

Global environmental benefits calculator

Review CEO Approval and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID
12258
Countries
Global
Project Name
Global environmental benefits calculator
Agencies
UNIDO
Date received by PM
12/22/2025
Review completed by PM

Program Manager
Anil Sookdeo
Focal Area
Chemicals and Waste
Project Type
MSP

CEO Approval Request

Part I - General Project Information

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestYes

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestYes

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 results?
- b) Does the summary capture the essence of the project, is well written and is it within the max. of 250 words?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestYes

Agency Response

3. Project Description Overview

- a) Is the project objective presented as a concise statement and clear?
- b) 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?
- c) Are gender dimensions, knowledge management, and M&E included within the project components and appropriately funded?
- d) Are the GEF Project Financing and Co-Financing contributions to PMC proportional?
- e) Is the PMC equal to or below 10%? If above 10%, is the justification acceptable?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestYes

Agency Response

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

In Figure 2, to avoid confusion the amounts for the POPs focal area and the ODS focal area, which have been combined and replaced by the chemicals and waste focal area, can be summed with the amount of projects for the CW focal area.

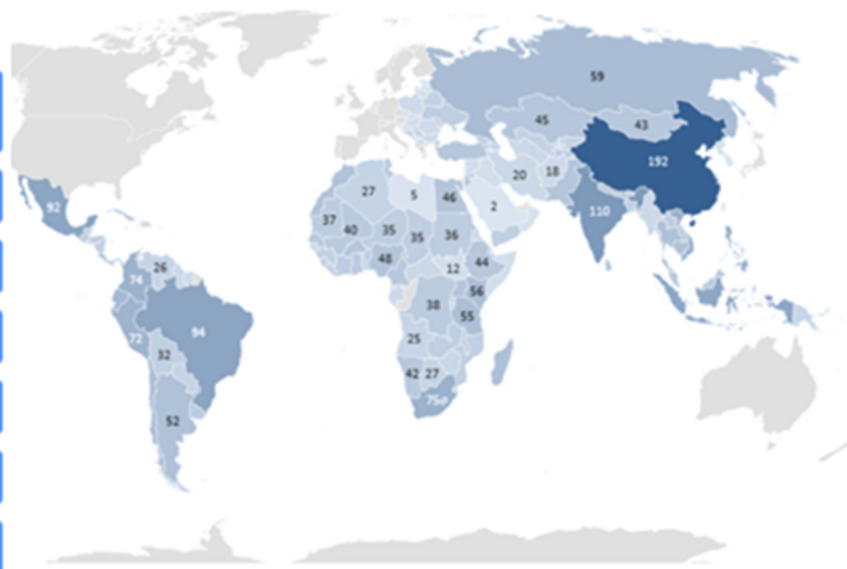
May 11, 2026 - Comment cleared

Agency Response

Figure 2 has been updated. The current CW focal area includes the ODS and POPs, with the number of projects and data reviewed by the end of 2025.

GEF Focal Areas and Project Count

Focal Area	Number of Projects
 Biodiversity	2368
 Chemicals and Waste	1192
 Climate Change	2538
 International Waters	517
 Land Degradation	992
 Multifocal Area	1326



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 thrust and basis (including scientific) of the proposed solutions, how they provide a robust solution and listing the key assumptions underlying these?

b) 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?

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

d) 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?

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

f) 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?

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

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

i) 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 description/s?

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

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

l) Transformation and/or innovation: Is the project going to be transformative or innovative? Does it explain scaling up opportunities?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Outcome 1 should also include Biodiversity, particularly the targets of the GBF.

MAY 11, 2026 - comment cleared

Agency ResponseThe Convention on Biological Diversity was included in Outcome 1 and reinforced in Output 1.1 and Output 1.2 to consider the 23 targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF).

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.).

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

UNIDO is requesting to execute the project. While the project is a global project in nature please include the exception criteria in the explanation following the specific procedure depicted in Annex 7 of the Project Cycle Guidelines.

