Accelerating the transition to a net-zero, nature-positive economy in Chile

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11088
Countries

Chile
Project Name

Accelerating the transition to a net-zero, nature-positive economy in Chile
Agencies

UNEP
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Program Manager

Patricia Marcos Huidobro
Focal Area

Multi Focal Area
Project Type

FSP

CEO

Part I - General Project Information

1. a) Is the Project Information table correctly filled, including specifying adequate executing partners?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

10/15/2024 PM:

Cleared.

9/26/2024 PM:

No. As per the "Project Information" table the Executing Agency of the project is the Ministry of Energy, while Fundacion Chile has been identified as the executing agency under the "Institutional Arrangement" section of the document as well as the responsible party in the budget table. Please clarify and amend accordingly.

Agency Response

10/14/2024

Thank you for the comment, corrected Project information table

b) Are the Rio Markers for CCM, CCA, BD and LD correctly selected, if applicable?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

9/26/2024 PM:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

2. Project Summary.

a) Does the project summary concisely describe the problem to be addressed, the project objective and the strategies to deliver the GEBs or adaptation benefits and other key expected outcomes?

b) Does the summary capture the essence of the project and is it within the max. of 250 words?

c) [If a child project under a program] Does the project summary include adequate and substantive link with the parent program goal and approach?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

10/29/2024 PM:

c) Cleared.

10/15/2024 PM:

a) Cleared.

b) Cleared.

c) No. A brief reference to the parent program has not been included in the project' summary.

9/26/2024 PM:

a) Cleared.

b) No. Please consider adding information on the Global Environmental Benefits expected to be achieved under the project, i.e., info on core indicators figures.

c) No. Please include a brief reference to the parent program and how this child project will be link to it. This information has been provided in the CEO Endorsement document but it also needs to be briefly reflected in the project summary.

Agency Response

10/28/2024

c) A more detailed reference has been included at the end of the project?s summary.

10/14/2024

Thank you for the suggestion.

b) Included information on the project?s GEBs to the Summary

c) Included information on the NZNPA GP linkages to the project to the Summary

3. Project Description Overview
a) Is the project objective statement concise, clear and measurable?
b) [If a child project under a program] Is there a project Theory of Change that is aligned and consistent with the overall program goal and approach?
c) Are the components, outcomes, and outputs sound, appropriate and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objective and the core indicators per the stated Theory of Change?
d) Are gender dimensions, knowledge management, and M&E included within the project components

and budgeted for?
e) Are the GEF Project Financing and Co-Financing contributions to PMC proportional?
f) Is the PMC equal to or below 10% (for MSP) or 5% (for FSP)? If above, is the justification acceptable?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

10/29/2024 PM:

c.1) Cleared.

10/15/2024 PM:

a) Cleared.

b) Cleared.

c.1) Cleared with comments. Thank you for providing a table with the proposed changes since concept note to CEO Endorsement stage. Kindly move this table to the beginning of the CEO Endorsement document, right after the "Project Description Overview".

c.2) Cleared.

d.1) Cleared.

d.2) Cleared.

d.3) Cleared.
d.4) Cleared.

9/26/2024 PM:

a) No. Please make the project objective consistent between "Child Project Description Overview", i.e., Strengthen Chilean institutions to accelerate nature positive, net-zero development pathways, and section "A4. Project Objective", i.e., *the project's objective is to empower Chile in its transition towards net-zero, nature-positive economy.* Also, add a brief reference on the project objective to the focus on energy demand.

b) Yes, cleared with comments. The ToC graph cannot be read and is upside down. Please amend accordingly.

c) No. Please address the following comments:

c.1.) In case there has been changes in the project design since the concept note at PFD stage to the CEO Endorsement, please consider adding a table at the end of this section providing a detailed explanation on these proposed changes. For instance, at the concept note stage the project included a value for Core Indicator 4 of 250 ha. However, this value has been completed removed at CEO Endorsement stage. Please include this, and other potential changes in a table under the "Project Description Overview" section explaining the reason for this change.

c.2) Component 3 has been tagged as "investment". However, only output 3.3. related to the project pilots shall be considered investment activities. Please add two rows for Component 3, one for the Investment activities envisioned under output 3.3., and another one for technical assistance activities under outputs 3.1 and 3.2.

d) No. Overall, gender dimensions have been included across the project components adequately, but please address the following comments:

d.1) Consider adding gender dimensions to the following components as applicable: 1.1, 1.4 , 3.1 and 3.3.

d.2) On M&E, please ensure that the gender dimensions and the gender action plan are monitored, and results reported on.

d.3) Ensure that the gender action plan is budgeted.

d.4) On Outcome 3. Public and private stakeholders demonstrate increased gender-responsive confidence in net-zero nature-positive solutions - This is not clear or self-explanatory. What does increased gender-responsive confidence mean? Agency may wish to revise this or provide further explanation.

e) Yes, cleared.

f) Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

10/28/2024

c.1) Sure. Table is now placed at the end of the project description overview section, after the NZNP GP linkages box.

10/14/2024

a) Thank you, corrected

b) We are sorry, the GEF portal requires small file sizes to correctly include images. The ToC graph has been re-uploaded

c.1) A table has now been included at the end of section B3

c.2) Corrected in the portal

d.1) Included in 1.1 and 3.3. For output 1.4, deliverable 1.4.2 considers the gender dimension, and for output 3.1, the gender dimension is considered in deliverables 3.1.2, 3.1.3, and 3.1.4

d.2) Deliverable 4.1.9, Gender Action Plan progress reports, will be developed on a half-yearly basis. More details can be consulted in the deliverable?s description.

d.3) As gender-responsiveness is a cross-cutting dimension of the project, its budget cannot be completely separated from the rest of the budget. However, gender-related expenditure will be tracked in the M&E component in the project through the half-yearly gender action plan progress reports

d.4) Thank you for noticing that, it was a mistake in the word order. It has now been corrected

4. Project Outline

A. Project Rationale

a) Is the current situation (including global environmental problems, key drivers of environmental degradation, climate vulnerability) clearly and adequately described from a systems perspective and adequately addressed by the project design?

b) Have the role of stakeholders, incl. the private sector and local actors in the system been described and how they will contribute to GEBs and/or adaptation benefits and other project outcomes? Is the private sector seen mainly as a stakeholder or as financier?

c) If this is an NGI project, is there a description of how the project and its financial structure are addressing financial barriers?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

10/15/2024 PM:

a) Cleared with manty thanks.

9/26/2024 PM:

a) No. We understand Chile created a while ago an Interministerial Technical Team on Climate Change, i.e., Equipo T?cnico Interministerial para el Cambio Clim?tico. Could you please elaborate further on this role this team will have in the project and, if applicable and a active team, add it to the list of relevant stakeholders for each of the components? Which ministers participate in this team? Is the nature angle included in this team? If not, would it make sense to broaden the scope by adding nature, for instance Interministerial Technical Team on Net Zero Nature Positive? This could help guaranteeing the continuation of the project beyond its completion date as well as strengthening the deliverables under Component 1.

b) Yes, cleared. The role of the private sector has been mainstreamed across all components.

c) N/A.

Agency Response
10/14/2024

a) Thank you. A description of the Interministerial Technical Team on Climate Change (ETICC for its acronym in Spanish) has been included in section A2. It is now included as a relevant stakeholder for deliverables 1.1.2 and 1.4.2.

5 B. Project Description

5.1 a) Is there a concise theory of change (narrative and an optional schematic) that describes the project logic, including how the project design elements are contributing to the objective, the identified causal pathways, the focus and basis (including scientific) of the proposed solutions, how they provide a robust approach? Are underlying key assumptions listed?

b) [If a child project under a program] Is the Theory of change aligned with and consistent with the overall program goal and approach?

c) Is there a description of how the GEF alternative will build on ongoing/previous investments (GEF and non-GEF), lessons and experiences in the country/region? [If a child project under a program] Does the description include how the alternative aligns with and contributes to the overall program goal and approach?

d) Are the project components (interventions and activities) described and proposed solutions and critical assumptions and risks properly justified? Is there an indication of why the project approach has been selected over other potential options?

e) Incremental/additional cost reasoning: Is the incremental/additional cost reasoning properly described as per the Guidelines provided in GEF/C.31/12? Has the baseline scenario and/or associated baseline projects been described? Is the project incremental reasoning provisioned (including the role of the GEF)? Are the global environmental benefits and/or adaptation benefits identified?

f) Other Benefits: Are the socioeconomic benefits resulting from the project at the national and local levels sufficiently described?

g) Is the financing presented in the annexed financing table adequate and demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives? Are items charged to the PMC reasonable according to the GEF guidelines?

h) How does the project design ensure resilience to future changes in the drivers and adaptive management needs and options (as applicable for this FSP/MSP)?

i) Are the relevant stakeholders (including women, private sector, CSO, e.g.) and their roles adequately described within the components?

j) Gender: Does the gender analysis identify any gender differences, gaps or opportunities linked to project/program objectives and activities and have these been taken up in component design and description/s?

k) Are the proposed elements to capture and disseminate knowledge and learning outputs and strategic communication adequately described?

l) Policy Coherence: Have any policies, regulations or subsidies been identified that could counteract the intended project outcomes and how will that be addressed?

m) Transformation and/or innovation: Is the project going to be transformative or innovative? [If a child project under an integrated program] Are the specific levers of transformation identified and described? Does it explain scaling up opportunities?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

10/29/2024 PM:

d.1) Cleared.

10/15/2024 PM:

c) Cleared

d.1) Clear with comments. Kindly note that IDB Clima project was already included in the Coordination with ongoing initiatives and projects section (B4). It is now repeated, so please remove one of the references. No need for further action on this, other than removing the repeated reference to the IDB Clima project. Thanks.

d.2) Cleared.

d.3) Cleared.

d.4) Cleared.

d.5) Cleared.

e) Cleared.

i) Cleared.

j) Cleared.

k) Cleared.

l) Cleared.

m) Cleared.

9/26/2024 PM:

a) Yes, cleared.

b) Yes, cleared.

c) Yes, cleared with comments. The "Key projects" table is off-margin. Please amend.

d) No. Please address the following comments:

d.1) The project BID Clima seems very relevance in the broader context of the NZNP Accelerator Program as it aims at creating at mechanism for linking biodiversity and climate change ambition to performance by providing discounts on eligible loans when specific biodiversity and climate change objectives are achieved and verified. The discount is given in the form a subsidy in the amount of 5% of hte principal of the loan. We understand the project is currently in the pilot phase. Please elaborate further on how the project will coordinate broader with the BID Clima project, and/or how this could be piloted under this child project or embedded into some of the deliverables under Components 1 and 2, such as outcomes 1.3, 1.4, 2.1 and 2.3. From the outside, there seems to be a lot of potential synergies between the two projects.

d.2) The text for Barrier 3 is underlined. Please amend this minor edit.

d.3.) The summary section includes a total of 4 project barriers while the barriers description section includes only 3 (missing the 4th one). Please amend accordingly.

d.4) The pilots under outcome 3.3. focus primarily on thermal uses. Please make sure and include a reference in the document that the pilots are not supporting in any way conventional boilers run by fossil fuels. Also, the table for this outcome shall also include the following relevant stakeholders: Fundacion Chile and Ministries of Environment and Finance.

d.5) Please elaborate further on outcome 3.1.6 Net Zero Nature Positive public buildings certification tool. Why is this tool needed? How this tool will complement and build on existing building certification tools? Shouldn't the Ministries of Housing and Environment be included in the creation of this certification tool?

e) No. The CEO Endorsement document needs to include an explanation on the incremental/additional cost reasoning of the project.

f) Yes, cleared.

g) Yes, cleared.

h) Yes, cleared. Drivers have been identified for each of the components as well as the adaptative management measures.

i) Yes, cleared with suggestions. Under the relevant stakeholder's column for outcome 2.2., the Ministry of Energy has been identified as the only relevant stakeholder. Please consider adding other stakeholders in the process of creating a roadmap for the decarbonization of energy demand, such as academy, NGOs, the technical team on Climate change, etc.

j) No. Agency Prodoc is missing so we couldn't locate the gender action plan. Also, please see previous comment on gender.

k) No. On knowledge management the project, while there are dedicated knowledge management and learning deliverables in addition to the knowledge management activities in the context of the Global Coordination Platform, there is no budget and timeline indicated for the proposed KM and

communications activities mentioned within the components. Please clarify the budget and implementation timeline for key KM and learning and communications activities and deliverables across all components. This can be done by including a simple table in the KM and learning section.

l) No. No policies, regulations or subsidies have been identified by the project. For instance, since the pilots would focus primarily on demand decarbonization usages such as electrification, energy storage, industrial processes optimization including efficient boilers, etc., are there any relevant policies/subsidies to fossil fuels that will prevent a larger adoption of the usages proposed under the project? If yes, how will the project address these? The same applies for the overall concept of net zero and nature positive under the upstream component.

m) No. The project includes several references to technological and financial innovations under the project, but it is unclear why the proposed activities are innovate and transformational in the context of Chile. Please elaborate further on this and include a dedicated section to this explanation. Likewise, information has been added on the energy sector contribution to the GHG profile of Chile, no information has been provided on the scale up opportunities for the energy demand sector.

Agency Response

10/28/2024

d.1) We?re sorry for the duplication, it has been removed.

10/14/2024

c) Corrected

d.1) Thank you. IDB Clima is now mentioned in the Coordination with ongoing initiatives and projects section (B4), as well as in the description of output 1.4 and 2.3.

d.2) Corrected

d.3) Corrected

d.4) Included a reference that the pilots will not support in any way conventional boilers run by fossil fuels. Fundaci?n Chile and the Ministries of Environment and Finance have now been included

d.5) A justification has been included in the introduction to output 3.1

e) Included an incremental cost reasoning section in B1

i) Thank you, now included as suggested

j) We apologize the Prodoc was not attached, it is now available through the GEF portal

k) A key knowledge management elements table has been added at the end of section B3

l) Added an explanation to the description of output 2.2

m) An innovation section at the end of B3 has been added

5.2 Institutional Arrangements and Coordination with Ongoing Initiatives and Project
a) Are the institutional arrangements, including potential executing partners, outlined on regional, national/local levels and a rationale provided? Has an organogram and/or funds flow diagram been included?
b) Comment on proposed agency execution support (if agency expects to request exception). Is GEF in support of the request?
c) Is there a description of coordination and cooperation with ongoing GEF and non-GEF financed projects/programs (such as government and/or other bilateral/multilateral supported initiatives in the project area, e.g.).
d) [If a child project under an integrated program] Does the framework for coordination and collaboration demonstrate consistency with overall ambition of the program for transformative change?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
10/15/2024 PM:

a) Cleared

9/26/2024 PM:

a) No. As per previous comment the "Project Information" table the Executing Agency of the project is the Ministry of Energy, while Fundacion Chile has been identified as the executing agency under the "Institutional Arrangement" section of the document as well as the responsible party in the budget table. Please clarify and amend accordingly.

b) N/A. No execution of support services are expected to be provided by UNEP, the implementing agency.

c) Yes, cleared.

d) Yes, cleared.

Agency Response
10/14/2024

a) Thank you. Table has been corrected.

5.3 Core indicators
a) Are the identified core indicators calculated using the methodology and adhering to the overarching principles included in the corresponding Guidelines (GEF/C.62/Inf.12/Rev.01)? [If a child project under a program] Is the choice of core indicators consistent with those prioritized under the parent program?
b) Are the project?s targeted contributions to GEBs (measured through core indicators and additional listed outcome indicators) /adaptation benefits reasonable and achievable? Are the GEF Climate Change adaptation indicators and sub-indicators for LDCF and SCCF properly documented?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/5/2024 PM:

Cleared, with many thanks.

11/1/2024 PM:

a.2.) Cleared with comments. Please add the new values for Core Indicator 4 under the "Project Summary" section as well as the Results Framework, same as for Core Indicator 6.

10/29/2024 PM:

a.2) Not cleared. All comments have been now addressed except the one regarding Core Indicators 3 and 4. Given that this Integrated Program was designed to address the lack of coordination between nature and climate activities, and the proposed child project include activities at the upstream level to address this gap, kindly include upstream estimations for Core Indicator 3 Area of land and ecosystem under restoration AND/OR Core Indicator 4 Area of landscapes under improved practices. All other child projects under this Integrated Program are reporting on these core indicators.

10/15/2024 PM:

a.1) Cleared

a.2) Not Cleared. Thank you for providing the GHG excel sheet. It seems a top down approach for the estimation of the GHG reduction. the GEF very much welcome this top down estimation and would appreciate further information on the following:

* The source of the 2.274 MtCOeq in the no decarbonization scenario;

* The source of the 1.740 MtCOeq in the NDP Scenario. Also, what is the meaning of NDP?

* As per the excel sheet, it seems GHG removals from the AFOLU sector have not been considered. If this is correct, please explain why. The GEF encourages UNEP to include the AFOLU sector and report on GEF Core Indicators 3 and 4 as initially planned in the concept stage (all other child projects in the program are reporting on nature indicators -even if it is only through the upstream component).

* Please double check the GHG figures. As per the Core Indicator section of the CEO Endorsement, GHG mitigation are 550,000 tCO2eq, while as per the GHG spreadsheet is 5,500,000 tCO2eq. Kindly clarify and amend.

* Finally, these estimations seem to be for the upstream component but no calculations have been provided for the downstream one. Could you please elaborate or clarify this? The GEF encourages UNEP to include estimations from the downstream component.

* Please provide a justification for the 1% causality factor.

b) Not cleared. See comment a.2 above.

9/26/2024 PM:

a) No. Please address the following comments:

a.1) The GHG calculation sheet has not been enclosed. Please submit one so the GEF team can track the GHG calculations. In case of GHG avoidance from the AFOLU sector, please consider using ExACT or NEXT tools or alternatively a strong justification of consistency with IPCCC guidelines.

a.2) As per the information provided (but this cannot be confirmed since the GHG spreadsheets have not been provided), it seems the project are accounting only for core indicators directly related to the implementation of the pilots (Component 3). If this the case, please consider expanding also this approach to include core indicators values expected from: i) policy actions to be implemented under Components 1 and 2, with a clear indication of the policy reforms/regulation to be attributed to; and ii) indirect impacts coming from the potential replication of the pilots. This could be a top-down calculation using a replication and causality factor, as it cannot be expected that these emission reductions are solely caused by the replication of GEF project investments (they will also be financed down the line by other financiers that are not co-financiers to this project);

b) No. Please see comments above on item a).

Agency Response

11/04/2024

a.2) Thank you for the comment. Core indicator 4 is now included in the project summary and results framework.

10/31/2024

a.2) Upstream estimation on core indicator 4, associated to deliverable 1.3.2, now included

10/28/2024

a.2) Thank you for reviewing the GHG excel sheet. A new one with more detailed explanations has been uploaded. Specifically:

- The source of the 2.274 MtCOeq in the no decarbonization scenario was estimated based on Chile?s latest NDC BAU (integral of the red line in the excel sheet). The calculation period has been adjusted to 2030 -> 2050 to match the expected impact of the project.

- The source of the 1.740 MtCOeq in the NDP Scenario. Also, what is the meaning of NDP? Sorry, this was a typo, meaning NDC. This is the NDC scenario, also adjusted to 2030 -> 2050

- Removals have now been included more explicitly in the calculation.

- We are sorry for the typo, its 550,000 tCO2eq.

- We are sorry this was not clear. Emissions reductions are from both upstream and downstream components, as both are linked in the project?s logic. Pilot emissions reductions are not included as they are comparatively very small and in the long term can be seen as part of the downstream?s component contribution to the whole-prject?s emissions reductions.

- The 0.01% causality factor is based on an estimation of the project?s impact considering its interventions, the size of its funding and its contribution vis a vis those of other investments. While the project has a strong policy focus, it is logically small in financial magnitude compared to the billions needed to achieve the full transformation, thus the 0.01% causality factor. Considering that we are talking whole of economy emissions, that is still a large causality and large amount of emissions

b) Please see comment above.

10/14/2024

a.1) We are sorry the GHG sheet was not uploaded. It has been uploaded to the GEF portal now.

a.2) The core indicator for emissions also includes those related to policy implementation.

b) Please see responses above for item a).

5.4 Risks

a) Is there a well-articulated assessment of risk to outcomes and identification of mitigation measures under each relevant risk category? Are mitigation measures clearly identified and realistic? Is there any omission?

b) Is the rating provided reflecting the residual risk to the likely achievement of intended outcomes after accounting for the expected implementation of mitigation measures?

c) Are environmental and social risks, impacts and management measures adequately assessed and rated and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

10/15/2024 PM:

a) Cleared

b) Cleared

c) Cleared

9/26/2024 PM:

a) No. All key risks have been rated as low. Please revise the ratings for some risks. For instance, the financial and business model risk could be revised to account for the inherit risk of working with energy demand side projects which often shall be accompanied by behaviorial change.

b) No. See comment above.

c) No. We note that the project?s overall ESS risk is classified as moderate, and UNEP attached the Safeguard Risk Identification Form (SRIF). Management measures will be developed and implemented as part of the Environmental & Social Impact assessment and Management Plan for Potential waste generated from industrial pilots. However, the environmental and social risk section of the Key risks table in the Portal is ?low?, and mitigation measures described in SRIF is not consistent the ?Explanation of risk and mitigation measures? in the table. Please revise environmental and social risk rating and include summary of mitigation measure in the SRIF in the table to make consistent with SRIF.

Agency Response

10/14/2024

a) Financial and business model risk was increased to moderate

b) Kindly note that risk ratings in the table are residual: that is, the remaining risk level after mitigation strategies are implemented.

c) Financial and business model, Environment and social, and overall risk ratings and assessments have been updated.

5.5 For NGI Only: Is there a justification of the financial structure and of the use of financial instrument with concessionality levels?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

9/26/2024 PM:

N/A.

Agency Response

6 C. Alignment with GEF-8 Programming Strategies and Country/Regional Priorities

6.1 a) Is the project adequately aligned with Focal Area objectives, and/or the LDCF/SCCF strategy?

b) [If a child project under an integrated program] Is the project adequately aligned with the program objective in the GEF-8 programming directions?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

10/15/2024 PM:

a) Cleared

9/26/2024 PM:

a) No. Please explain how the project aligns with the Climate Change Focal objectives 1.1. Accelerate the efficient use of energy and materials.

b) Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

10/14/2024

a) An explanation has been added to section C.

6.2 Is the project alignment/coherent with country and regional priorities, policies, strategies and plans (including those related to the MEAs and to relevant sectors).

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

9/26/2024 PM:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

6.3 For projects aiming to generate biodiversity benefits (regardless of what the source of the resources is - i.e., BD, CC or LD), does the project clearly identify which of the 23 targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework the project contributes to and how it contributes to the identified target(s)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

9/26/2024 PM:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

7 D. Policy Requirements

7.1 Are the Policy Requirement sections completed?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

10/15/2024 PM:

Cleared.

9/26/2024 PM:

No. Agency Prodoc is missing so we couldn't find neither the gender action plan nor the stakeholder engagement plan.

Agency Response

10/14/2024

We are sorry the project document was not included in the portal. It has now been uploaded.

7.2 Is the Gender Action Plan uploaded?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

10/15/2024 PM:

Cleared.

9/26/2024 PM:

No. Agency Prodoc is missing so we couldn't find neither the gender action plan nor the stakeholder engagement plan.

Agency Response

10/14/2024

We are sorry the project document was not included in the portal. It has now been uploaded.

7.3 Is the stakeholder engagement plan uploaded?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

10/15/2024 PM:

Cleared.

9/26/2024 PM:

No. Agency Prodoc is missing so we couldn't find neither the gender action plan nor the stakeholder engagement plan.

Agency Response
10/14/2024

We are sorry the project document was not included in the portal. It has now been uploaded.

7.4 Have the required applicable safeguards documents been uploaded?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
9/26/2024 PM:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response
8 Annexes
Annex A: Financing Tables
8.1 GEF Financing Table and Focal Area Elements: Is the proposed GEF financing (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines? Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):
STAR allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
9/26/2024 PM:

Yes.

Agency Response
Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
9/26/2024 PM:

Yes.

Agency Response

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

9/26/2024 PM:

N/A.

Agency Response

SCCF A (SIDS)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

9/26/2024 PM:

N/A.

Agency Response

SCCF B (Tech Transfer, Innovation, Private Sector)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

9/26/2024 PM:

N/A.

Agency Response

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

9/26/2024 PM:

N/A.

Agency Response

8.2 Project Preparation Grant (PPG)

a) Is the use of PPG attached in Annex: Status of Utilization of Project Preparation Grant (PPG) properly itemized according to the guidelines?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

9/26/2024 PM:

Yes.

Agency Response

8.3 Source of Funds

Does the sources of funds table match with the amounts in the OFP's LOE?

Note: the table only captures sources of funds from the country's STAR allocation

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

9/26/2024 PM:

Yes.

Agency Response

8.4 Confirmed co-financing for the project, by name and type: Are the amounts, sources, and types of co-financing adequately documented and consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?

e.g. Have letters of co-finance been submitted, correctly classified as investment mobilized or in-kind/recurring expenditures? If investment mobilized: is there an explanation below the table to describe the nature of co-finance? If letters are not in English, is a translation provided?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/1/2024 PM:

Cleared.

10/29/2024 PM:

ii) Not cleared. The comment hasn't been addressed. The "in-kind" contribution from the Ministries of Energy and Finance has been tagged as "investment mobilized". However, please note that in-kind support should be tagged as "recurrent expenses" instead of "investment mobilized". Please amend accordingly.

10/15/2024 PM:

i) Cleared

ii) Not cleared. Please note that in-kind support cannot be tagged as investment mobilized. ?In-kind? is ?recurrent expenditures? normally. Please revise the ?investment mobilized? to ?recurrent expenditures? where ?type of co-financing? is indicated as ?in-kind?. This applies to the "in-kind" contribution from Ministry of Energy and Ministry of Finance. Also, please submit the English translation of cofinancing letter from Fundaci?n Chile.

iii) Cleared

iv) Cleared

9/26/2024 PM:

No. Please address the following comments:

i) The co-financing letter from the Ministry of environment has been submitted in Spanish. Please provide an English version.

ii) Please note that in-kind support cannot be tagged as investment mobilized. ?In-kind? is ?recurrent expenditures? normally. Please request the agency to revise the ?investment mobilized? to ?recurrent expenditures? where ?type of co-financing? is indicated as ?in-kind?.

iii) The co-financing from the Ministry of Energy does not provide a breakdown between in-kind and equity support. Please amend the letter as need be.

iv) All investment mobilized require a description on how it was identified. Please consider providing that at the bottom of co-financing table.

Agency Response

10/31/2024

ii) We are very sorry the tagging mistake persisted. It has now been corrected and verified.

10/28/2024

ii) We are sorry, the mistake in tagging cofinance has been corrected. A machine translation of the letter from Fundaci?n Chile has now been included

10/14/2024

i) Uploaded

ii) Corrected

iii) Changed co-financing letter

iv) Updated description in portal

Annex B: Endorsements
8.5 a) If ? and only if - this is a global or regional project for which not all country-based interventions were known at PIF stage and, therefore, not all LOEs provided:
Has the project been endorsed by the GEF OFP/s of all GEF eligible participating countries and has the OFP name and position been checked against the GEF database at the time of submission?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
9/26/2024 PM:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response
b) Are the OFP endorsement letters uploaded to the GEF Portal (compiled as a single document, if applicable)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
9/26/2024 PM:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response
c) Do the letters follow the correct format and are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in the Portal?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
9/26/2024 PM:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response
Annex C: Project Results Framework
8.6 a) Have the GEF core indicators been included?
b) Have SMART indicators been used; are means of verification well thought out; do the targets correspond/are appropriate in view of total project financing (too high? Too low?)
c) Are all relevant indicators sex disaggregated?
d) Is the Project Results Framework included in the Project Document pasted in the Template?
e)[If a regional/global coordination child project under an integrated program] Does the results

framework reflect the program-wide result framework, inclusive of results from child projects and specific to the regional/global coordination child project? [If a country child project under an integrated program] Is the child project result framework inclusive of program-wide metrics monitored across child project by the Regional/Global Child project?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

10/29/2024 PM:

a) Cleared.

10/15/2024 PM:

a) Not cleared. Please see comment above on the inconsistency in the GHG values.

9/26/2024 PM:

a) No. GEF cored indicators have been used but there is an inconsistency on the value of core indicator 6, i.e., 550,000 tCO2eq in the Results Framework versus 551,857 tCO2eq under the Core Indicators section.

b) Yes, cleared.

c) Yes, cleared.

d) Yes, cleared.

d) Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

10/28/2024

a) GHG excel sheet corrected and more in-depth explanation included.

10/14/2024

a) Core indicator section corrected

Annex E: Project map and coordinates
8.7 Have geographic coordinates of project locations been entered in the dedicated table? Are relevant illustrative maps included?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

9/26/2024 PM:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Annex F: Environmental and Social Safeguards Documentation and Rating

8.8 Have the relevant safeguard documents been uploaded to the GEF Portal? Has the safeguards rating been provided and filled out in the ER field below the risk table?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

10/15/2024 PM:

Cleared.

9/26/2024 PM:

No. We note that the project?s overall ESS risk is classified as moderate, and UNEP attached the Safeguard Risk Identification Form (SRIF). Management measures will be developed and implemented as part of the Environmental & Social Impact assessment and Management Plan for Potential waste generated from industrial pilots. However, the environmental and social risk section of the Key risks table in the Portal is ?low?, and mitigation measures described in SRIF is not consistent the ?Explanation of risk and mitigation measures? in the table. Please revise environmental and social risk rating and include summary of mitigation measure in the SRIF in the table to make consistent with SRIF.

Agency Response

10/14/2024

Key risks table has now been updated.

Annex G: GEF Budget template

8.9 a) Is the GEF budget template attached and appropriately filled out incl. items such as the executing partner for each budget line?

b) Are the activities / expenditures reasonably and accurately charged to the three identified sources (Components, M&E and PMC)?

c) Are TORs for key project staff funded by GEF grant and/or co-finance attached?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/5/2024 PM:

Cleared.

11/1/2024 PM:

2. Cleared with comments. On the Portal View of the CEO Endorsement document, please just keep the GEF budget template and remove all other tables which are not following the GEF template to avoid confusion.

10/29/2024 PM:

2. Not cleared yet. Please spell out LTS (Long Term Strategy) in the budget template.

3. Cleared.

4. Cleared.

10/15/2024 PM:

1. Cleared.

2. Not cleared yet. The budget provided in Annex G is still a screenshot and does not contain all the detailed descriptions of the activities funded by the GEF. Please provide an excel sheet that follows the template provided in the GEF Guidelines for the Project Cycle (https://www.thegef.org/documents/gef-project-budget-template), but preferably by component instead of by output to make the table slimmer. Even if the portal only supports .doc documents you can submit the budget in word or embed an excel sheet in a word document. Either way what we are a looking is to be able to read the entirety of details of the financed activities.

3. Not cleared yet. Neither ?Technical supervision and coordination? nor ?Procurement, HR, Legal, record keeping and other operational support costs? for nearly US$ 500 K are eligible to be covered by PMC. Please present either eligible activities or specific positions that would carry out these tasks.

4. Not cleared yet. The comment was partially addressed as the Chief Technical Officer is still charged to the components but per the TORs, it seems the scope of work is mainly related to project coordination. Per Guidelines, the costs associated with the project?s execution have to be covered by the GEF portion and the co-financing portion allocated to PMC.

9/26/2024 PM:

No. Please address the following comments:

1. Please charge the Audits to the PMC instead to the M&E line of the budge
2. The budget provided in Annex G is a screenshot and does not contain all the detailed descriptions of the activities funded by the GEF. Please provide an excel sheet that follows the template provided in the GEF Guidelines for the Project Cycle - https://www.thegef.org/documents/gef-project-budget-template
3. Neither ?Technical supervision and coordination? nor ?Procurement, HR, Legal, record keeping and other operational support costs? for nearly US$ 500 K are eligible to be covered by PMC. Please present either eligible activities or specific positions that would carry out these tasks.
4. A Chief Technical Advisor and a Project Admin Assistant are being charged across components, the M&E and PMC. Per Guidelines, the costs associated with the project?s execution have to be covered by the GEF portion and the co-financing portion allocated to PMC. The TORs will be reassessed in the context of the new information provided at the resubmission regarding point 3) above.

Agency Response

11/04/2024

2. New budget file updated removing alternative views of the budget.

10/21/2024

2. New budget file with corrected spelling Long Term Strategy uploaded to the portal

10/28/2024

2. A new budget file has been uploaded. Within the word file, the tables from the ?excel tool? spreadsheet have been pasted in both GEF-compliant and UNEP formats as editable tables. Also, please see excel file "annexes tool" for more in-depth budget.

3. These costs have been revised to make them clearer, and ToRs for each one have also been included

4. The project?s Chief Technical Advisor ToR has been updated.

10/14/2024

1. Changed

2. A spreadsheet has now been uploaded to the GEF portal. Please note that the portal only supports .doc documents in the budget section.

3. ?Procurement, HR, Legal, record keeping and other operational support costs? have now been removed from PMC. ?Technical supervision and coordination? was not charged to PMC

4. Noted

Annex H: NGI Relevant Annexes
8.10 a) Does the project provide sufficient detail (indicative term sheet) to assess the following criteria: co-financing ratios, financial terms and conditions, and financial additionality? If not, please provide comments.
b) Does the project provide a detailed reflow table to assess the project capacity of generating reflows? If not, please provide comments.
c) Is the Agency eligible to administer concessional finance? If not, please provide comments.

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
9/26/2024 PM:

N/A.

Agency Response
Additional Annexes
9. GEFSEC DECISION

9.1.GEFSEC Recommendation
Is the project recommended for approval

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
11/5/2024 PM:

Cleared.

11/1/2024

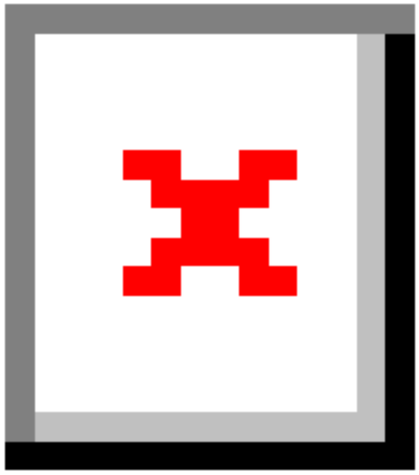
No. Please address the two remaining comments above:

(1) Add values from Core Indicator 4 in the "Project Summary" and the Results Framework; and

(2) Keep the GEF budget template but remove all other tables which are not following the GEF template.

Also, since the Portal View of the CEO Endorsement is the document that will be published in the GEF website, kindly remove all the yellow highlights and make sure the following figures are properly shown in the document (see also below): Figure 2 Chile GHG Balance by Sector, Figure 4 Terrestrial Ecosystem Conservation, page 17, Problem Tree in page 37 and page 120. See example of Figure 2 below.

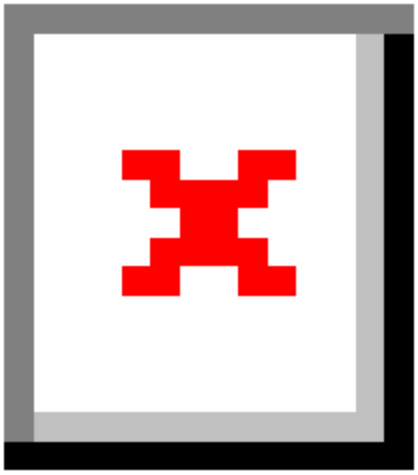
FIGURE 2 CHILE'S GHG BALANCE (KT CO2 EQ) BY SECTOR (1990 - 2020)



10/29/2024 PM:

Not Cleared yet. Please address remaining comments above. Also, in the Portal View of the CEO Endorsement document remove all highlights and make sure the following figures are readable: Figure 2 Chile GHG Balance by Sector, Figure 4 Terrestrial Ecosystem Conservation, Problem Tree in page 37 and Annex E. See example of Figure 2 below.

FIGURE 2 CHILE'S GHG BALANCE (KT CO2 EQ) BY SECTOR (1990 - 2020)



10/15/2024 PM:

No. The project is not yet recommended for approval. Also, kindly note that in the CEO Endorsement request Portal view, there are some figures (i.e. pages 12, 15 and 36 among others) that cannot been seen. As this is the document that is circulated and later on web posted, please amend the figure so they can be legible.

9/26/2024 PM:

No. The project is not yet recommended for approval. Please address comments above. If possible, highlight the changes in yellow for ease of revision. Also, kindly note that in the CEO Endorsement request Portal view, there are some figures (i.e. pages 12, 15 and 36 among others) that cannot been seen. As this is the document that is circulated and later on web posted, please amend the figure so they can be legible.

9.2 Additional Comments to be considered by the Agency during the inception and implementation phase

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

9.3 Review Dates

	CEO Approval	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		