



# Support to the elaboration of the First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1), the combined Second Biennial Transparency and the Fourth National Communication report (BTR2/NC4) of Algeria to the UNFCCC

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

11485

**Countries**

Algeria

**Project Name**

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**Agencies**

UNDP

**Date received by PM**

11/22/2023

**Review completed by PM**

11/28/2023

**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 2/6/2024:

Thank you. Cleared.

Toshi 2/5/2024:

Thank you.

You mentioned that you changed it to April 1st, but the Portal shows it is on April 15th. Either is fine, but let me confirm which one is correct from a perspective of consistency.

Toshi 1/6/2024:

You mentioned that expected start date is changed to April 1st, but still it is 2/1/2024 in the EA summary table, please update it.

Country(ies): ⓘ	Algeria	GEF Enabling Activity ID: ⓘ	11485
GEF Agency(ies): ⓘ	UNDP	GEF Agency Enabling Activity ID: ⓘ	9666
Project Executing Entity(s): ⓘ	Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy of Algeria	Executing Partner Type:	Government
	UNDP		GEF Agency
GEF Focal Area (s): ⓘ	Climate Change	Submission Date: ⓘ	11/22/2023
Expected Implementation Start : ⓘ	2/1/2024	Expected Duration : ⓘ	48 In Months

Toshi 12/7/2023:

1) Given that this Enabling Activity needs to be circulated 4-weeks prior to CEO Approval, then, the Expected Implementation Start Date (currently 2/1/2024) is too tight. Please check the schedule and revise it to a more realistic date to account for our and the 4-week Council review period.

2) Also, since UNDP will partly execute this project, shouldn't it be specified as an Executing Partner in the Summary section? Please check it and add UNDP under Project Executing Entity.

SECTION 1: ENABLING ACTIVITY SUMMARY ⓘ			
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### Agency's Comments

6 Feb 2024

Kindly note that the implementation start date is adjusted for April 15 in order to cover the period for the 1-month GEF Council review and the circulation of the CEO Approval Letter. April 15 is indicated in the Agency Project Document as the implementation start date and in the GEF Portal. For clarity, it is indicated in the EA Request form as well.

8 Jan 2024

The expected start date changed to 1 April 2024 in GEF portal.

3 Jan 2024

1) The Project Document and EA Request form have been revised and the expected started is changed to 1 April 2024.

2) UNDP is added as Executing Partner in the Summary section of the EA request. Note: In line with UNDP's POPP (Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures), only one party can be an Implementing Partner (IP)/Executing Entity. As such, only Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energies is indicated as IP/GEF Executing Entity on UNDP's ProDoc cover page. The role of UNDP in providing execution support services is explained in the GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS section of the ProDoc.

**Cost Ranges.**

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

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 12/7/2023:

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 1/6/2024:

Thank you. Cleared.

Toshi 12/7/2023:

Editorial matters:

- 1) Regarding font, Output3.1.1 in P.21 has different fonts, so please use the same font.
- 2) Regarding abbreviation words, to avoid confusion, please explain them when they appeared for the first time, i.e., POPP in P.28, and check through again.

Gender:

Please incorporate gender equality considerations in Output 1.2.1, and relevant outputs in Components 4 and 5.

#### Agency's Comments

3 Jan 2024

- 1) Fonts are edited to match in P.21.
- 2) All abbreviations are clarified in their first use in the EA Request form.

#### **Gender:**

Gender equality considerations are reflected in Output 1.2.1 and relevant outputs of Component 4 and 5 in EA Request Form and Project Document.

Additionally, under Output 1.2.1, activity 1.2.1.5 is revised, and relevant activities under Component 4 (4.1.1.4.) and Component 5 (5.2.1.4) are updated to take into account gender equality in consultation with the Implementing Partner (Gov.) [ref.: Project Document].

1.2.1.5. Identification of constraints and gaps to ensure information, awareness, and integration and observation of climate change throughout the national territory, taking into account new provinces, new institutions and organizations, and identified shadow, rural, mountainous, and Saharan areas in the country, considering gender gaps and missing data, in order to reach gender equity, gender-disaggregated data in relation to climate change; gender roles, access to information, finance and decision making, collected and analyzed.

4.1.1.4. Updated national circumstance (climate change impacts at the national and local levels; assessment of current and future vulnerability, including the identification of vulnerable areas, regions, localities, sectors, and populations, considering recommendations to ensure gender mainstreaming in planning and implementation of climate change adaptation measures presented.).

4.3.1.6. Analysis and determination of gender integration in climate change adaptation planning and implementation.

5.2.1.4. Planning of joint activities, determination of data and results sharing, information exchange, and coordination of activities to enhance value and efficiency in implementation to enhancing statistical capacities in gender data collection, processing and disaggregation dedicated.

\*Gender considerations and collection of gender sensitive data under this project is expected to be based on binary data and disaggregated by sex, i.e., men/women. An explanatory footnote is added to the EA request and ProDoc.

Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

**Eligibility Criteria.**

**Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?**

**Secretariat's Comments**

Toshi 12/7/2023:

Yes.

**Agency's Comments**

**Institutional framework.**

**Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?**

**Secretariat's Comments**

Toshi 12/7/2023:

We take note of the request by Mr. Karim Baba, OFP of Algeria, for UNDP to conduct partial execution services for this project through the UNDP CO support to NIM modality, which amounts to \$4,336.22. The approval by the CBIT Manager is included in the documents section of this project.

**Agency's Comments**

**Monitoring and Evaluation.**

**Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?**

**Secretariat's Comments**

Toshi 12/7/2023:

Yes. The M&E budget for the project is \$12,000.

**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 12/7/2023:

Yes.

**Agency Response**

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

**STAR allocation?**

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

**Focal Area allocation?**

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

**LDCF under the principle of equitable access?**

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

**SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?**

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

**Focal Area Set Aside?**

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 1/6/2024:

Thank you. Cleared.

Toshi 12/7/2023:

1. Algeria is yet to submit its third National Communication (NC3) and first Biennial Update Report (BUR1). Please provide the correct date of submission of the NC3 and

BUR1 to the UNFCCC since the proposal mentions it will be submitted in the 'second half of 2023'.

2. Also take into account that, per [information note GEF/C.62/Inf.15](#), unless the NC3 and BUR1 are expected to be submitted soon, the appropriate modality for the preparation of the first BTR (BTR1) is the top-up modality or modality 3. Please justify why you are employing a different modality for the preparation of BTR1.

3. Following on the previous comment, if you decide to continue with a different modality than modality 3 for the preparation of the BTR1 while the NC3 and BUR1 are yet to be submitted to the UNFCCC, please include the following in the portal form: *'Resources for the First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1), the combined Second Biennial Transparency and the Fourth National Communication report (BTR2/NC4) will be disbursed to the executing partner after the UNFCCC submission process of the NC3 and BUR1 is confirmed.'*

#### Agency's Comments

3 Jan 2024

1) Algeria submitted its Third National Communication (TNC) and First Biennial Update Report (BUR1) to the UNFCCC on December 23, 2023.

2) Kindly see above the explanation on the submission of TNC and BUR1 to the UNFCCC.

3) Kindly see above the explanation on the submission of TNC and BUR1 to the UNFCCC.

#### **Rio Markers.**

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

#### Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 12/7/2023:

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 12/7/2023:

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

N/A.

Agency's Comments

**Other Agencies comments**

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

**Council comments**

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

**STAP comments**

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

**Convention Secretariat comments**

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

#### Agency's Comments

CSOs comments

#### Secretariat's Comments

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 2/5/2024:

Thank you. Cleared.

Toshi 1/22/2024:

Regarding comment 1, the rule to follow is "Office supplies for the PMU should only be charged to PMC."

Therefore, in this case, I think you need to change the category from ?Office Supply? to another category (?Trainings, Workshops, Meetings?. etc.) if the content is related to workshops.

You can change it to something else instead of ?Training, Workshops and Confer?.

Toshi 12/7/2023:

1. Office supplies should only be charged to PMC, currently is charged to project component.
2. UNDP appears as the responsible entity for all budget lines. Please justify why this is the case or correct.

#### Agency's Comments

5 Feb 2024

The supplies budgeted under technical outcomes are intended to cover the cost of supplies and stationery for technical work, trainings, workshops, and webinars. They are not related to the PMC activities.

The UNDP's account code structure does not accommodate Stationery expenses under ?Training, Workshops and Confer? budget category. To accommodate the expenses, the amounts, which were previously allocated under Supplies, are charged under ?Other Operating

Costs? expenditure category in the GEF Budget table, which can correspond to related Audio Visual & Print Production Costs in the UNDP account code structure.

3 Jan 2024

1. The supplies budgeted under technical outcomes are intended to support the provision of services for hosting technical workshops and webinars. They are not related to the PMC activities or related purchases - kindly refer to the budget note.

2. The project will be executed under Country Office Support to NIM modality as communicated with and approved by the GEF Secretariat. A footnote explanation is added under GEF budget table (in the Portal) to clarify that UNDP will be the entity to process all payments and provide the execution support services to the project based on the request of the Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energies. The Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energies as the Executing Entity (Implementing Partner in UNDP terminology) will maintain ultimate responsibility and accountability for the use of GEF resources and the successful achievement of project outputs, in alignment with the approved annual work plans. Related reference is also available in the Project Document.

**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 12/7/2023:

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 2/5/2024:

Please address a comment above (Expected Implementation Start Date) and resubmit.

Toshi 1/22/2024:

Please address a comment above (Project Budget Table) and resubmit.

Toshi 1/6/2024:

Please address a comment above (Enabling Activity Summary Table) and resubmit.

Toshi 12/7/2023:

Please address the comments above and resubmit. Please highlight in yellow the changes you make to the portal form for ease of revision.

**REVIEW DATE(S)**

	<b>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement</b>	<b>Response to Secretariat comments</b>
<b>First Review</b>	<b>11/28/2023</b>	<b>1/3/2024</b>
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>12/7/2023</b>	<b>1/8/2024</b>
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>1/6/2024</b>	<b>2/5/2024</b>
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>1/22/2024</b>	<b>2/6/2024</b>
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