A key stakeholder and advisor should be the STAP and, if established the ISP-CWP

May 14, 2026 -

1. On the dual role requested by the Agency: we noticed that the agency mentioned, in the review sheet, that formal consultation was submitted to the GEF. Nevertheless, we cannot find any additional information in the CEO endorsement or elsewhere. We could not either find the documentation that should support the steps provided in the Guidelines (see also screenshot below). Without this, the exception can't be granted.

Agency Response

Thank you for your clarification. Formal Consultation Request for Exception Waiver under GEF Policy on Dual Implementation and Execution submitted to the GEF.

- (b) The formal written consultation for an exception waiver shall include the rationale for the Agency dual role with the following elements:
- (i) A statement clarifying which of the five exception waivers the Agency is pursuing;
 - (ii) Specific execution activities to be performed by the Agency, along with the timeline for those execution activities;
 - (iii) A statement confirming that cost recovery for the Agency assuming a dual role shall not be recovered from GEF resources, recalling that any costs incurred by the Agency performing execution services, including capacity building of the EA, are to be covered by the co-financing resources allocated to the project management cost estimated as part of the total project cost;
 - (iv) A depiction of possible alternatives for EAs that have executed GEF projects in the participant country/countries, and an explanation why none of the alternatives are feasible, including for countries/contexts in which GEF Agencies have previously implemented projects with the nominated EA without a dual role; and
 - (v) Description of the governance, decision-making processes, and institutional arrangements for the Agency to safeguard a clear separation of implementation and execution duties and related authorizations.

May 18, 2026 - Dual Execution justification has been made and cleared.

Agency Response

Thank you for your clarification. Formal Consultation Request for Exception Waiver under GEF Policy on Dual Implementation and Execution Roles has been submitted to the GEF.

The document section in Output 1.2 includes the following text: Close collaboration will be established with MEA technical advisory bodies and the GEF's own Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) for validation and guidance, as well as with the Indigenous and Community Stakeholder Platform Coordination Work Program (ISP-CWP), as necessary and applicable based on the type of reporting methodologies, and considering the stakeholder coordination mechanism focused on inclusion. These entities will provide expert validation of input assumptions, emission factors, data quality thresholds, inclusion considerations, and calculation models embedded within the tool.

Also, the SEP has considered coordination and expected contributions from these two main stakeholders.

May 14-2026 Answer

UNIDO submitted the waiver request via email on May 8, 2026. The request has been processed successfully.

5.3 Core indicators

a) Are the identified core indicators calculated using the methodology included in the corresponding Guidelines (GEF/C.54/11/Rev.01)?

b) Are the project's targeted contributions to GEBs (measured through core 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 Yes

Agency Response

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 screened and rated and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

The risks associated with uptake of the final methodology and calculator is categorized as moderate. The intention of having this calculator developed is to develop a methodology that the GEF requires for all projects to ensure consistency with estimating, monitoring and reporting of GEBs so the risk should be low.

May 11, 2026 - comment cleared

Agency Response

Thank you for your comment. Upon review, we recognized a mistake in the risk description; the same risk was inaccurately described as technological and financial and business model risk. We have now revised the descriptions and assessments for both risks, resulting in their rate being low. Please find the updated descriptions and justifications below.

Technological risk - Low: A distinct technological risk does exist but is indirect rather than intrinsic to the technology itself: the project does not hinge on novel or unproven AI, but on the integration, standardization, and operationalization of data across highly heterogeneous systems and users. The main risk is therefore that the GEBs Calculator may produce inconsistent or unreliable outputs if underlying data, methodologies, and user inputs remain fragmented or are applied unevenly across agencies and countries, particularly where technical capacity is limited. This risk is mitigated through (i) the prior establishment of a harmonized data architecture and standardized methodologies aligned with the GEF Results Measurement Framework and MEAs, (ii) embedding validation rules, transparent logic, and auditable calculations within the tool, and (iii) implementing pilot testing, user guidance, and capacity-building programs, including low-resource and offline functionality to ensure usability across contexts. Given that the technology itself is relatively low complexity but highly dependent on institutional uptake and data quality, the residual technological risk is best characterized as low, with remaining exposure primarily linked to external data and capacity constraints rather than failure of the technology itself.

