



Enabling Activities for the preparation of Morocco's combined Fifth National Communication and First Biennial Transparency Report to the UNFCCC

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10949

Countries

Morocco

Project Name

Enabling Activities for the preparation of Morocco's combined Fifth National Communication and First Biennial Transparency Report to the UNFCCC

Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

3/29/2022

Review completed by PM

4/29/2022

Program Manager

Esteban Bermudez Forn

Focal Area

Climate Change

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

EBF 4/1/2022

This project is aligned with the GEF-7 climate change focal are strategy. 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

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes.

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

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes.

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

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes, Table D is properly filled out.

Agency Response

Are they within the resources available from:

The STAR allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

N/A

Agency Response

The focal area allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

N/A

Agency Response

The LDCF under the principle of equitable access

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

N/A

Agency Response

The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
EBF 4/1/2022
N/A

Agency Response
Focal area set-aside?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
EBF 4/1/2022
Yes. There are sufficient resources to support this project from the climate change focal area set aside.

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
EBF 4/1/2022
Yes, the financing requested is based on full-cost basis for reporting obligations.

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
EBF 4/1/2022
Yes. This is well and clearly described.

Agency Response
Goals, Objectives, and Activities.
Is the project framework sufficiently described?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
EBF 4/7/2022
Thank you for your response. Cleared.

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes, with suggestions. Please address the following comments:

1. Please replace Implementing Partner (UNDP terminology) by Executing Agency (GEF terminology) to avoid confusion. This term appears in Section C (including Figure 1) and Section E.
2. Information on Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS) is not included. Please add the Agency's ESS screening of this project and provide a justification in case this project is excluded from the Agency's ESS procedures.

Agency Response

UNDP response 4 April 2022:

1.The term "Implementing Partner" is replaced with the "Executing Agency (in GEF Terminology)" throughout the EA request document.

2.Information on the social and environmental screening of the project is separately uploaded under the documents section in portal. Overall risk rating identified in the SESP document is low.

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

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes.

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

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes.

Agency Response
Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
EBF 4/29/2022
Cleared.

EBF 4/22/2022

Please address the following comment:

1. The M&E budget table under section E shows a total of \$2,500, while Annex A (Project Budget table) shows a total M&E budget of \$45,000. Please revise M&E budget for consistency.

EBF 4/1/2022
Yes.

Agency Response
26 April 2022:

The M&E budget table in the Annex A is revised to be aligned with the M&E table under the Section E. The M&E cost for this project only includes a total of \$2,500 for the inception workshop.

Cost Effectiveness.

Is the project cost effective?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
EBF 4/1/2022
Yes.

Agency Response
Cost Ranges

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

N/A

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

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes, the endorsement letter is signed by the OFP of Morocco.

Agency Response

Response to Comments

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

GEF Secretariat Comment

EBF 4/1/2022

N/A

Agency Response

Other Agencies comments?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

N/A

Agency Response

Council comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

N/A

Agency Response
STAP Comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
EBF 4/1/2022
N/A

Agency Response
Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
EBF 4/1/2022
N/A

Agency Response
CSOs comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
EBF 4/1/2022
N/A

Agency Response
GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is CEO Endorsement/approval recommended?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
EBF 4/29/2022
The PM recommends the clearance for CEO Approval.

EBF 4/22/2022
Please address the following comment:

1. The M&E budget table under section E shows a total of \$2,500, while Annex A (Project Budget table) shows a total M&E budget of \$45,000. Please revise M&E budget for consistency.

EBF 4/1/2022

Please address the comments above.

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	4/1/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	4/7/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	4/22/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	4/29/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)		

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations