

Preparation of Belize's First Biennial Transparency Report and a combined Second Biennial Transparency Report and Fifth National Communication (BTR1 and BTR2/NC5) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11318

Countries

Belize

Project Name

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Agencies

UNEP

Date received by PM

7/19/2023

Review completed by PM

7/26/2023

Program Manager

Patricia Marcos Huidobro

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

7/26/2023 PM:

Yes. This project is aligned with the GEF-8 climate change focal are strategy.

Agency's Comments
Cost Ranges.

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

Secretariat's Comments
7/26/2023 PM:

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
8/25/2023 PM:

Cleared.

8/23/2023 PM:

No. Information on the adaptation communications for Belize has been provided and abbreviations have been spelled out. However, the list of ICA recommendations hasn't been included in the CEO Approval document (only in the ProDoc). Please insert these in the GEF CEO Approval document.

7/26/2023 PM:

No. Please address the following comments:

- **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. Please in the proposal document, clarify whether Belize's Adaptation Communication is expected to be submitted in conjunction with the proposed BTRs.

- **ICA.** The proposal mentions that the project builds on the findings and recommendations resulting from the International Consultation and Analysis (ICA) process of BUR1. Please consider including a summary list of the main recommendations provided by ICA, and explain how the proposed project would build upon these recommendations.

- **Abbreviations.** Regarding abbreviation words, to avoid confusion, please explain them when they appeared for the first time, i.e., TWG, NIPP, etc.

Agency's Comments

8/22/2023.

Comment on Adaptation Communication:

- More clarity has been provided on Belize's plan on compiling the adaptation chapter in the enabling activity summary section B; and in output 1.1.1 chapter 3 on "description of climate change impacts and adaptation?". The project will support activities and compilation of climate change impacts and adaptation chapter, as outlined under the Adaptation section. This information will not, however, be submitted as an Adaptation Communication as a component of, or in conjunction with the proposed BTR1 and BTR2/NC5.

Comment on ICA:

- Part C, section II on eligibility criteria has been updated to include a list of ICA recommendations on GHG inventory, mitigation and on needs and support received. Additional information on how the project will respond to some suggested areas of improvement have been outlined and highlighted in different sections of the proposal, including in deliverables and terms of references (TORs).

Comment on Abbreviations:

- This is noted, and all abbreviations have been explained when they appear for the first time throughout the proposal.

8/25/2023

Comment on the list of ICA recommendations:

- The list of ICA recommendations has been inserted in the GEF CEO Approval document under Part C, section II on eligibility criteria.

Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

Eligibility Criteria.

Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?

Secretariat's Comments

7/26/2023 PM:

Yes.

Agency's Comments

Institutional framework.

Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

7/26/2023 PM:

Yes.

Agency's Comments

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat's Comments

8/23/2023 PM:

Cleared.

7/26/2023 PM:

No. The M&E Plan does not include a budget. Please consider adding a budget for each of the M&E activities proposed in Table 3.

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

7/26/2023 PM:

Yes.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat's Comments

7/26/2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

7/26/2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's Comments

7/26/2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?

Secretariat's Comments

7/26/2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments

7/26/2023 PM:

Yes.

Agency's Comments

Rio Markers.

Are the Rio Markers for CCM ,CCA, BD and LD presented?

Secretariat's Comments

7/26/2023 PM:

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

7/26/2023 PM:

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

7/26/2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments
Other Agencies comments

Secretariat's Comments
7/26/2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments
Council comments

Secretariat's Comments
7/26/2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments
STAP comments

Secretariat's Comments
7/26/2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments
Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments
7/26/2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments
CSOs comments

Secretariat's Comments

7/26/2023 PM:

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

8/23/2023 PM:

Cleared.

7/26/2023 PM:

No. M&E column is empty. Please populate this column in line with the budgeted M&E plan in section E.

Agency's Comments

8/22/2023.

Comment on M&E:

The M&E plan under part E, Table 3 of the Pro doc has been updated to include a budget.

Environmental and Social Safeguards.

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

Secretariat's Comments

7/26/2023 PM:

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

8/25/2023 PM:

Cleared. The PM recommends this Enabling Activity for further processing.

8/23/2023 PM:

No. There is one comment pending to address related to ICA recommendations.

REVIEW DATE(S)

**Secretariat Comment at
CEO Endorsement**

**Response to
Secretariat comments**

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| First Review |
| Additional Review (as necessary) |
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