



Development of the First Biennial Transparency Report, the Second Biennial Transparency Report and Fourth National Communication of Sri Lanka to UNFCCC (Sri Lanka: BTR1 + BTR2/NC4)

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11321

Countries

Sri Lanka

Project Name

Development of the First Biennial Transparency Report, the Second Biennial Transparency Report and Fourth National Communication of Sri Lanka to UNFCCC (Sri Lanka: BTR1 + BTR2/NC4)

Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

9/4/2023

Review completed by PM

9/28/2023

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 9/20/2023:

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 9/20/2023:

Cleared. The project has no deviations in the cost range. The costing 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

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 10/11/2023:

Thank you cleared

Toshi 9/28/2023:

Cleared.

Toshi 9/27/2023:

Thank you for the clarification.

You added the following sentence in response to my request ?Furthermore, the project will also enable Sri Lanka to prepare and submit its Adaptation Communication to the UNFCCC as a component of the BTR1 and NC5/BTR2 in line with Article 7 of the PA and Decision 9/CMA.1.?

However, since the purpose of this project is to develop NC4, so, I think it should be NC4/BTR2 (or just say BTR1 and BTR2) instead of NC5/BTR2. Please check it again.

Response for Gender and start date is OK.

Toshi 9/20/2023:

Adaptation Communication:

In line with Decision 9/CMA.1, Parties may submit an adaptation communication as a component of, or in conjunction with, a BTR. And in this proposal, it is mentioned in output 1.3 ?Information related to climate change impacts and adaptation up to 2021 provided and Adaptation Communication prepared? and 2.3 ?Information related to climate change impacts and adaptation up to 2023 provided and Adaptation Communication prepared?.

Therefore, I can infer that Adaptation Communication of Sri Lanka is expected to be submitted in conjunction with reports respectively. However, this is not explained in section B. Enabling Activity Summary. Please clarify and add it if Adaptation Communication of Sri Lanka is expected to be submitted in conjunction with the proposed BTRs.

Gender:

a. In the Stakeholder Table, the following Government Departments / Government Authorities and Boards are also relevant from a gender perspective and thus please capture/reflect the gender dimensions in the Activity data listed for the Stakeholder Table for these Departments: 1) Department of Forestry; 2) Department of Wildlife; 3) Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management; 4) Department of Meteorology; 5) Urban Development Authority (UDA); 6) Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation (SLLRDC); 7) National Resource Management Centre (NRMCC); 8) Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA); 9) Disaster Management Centre (DMC);

b. Please reflect under Component 4 M&E, how the project will monitor and report on gender results.

Agency's Comments

11/10/2023

Latest CEO approval document is uploaded to the documents section.

28/09/2023

Thank you for the GEFSEC comment. The correction (4NC) is made in the documentation and online portal.

Response to Comment 1:

A clarification has been added to Section B of the Enabling Activity Summary under the Project's Immediate Objective (please refer page 3, in tracked changes) to confirm Sri Lanka intends to prepare and submit its Adaptation Communication to the UNFCCC as a component of the BTR1 and NC5/BTR2 in line with Article 7 of the PA and Decision 9/CMA.1.

Response to Comment 2:

a. A gender is a crosscutting theme and sex-disaggregated data is important to understand gendered impacts related to mitigation and adaptation across sectors, a footnote has been included in the stakeholder table indicating that wider consultations will be held to obtain gender data across sectors including the departments mentioned. This will be further looked into during the implementation stage.

b. The Gender Strategy and Gender Action Plan that has been developed for the project include gender-sensitive indicators, during the implementation phase special attention will be given to collecting sex-disaggregated data in line with the Monitoring Plan.

- Expected implementation start date is revised as per the last comment in the review sheet.

Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

Eligibility Criteria.

Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 9/20/2023:

Yes.

Agency's Comments

Institutional framework.

Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 9/20/2023:

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 9/20/2023:

Yes. The M&E budget for the project is \$34,000.

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 9/20/2023:

Yes.

Agency Response

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

STAR allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 9/20/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 9/20/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 9/20/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 9/20/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 9/20/2023:

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 9/20/2023:

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 9/20/2023:

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

Agency's Comments

Response to Comments

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

Gef Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 9/20/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Other Agencies comments

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 9/20/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Council comments

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 9/20/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

STAP comments

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 9/20/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 9/20/2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

CSOs comments

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 9/20/2023:

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 9/20/2023:

Yes, cleared.

Agency's Comments

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 9/20/2023:

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 10/10/2023:

Documents for circulation, the CEO Approval document is not the latest version as it is dated September 4th. Please upload the latest version.

Toshi 9/27/2023:

Please address the comments above (Adaptation Communication).

Toshi 9/20/2023:

Please address the comments above.

Also, this Enabling Activity needs to be circulated 4-weeks prior to CEO Approval, please revise the Expected Implementation Start Date (currently 10/15/2023) to a later date to account for the 4-week Council review period.

REVIEW DATE(S)

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	9/20/2023	9/27/2023
Additional Review (as necessary)	9/27/2023	9/28/2023
Additional Review (as necessary)	9/28/2023	10/11/2023
Additional Review (as necessary)	10/10/2023	
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