

Togo Climate Transparency Framework

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

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Countries

Togo

Project Name

Togo Climate Transparency Framework

Agencies

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Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

MSP

PIF **CEO Endorsement** **Project Design and Financing**

1. If there are any changes from that presented in the PIF, have justifications been provided?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

DS, July 23, 2019:

Justifications provided for minor changes compared to PIF stage. However, please clarify if changes in Output 2 will still imply a substantive focus on GHG tracking and reporting. Given that this seems to be a critical aspect of climate action, it should continue to retain a strong focus.

1/27/2020: Comment cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

UNEP, December 26, 2019:

Changes from the PIF concerning Output 2 reflect the proper implementation of the Enhanced Transparency Framework at the national level since the system to be established will cover not only MRV of GHG emissions, but also NDC implementation in all aspects required by the Paris Agreement. A climate change information management system will thus be established, retaining a substantive focus on GHG tracking and reporting (p.25).

2. Is the project structure/ design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

DS, July 23, 2019:

Overall, the project is designed and described in a clear and sound fashion. However, several questions remain as follows:

- (i) On Deliverable 1, please clarify whether the capacity needs assessment and report will be based on existing capacity needs assessments, such as BUR 1 and NC 3 (and/or BUR 2 and NC 4 once available)?
- (ii) On Deliverable 4, the report describing the composition and operation of the national climate transparency framework body should optimally be presented to the parliament, or inter-ministerial climate change coordination mechanism at the very minimum.
- (iii) Please provide further details on what kind of climate change information management system will be established under Output 2. Will this include semi-automatic regular acquisition of data from various sources? Will it provide reports on tracking results per mouse-click? In how far will it ensure that quality and timeliness of reporting under the global stocktake under the Paris Agreement will be enhanced?
- (iv) Deliverable 7 and 9 (and to a degree also Deliverable 8) consist of reports on computer equipment needs/installed. These could be combined to streamline process and increase efficiency.
- (v) Output 3, currently named "Relevant sectors are provided with appropriate equipment to perform their mission" should be renamed to enhance clarity and to ensure that funding is used exclusively to support MRV related activities. For instance, "perform their mission" could be substituted with "measure, track, report and/or access information from the MRV system", or similar.
- (vi) Output 4 on "National stakeholders in climate change are trained to input data in the system" could be expanded further to also include training to accessing information/data from the national MRV system, rather than just focusing on input of data. This should be reflected in the description of the Output in Table B upfront in the CEO endorsement request, rather than just in the body of the text document.
- (vii) Deliverable 11 currently states "Report of 10 training events..." while the main deliverable in fact consists of the training itself. Thus we suggest rephrasing the deliverable to focus on training first and foremost, which may include the writing of a report about the outcomes of the training, of course.

(viii) Finally, in section A.1 "Project Description" please provide a description/analysis of key sectors for GHG emissions in Togo, including percentage shares of the emissions' profile, to establish a baseline for CBIT work going forward.

1/27/2020: Please address remaining comments.

(i) Comment not cleared. Thank you for adding that clarification; however, as Togo already underwent one cycle of the International Consultation and Analysis process, we would expect this to inform directly the design of the project thanks to its very elaborate identification of needs and gaps (as well as which are higher priority in the short, medium and long terms). Please make reference to this process and ensure that the rest of the project is directly responding to these identified capacity-building needs. We would expect then that this assessment under the CBIT project provides the opportunity to connect the needs and gaps identified with any additional needs arising from the adopted modalities, procedures and guidelines under the Paris Agreement. Please revise.

(ii) Comment cleared.

(iii) and (iv) Comments cleared, but please ensure that these "reports" under deliverable 5 and 6 also include information on the roles and responsibilities under this new climate information management system and for the maintenance and ownership of the equipment and portal, etc.

(v) Thank you re-naming Output 3 as suggested. Please ensure that deliverable 8 includes information on the roles and responsibilities for the usage and maintenance of this equipment.

(vi) Comment cleared.

(vii) Comment cleared.

(viii) Comment cleared.

3/11/2020: All above comments have been cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

UNEP, December 26, 2019:

(i) Text was added to the output description to ensure that the capacity needs assessment and report (Deliverable 1) will be based on existing capacity needs assessments, such as BUR 1, NC 3 and upcoming reports, once available (p. 23).

(ii) On Deliverable 4, the report describing the composition and operation of the national climate transparency framework body will be presented to the National Climate Change Committee. If by the time such report is produced, the process of setting up the National Commission for Sustainable Development of the National Assembly of Togo is already completed, the report will also be presented to this commission (p. 25).

(iii) Under Output 2, further details were provided on what kind of climate change information management system will be established. Data acquisition for the system will not be semi-automatic. The various stakeholders involved will regularly feed the system with data from their sectors. Progress and monitoring reports will be provided on a regular basis but will not be automated (p. 25). The quality and timeliness of Togo's reports in the context of the global stocktake will be continuously improved through: the use of standard protocols to be developed by this CBIT project for monitoring, collecting, evaluating, reporting and disseminating data; the use of indicators to monitor and collect data; and the continuous functioning of an institutional structure with clear roles and responsibilities for the system administrator, reporter and data providers. (p. 26).

(iv) Deliverable 7 consists of one report on the successful installation of computer equipment in support of the online portal, under output 2. Former deliverables 8 and 9, under output 3 "Relevant sectors are provided with appropriate equipment to perform their mission", have been combined to streamline the process and increase efficiency. Now, deliverable 8 reads: "Report with the assessment on specific needs for procurement of equipment to be used by relevant institutions in the climate change information management system; detailed list of equipment acquired and installed, specifying the beneficiaries (institutions and units)" (p. 27).

(v) Output 3 has been renamed to read "Relevant sectors are provided with appropriate equipment to measure, track, report and/or access information from the MRV system", to ensure that funding is used exclusively to support MRV related activities.

(vi) Output 4 has been renamed to read "National stakeholders in climate change are trained to provide input and access information/data from the national MRV system" in Table B and also in the body of the text document.

(vii) Former deliverable 11, now deliverable 10, has been renamed to read " 10 training events in total, including a report on their outcomes: 2 on MRV; 1 on the online portal; 1 on climate scenarios; 2 on mitigation; GHG inventories and mitigation finance; 2 on vulnerability, adaptation and adaptation finance; 1 on the regulatory and institutional framework; and 1 on equipment maintenance".

(viii) A description/analysis of key sectors for GHG emissions in Togo, as per its First BUR, including percentage shares of the emissions' profile, has been added in section A.1 "Project Description" (p.8), so as to establish a baseline for CBIT work going forward.

UNEP, March 5, 2020:

(i) The suggestion has been addressed in different parts of the CEO Endorsement Document. In the baseline scenario section, needs and gaps now detail outcomes of the ICA process (p. 20-29). In the alternative scenario, an enhanced description of Output 1, activity 1.1, and deliverable 1, which now includes "connecting current work on the NDC, NC, BUR, GHG Inventory and AC with new reporting requirements in the Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines under the ETF, assessing available climate change data and data generation systems; and identifying data sources needed to comply with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines and the MPGs for the ETF" (p 31-33). These changes have also been reflected in the content of training materials and events under output 4, deliverables 9 and 10 (p.37-39).The work plan has been updated accordingly.

(iii) and (iv) The suggestion has been addressed in the CEO Endorsement Document concerning deliverables 5 and 7, under which the reports will appropriately handle the concerns with roles and responsibilities (p. 35-36). The work plan has been updated accordingly.

(v) The suggestion on deliverable 8 has been addressed in the CEO Endorsement Document (p. 37). The work plan has been updated accordingly.

3. Is the financing adequate and does the project demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objective?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

DS, July 23, 2019:

Cleared.

1/27/2020: Please provide clarification for the need to include the Rental of premises in the GEF budget.

3/11/2020: Above comment has been cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

UNEP, March 5, 2020:

The rental of premises has been excluded from the GEF budget and respective funds allocated to enhance the remuneration of the project staff and technical advisor, which was below the standard amount for this type of project.

4. Does the project take into account potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change, and describes sufficient risk response measures? (e.g., measures to enhance climate resilience)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

DS, July 23, 2019:

Cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

5. Is co-financing confirmed and evidence provided?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

DS, July 23, 2019:

Yes. In-kind co-financing of USD 300,000 by the national government has been confirmed.

Response to Secretariat comments

6. Are relevant tracking tools completed?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

DS, July 23, 2019:

Yes. CBIT tracking tool has been attached to the submission.

Response to Secretariat comments

7. Only for Non-Grant Instrument: Has a reflow calendar been presented?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement N/A

Response to Secretariat comments

8. Is the project coordinated with other related initiatives and national/regional plans in the country or in the region?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

DS, July 23, 2019:

Please clarify whether ICAT or PATPA, or similar initiatives or bilateral support is provided to Togo on climate action MRV. So far, only GIZ is referenced.

1/27/2020: Comment cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

UNEP, December 26, 2019:

Togo does not participate in ICAT, PATPA, nor similar initiatives for the time being.

9. Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

DS, July 23, 2019:

Cleared.

1/27/2020: Please revise Annex I M&E budget to remove audits which cannot be part of the M&E budget but rather PMC (which is where they are allocated to in the budget).

3/11/2020: Above comment has been cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

UNEP, March 5, 2020:

This has been corrected in Annex I. The audits have been removed from the M&E budget as they had been allocated to PMC.

10. Does the project have descriptions of a knowledge management plan?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

DS, July 23, 2019:

Cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

Agency Responses

11. Has the Agency adequately responded to comments at the PIF stage from:

GEFSEC

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

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STAP

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GEF Council

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Convention Secretariat

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Recommendation

12. Is CEO endorsement recommended?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

DS, July 23, 2019:

Not yet. Please address comments above and resubmit.

1/27/2020: Please address remaining minor comments.

3/11/2020: All above comments have been cleared. PM recommends CEO endorsement.

Response to Secretariat comments

UNEP, March 5, 2020:

Please consider the changes mentioned above and highlighted in yellow throughout the CEO Endorsement Request document.

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review		
Additional Review (as necessary)		

CEO Recommendation

Brief Reasoning for CEO Recommendations

Togo's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) includes an unconditional reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of 11 percent and a conditional target of 31 percent by 2030, as compared to business as usual scenario. Togo, as a signatory to the Paris Agreement, will need to provide necessary information to track progress towards implementing and achieving its NDC and on reducing GHG emissions. Togo will also need to demonstrate good practices, and highlight needs and gaps to provide inputs to the five-yearly Global Stocktake.

The proposed project will support Togo in meeting the enhanced transparency requirements set forth in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, and help alleviate the capacity constraints highlighted in the country's third National Communication and first Biennial Update Report under the UNFCCC. Specifically, the project would: (i) Upgrade the existing institutional, legal and regulatory framework, including by strengthening focal points and establishing a mechanism between ministries and other relevant actors to prepare GHG inventories; (ii) establish an enhanced GHG and MRV information management system; (iii) train national stakeholders and decision makers to feed data into the system and/or to understand the importance of sustained institutional capacity to this effect. The project would also test the information management system. Each relevant sector will have a cell responsible for managing data and will together compose the national mechanism to be hosted by the National Agency for Environmental Management.

The project is expected to feed back data and information into national decision-making processes. The project would be supported by in-kind co-financing of USD 300,000 from the recipient government.