Category	Detailed Description	Component (USDeq.)					Total (USD eq.)	Responsible Entity (Executing Entity receiving funds from the GEF Agency) <sup>85</sup>
		Component 1	Component 2	Component 3	M&E	PMC		
Salary and benefits / Staff costs	e.g. Project Manager							
	e.g. Financial / Admin Assistant							

2. Please split the category labeled *Contracts* into two categories for *Contractual Services ? Company* and *Contractual Services ? Individual*.

5650 Contract								
INGEI report on the energy sector for the 1990–2025 and 1990–2027 series, in accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines and the provisions set out in Decision 18/CMA.1 and Decision 5/CMA.3, updated and validated.	25,000						25,000	MINEC
Preparation of the INGEI report on the Industry and Product Use (IPPU) sector for the 1990–2025 and 1990–2027 series in accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines and the provisions set out in Decision 18/CMA.1 and Decision 5/CMA.3, updated and validated.	25,000						25,000	MINEC
Preparation of the INGEI report on the agriculture and livestock sector for the 1990–2025 and 1990–2027 series, in accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines and the provisions set out in Decision 18/CMA.1 and Decision 5/CMA.3, updated and validated.	30,000						30,000	MINEC
Preparation of the INGEI report on the UTCUTS sector for the 1990–2025 and 1990–2027 series in accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines and the provisions set out in Decision 18/CMA.1 and Decision 5/CMA.3, updated and validated.	30,000						30,000	MINEC

<b>Contractual Services – Individual</b>	Int'l consultant 1							
	Local consultant 1							
<i>Subtotal Contractual Services – Individual</i>								
<b>Contractual Services – Company</b>	Company 1							
<i>Subtotal Contractual Services – Company</i>								

- Once there is clarification on the executing functions of FAO and the budget is resubmitted we will review and provide additional comments if necessary.

Agency's Comments  
13 April 2026

1. The positions of core personnel who will be hired for the whole project duration have been moved to a Staff category as requested by the GEFSEC. The positions that are not considered for the whole duration of the project, needed for specific topics, are kept as consultants.

2. Noted, the category was split as requested.

3. Noted with thanks.

**Environmental and Social Safeguards.**

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

Secretariat's Comments  
03/03/2026

Cleared. Environmental and Social Safeguard screening document uploaded and as per the screening document the project has been classified as low risk.

Agency's CommentsNA  
**GEFSEC DECISION  
RECOMMENDATION.  
Is CEO endorsement/ approval recommended?**

Secretariat's Comments

**REVIEW DATE(S)**

	<b>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement</b>	<b>Response to Secretariat comments</b>
<b>First Review</b>	<b>3/3/2026</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>4/16/2026</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>		
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<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>		