Financial and Business Model - Low: This risk relates mainly to post-project sustainability rather than revenue generation, as the GEBs Calculator is conceived as a publicly funded, non-commercial tool within the GEF framework. The primary risk is that, after the initial GEF grant and time-bound co-financing from Clearya, there may be insufficient dedicated funding to maintain and periodically update key technical parameters (e.g., emission factors and scientific data inputs), which are necessary to keep the tool accurate and relevant over time. However, this risk is mitigated by the project's design, the core calculation architecture and methodology will be standardized and remain stable, significantly reducing future costs, while only incremental updates to scientific parameters are required. Furthermore, the tool is intended to be institutionalized within the GEF Results Measurement Framework, creating an implicit expectation that future GEF cycles will allocate resources for its maintenance, and its low-cost, modular structure minimizes financial burden.

Given these characteristics, the residual financial risk is low, as the project does not depend on market-based revenue or complex financial models, and future funding needs are predictable, limited in scope, and aligned with GEF's mandate to support standardized reporting systems.

The project document has been updated.

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

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

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestYes

Agency Response

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 RequestYes

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

Agency Response

7 D. Policy Requirements

7.1 Are the Policy Requirement sections completed?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestYes

Agency Response

7.2 Is the Gender Action Plan uploaded?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

As per GEF Guidance, the Agency is requested to upload the Gender Analysis and the Gender Action Plan for review. In addition, under M&E, please ensure that the implementation of the Gender Action Plan is regularly reported on through the PIR, MTR and TE, highlighting lessons learned, challenges and best practices, with particular attention to Barrier 3 and the related activities.

May 11, 2026 - comment cleared

Agency Response

Gender considerations are integrated in the GAP document and in the project description primarily through Component 3 (capacity building and stakeholder engagement), addressing barriers related to digital access, technical capacity, and participation?particularly those identified under Barrier 3 affecting LDCs and SIDS.

Implementation of the Gender Action Plan will be systematically monitored and reported through the PIR, MTR, and TE processes, using sex-disaggregated indicators and participation data. Reporting will capture progress, challenges, lessons learned, and best practices, with specific attention to addressing digital and capacity gaps affecting women?s participation in training, stakeholder engagement, and use of the GEBs Calculator.

7.3 Is the stakeholder engagement plan uploaded?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Cannot locate a stakeholder engagement plan. Agency should provide a plan or equivalent that describes stakeholder consultations to date and describes the contributions and roles of different stakeholders related to project components and activities, including the means and timing of these engagements and consultations in project implementation.

May 11, 2026 - comment cleared

Agency ResponseThe Stakeholders Engagement Plan was included in the submission as part of the ESS supporting documents and has now been updated to describe the specific roles and contributions of each stakeholder and to reflect the stakeholder consultation process and delegates.

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

Agency Response

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestPlease equally allocate resources to the programming of funds to POPs, Mercury and SAICM

Agency ResponseFunds have been evenly distributed.

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

SCCF A (SIDS)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response
Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response
8.2 Project Preparation Grant (PPG)

- a) Is PPG reimbursement requested and if so, is it within the eligible cap of USD 50,000?
b) 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

PPG reimbursement is requested, however is it necessary to request the entire amount? The activities in the table needs to be elaborated.

7. On Annex D ? Status of Utilization of the PPG: We noticed the agency listed the main categories, but no details were provided. For example, which are the consultants funded with PPG resource, what were the contractual services. Please provided some level of details of each category mentioned in the table so we can assess the eligibility of expenditures.

ANNEX D: STATUS OF UTILIZATION OF PROJECT PREPARATION GRANT (PPG)

Provide detailed funding amount of the PPG activities financing status in the table below:

Project Preparation Activities Implemented	GET/LDCF/SCCF Amount (\$)		Amount Committed
	Budgeted Amount	Amount Spent To date	
International consultants	20,000.00		20,000.00
International meetings	20,000.00	11,700.00	8,300.00
Contractual Services	50,000.00		50,000.00
Travel	20,000.00		20,000.00
HACT assessment and due diligence	40,000.00		40,000.00
Total	150,000.00	11,700.00	138,300.00

May 14, 2026 - Comment has not been addressed: no additional details have been provided to Annex D

ANNEX D: STATUS OF UTILIZATION OF PROJECT PREPARATION GRANT (PPG)

Provide detailed funding amount of the PPG activities financing status in the table below:

Project Preparation Activities Implemented	GET/LDCF/SCCF Amount (\$)		Amount Committed
	Budgeted Amount	Amount Spent To date	
International consultants	20,000.00		20,000.00
International meetings	20,000.00	11,700.00	8,300.00
Contractual Services	50,000.00		50,000.00
Travel	20,000.00		20,000.00
Stakeholder due diligence	40,000.00		40,000.00
Total	150,000.00	11,700.00	138,300.00

Agency Response

Yes, the remaining PPG funds are still required to complete and refine final project preparation activities to ensure the technical and operational readiness prior to startup. This includes final validation and refinement of targeted stakeholder consultations and technical coordination, alignment with GEF Core Indicator 9, relevant MEA reporting frameworks, and PRISM ecosystem requirements, as well as completion of mandatory due diligence related processes. As no implementation financing was available prior to endorsement, the PPG remains the only available resource to support these remaining preparation and readiness activities.

8.3 Source of Funds

Does the sources of funds table match with the OFP's LOE? Note: the table only captures sources of funds from the country's STAR allocation

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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 RequestYes

Agency ResponseCo-financing letters have been uploaded under Roadmap & Documents section as the upload tabs are not available in the CEO Module. This technical issue has been flagged to GEF IT Team

Annex B: Endorsements

8.5 a) 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

There are activities linked to Component 3 (Stakeholder Engagement and Capacity Building) that will be taken place in countries and will be financed with GEF resources (see outputs below):

? Output 3.1: Stakeholder Training Programs and Global Knowledge Exchange Network, with Emphasis on LDCs and SIDS

? Output 3.2: Training Tools and Knowledge Resources Developed, Localized, and Disseminated for Scalable Capacity Building

? Output 3.3: Stakeholder Engagement, Peer Learning Mechanisms, and Capacity Monitoring Systems Institutionalized

May 14, 2026 -

2. We take note of UNIDO's response regarding the letter of endorsements. Nevertheless, please note that, per guidelines, participating countries need to be submitted by the time of CEO Approval request at the latest. This project cannot be cleared without LoEs.

7. LoEs are **not** required in the following cases:

- (a) Global or regional projects with no GEF project-funded activities in the countries;
- (b) Projects or Programs using Non-Grant Instruments in which there are public sector beneficiaries in more than one country;¹⁰
- (c) Projects or Programs using Non-Grant Instruments in which the beneficiaries are private sector actors exclusively;
- (d) Global or Regional coordination child projects for Programs.

8. For global or regional projects with GEF project-funded activities in countries, all participant countries may not be identified by the time of PIF submission. If, during the preparation phase, a new country is identified, the GEF OFP Letter of Endorsement for the new participant country needs to be submitted by the time of CEO Endorsement/Approval request at the latest.

May 18, 2026 - comment cleared

Agency Response

At the current stage, specific countries for piloting and validation of the GEBs Calculator have not yet been formally identified; even if identified, the potential relationship will be indirect through GEF databases and reporting. If direct engagement is envisioned, specifically for testing the software, this will result after initial actions of Outcome 1. As a result, formal endorsement letters from national institutions (ministries, agencies, and focal points) are not included at this stage. Once pilot countries are confirmed during project implementation, UNIDO will engage with the respective selected national authorities to facilitate participation in testing and validation activities. Where required in accordance with GEF procedures, endorsement letters will be sought from the relevant countries. This note has been included in the SEP.

May 14, 2026 ANSWER

Thank you for the email communication dated 5/15/26. As confirmed in the communication:

The project does not include activities in specific countries targeting defined groups or sectors of beneficiaries for direct budget interventions. Rather, the project has been designed as a global initiative serving to deliver a global tool/platform. In this regard, the potential relationship will be indirect through GEF databases, data validation based on country reports, and reporting tools. Only once the calculator design is ready, several international stakeholders and potentially GEF project coordinators in specific countries, as applicable, will be contacted to test the tool. However, at this point, it is impossible to set specific countries, hence no LoEs

are available at this moment. The nature of this engagement is to test the tools rather than to operate them.

As discussed in email communication, we would like to kindly confirm that all tools, platforms, and resources will be developed globally, with the understanding that they will be accessible to the entire GEF Partnership and that the project's benefits will be shared globally with all member countries. However, if the project design, as part of quality assurance and quality control, requires a specific validation scenario involving specific countries, once those are identified, UNIDO, in consultation with the GEF Secretariat, would process an amendment to include the corresponding GEF OFP Letters of Endorsement for those countries, as appropriate.

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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

Agency Response

8.6 For NGI projects (which may not require LoEs), has the Agency informed the OFP(s) of the project before the PIF submission?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Annex C: Project Results Framework

8.7 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 the budget (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?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestYes

Agency Response

Annex E: Project map and coordinates

8.8 Are geo-referenced information and maps provided indicating where the project interventions will take place ?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestN/A

Agency Response

Annex F: Environmental and Social Safeguards Screen and Rating

8.9 Have safeguard screening document and/or other ESS document(s) attached and been uploaded to the GEF Portal?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

We note that UNIDO has attached Environmental and Social Safeguard Screening document. An overall ESS risk is classified as Low. Please provide stakeholder engagement plan. We cannot allocate the attachment

MAY 11, 2026 - comment cleared

Agency Response The Stakeholder Engagement Plan has been uploaded as part of the ESS supporting documents.

Annex G: GEF Budget template

8.10 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

1. Is an MTR need for a 30-month project?

Conduct Mid-Term Review and Terminal Evaluation		\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	UNIDO
---	--	-------------	-------------	-------

2. Is this aligned with the correct budget line ? data system may be best placed with contractual services rather than international meetings.

3500 International Meetings	Design of a centralized data system	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
-----------------------------	-------------------------------------	--------------	--------------	--------------

4. Host in person trainings is allocated to contractual services? Please clarify.

Host in-person trainings and virtual events		\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	UNIDO
---	--	--------------	--------------	--------------	-------

1. The title in the first column seems to be wrong as it's the categories and not the budget estimate. Please correct.

2. Please review the expenditure categories provided in appendix A of the [Project Cycle Guidelines](#) and kindly use these in the budget table provided - please also provide the subtotals per category as presented in the template. As an example, Contractual Service should be divided in two categories depending on whether the services are related to a company or individuals. Same comment applies to training, workshops, and meetings. Please harmonize and submit a new budget with categories provided in the GEF template.

Budget Estimate (USD)	Activities	COMPONENT 1 Outcome 1: Integrated Data Systems and Alignment with International Conventions and Implementing Agencies	COMPONENT 2 Outcome 2: GEBs Calculator Tool Development	COMPONENT 3 Outcome 3: Stakeholder Involvement and Capacity Building	Subtotal	COMPONENT 4 Outcome 4: Monitoring and Evaluation
1100 Staff & Intern Consultants	Conduct Mid-Term Review and Terminal Evaluation					\$70,000.00
	Conduct pilot demonstrations in GEF countries and agencies		\$20,740.00		\$20,740.00	
	Create lessons-learned reports and methodological updates					\$17,222.00
	Document case studies and lessons learned		\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00	
	Gather and analyze stakeholder feedback			\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
	Implement quarterly and annual reviews					\$10,000.00
	Inventory of indicators and methodologies across agencies	\$80,000.00			\$80,000.00	
PMU	Project Coordinator					
	Project assistant					
	Expert in Stakeholder Engagement					
	Development of a cross-agency data harmonization framework	\$60,000.00			\$60,000.00	
1101 Tech Services	Link to the global knowledge exchange platform			\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	
1600 Staff Travel	Development of a cross-agency data harmonization framework	\$80,000.00			\$80,000.00	
	Host in-person trainings and virtual events			\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	
	Certify regional TOT trainers			\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	
	Collection of data from global databases and MEAs	\$60,000.00			\$60,000.00	
	Create multilingual training manuals, resources, and SOPs		\$55,000.00		\$55,000.00	

3. Equipment for the PMU should be fully charged to the PMC.

4500 Equipment	EQUIPMENT FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT Unit: Laptop, screens, tablet, and tables.	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
----------------	--	-------------	-------------	-------------

4. Once resubmitted we will review the budget and provide further comments if needed.

May 14, 2026 - Budget table in the CEO Endorsement request Portal view, which is the document circulated to Council (see attached pdf file) has a formatting issue - please amend

Expenditure Category	Activities	COMPONENT 1 Outcome 1: Integrated Data Systems and Alignment with International Conventions and Implementing Agencies	COMPONENT 2 Outcome 2: GEBs Calculator Tool Development	COMPONENT 3 Outcome 3: Stakeholder Involvement and Capacity Building	COMPONENT 4 Outcome 4: Monitoring and Evaluation	Revised		
						PM C	Total	sp on sibil e
Goods	Equipment for Project Management Unit: subscriptions to apps, digital equipment for field testing, screens, and tables.					\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	UN ID O
Goods Total						\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
	Interfaces' initial design, contextualization, and logic protocols		\$200,000.00			\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	CLEAR YA
Sub-contract to executing partner/ entity	Programming of a modular calculator		\$1,200,000.00			\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	CLEAR YA
	Validation of logic and usability features		\$200,000.00			\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	CLEAR YA
5/8/2026						Official Use Only Page 61 of 6		
								
Sub-contract to executing partner/ entity Total						\$1,600,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	
Contractual Services – Individual	Collection of data from global databases and MEAs	\$60,000.00				\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	UN ID O
Contractual Services – Individual Total						\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	
	Create multilingual training manuals, resources, and SOPs		\$55,000.00			\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	UN ID O
	Design of a centralized data system	\$150,000.00				\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	UN ID O
Contractual Services – Company	Develop sector-specific learning modules			\$180,000.00		\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	UN ID O
	Development of cross-agency data harmonization framework - external consultant	\$105,000.00				\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	UN ID O
	Implement peer and community exchange			\$70,000.00		\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	UN ID O
	Link to the global knowledge			\$120,000.00		\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	UN ID O

Agency Response

1. The GEF guidelines indicate for grants above 2 million, the MTR is mandatory. UNIDO considers that although the project spans 30 months, including a MTR is justified given its high technical complexity, the dual implementation and execution roles, the need for multi-stakeholder coordination, and the systemic risks identified during planning.

Key risks include inconsistent reporting practices across agencies, technical capacity constraints, and the need for effective collaboration among various actors to ensure that scientific validation processes are successfully integrated. These issues may lead to challenges that require prompt identification and corrective actions. The MTR will act as an adaptive management tool to evaluate progress and the effectiveness of stakeholder coordination before the deployment of capacity-building initiatives, and the calculator's functionality and usability, supporting informed, evidence-based decisions throughout implementation.

2, 3, 4 . Confusions in the budget were generated due to the use of UNIDO budget lines; now the expenditure categories have been reassigned, matching the requesting activities type.

Other questions:

1. The title has been reviewed
2. The budget table has been updated.
3. PMU's Equipment is fully charged to the PMC

MAY 14/2026

The budget table has been uploaded again. We kindly note that Portal Generated PDF version becomes available to us only after the submission of the project, hence it is impossible to see whether the new Budget Annex complies with portal margins, we followed previously shared recommendation to use "Auto-fit window function" if this issue reoccurs we would kindly request IT support and guidance. Thank you.

Annex H: NGI Relevant Annexes

8.11 a) Does the project provide sufficient detail (indicative term sheet) to take a decision on the following selection 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

Agency Response

Additional Annexes

9. GEFSEC DECISION

9.1.GEFSEC Recommendation Is the project recommended for approval

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request This project will need to be aligned with PRISM to ensure it can be embedded into the PRISM ecosystem.

9.3 Review Dates

	1SMSP CEO Approval	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	4/15/2026	5/6/2026
Additional Review (as necessary)	4/23/2026	5/15/2026
Additional Review (as necessary)	5/14/2026	
Additional Review (as necessary)	5/18/2026	
Additional Review (as necessary)		