

# Tunisian First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1) and a combined Second Biennial Transparency Report (BTR2) /Fifth National Communication (NC5) (BTR1\_NC5/BTR2)

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

11310

**Countries**

Tunisia

**Project Name**

Tunisian First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1) and a combined Second Biennial Transparency Report (BTR2) /Fifth National Communication (NC5) (BTR1\_NC5/BTR2)

**Agencies**

UNDP

**Date received by PM**

6/29/2023

**Review completed by PM**

7/13/2023

**Program Manager**

Esteban Bermudez Forn

**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**

EBF 7/24/2023: This project is aligned with the GEF-8 climate change focal are strategy. Cleared.

#### **Agency's Comments**

#### **Cost Ranges.**

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

#### **Secretariat's Comments**

EBF 7/24/2023: 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 EBF 7/24/2023: Cleared.

Agency's Comments  
Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

**Eligibility Criteria.**

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

**Secretariat's Comments**

EBF 8/4/2023:

1. Noted. Cleared.
2. Cleared.

EBF 7/24/2023: Please address the following comments:

1. Considering that the fourth National Communication (NC4) are yet to be submitted to the UNFCCC. Please indicate in the portal form and in the project document that the resources for the second Biennial Transparency Report (BTR2) combined with the Fifth National Communication (NC5) will be disbursed to the executing partner after the UNFCCC submission process of the NC4 and

first BTR (BTR1) is confirmed.

2. The project has referred to the collection and analysis of gender-disaggregated data. While this is welcomed, please note that it may not be possible, at implementation, to collect data by gender (non-binary) in particular, if the country / communities collect only binary data, i.e., men / women.

#### **Agency's Comments**

GEF Agency response, 3 August 2023:

1) The project document and the request for climate change enabling activity have been revised to indicate that considering that the fourth National Communication (NC4) is yet to be submitted to the UNFCCC, the resources for the Fifth National Communication and Second Biennial Transparency Report (NC5/BTR2) as combined report, will be disbursed to the executing partner after the UNFCCC submission process of the NC4 and first BTR1 are confirmed and both reports are posted on the UNFCCC website.

2) In line with [GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GEF-8 RESULTS MEASUREMENT FRAMEWORK](#), the GEF mandatory indicator 1: ?# direct project beneficiaries (individual people)? of the project results framework will capture the total number of direct beneficiaries, disaggregated by sex (male and female). 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. To avoid any misunderstanding, a footnote is added to the EA request and ProDoc.

#### **Institutional framework.**

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

Secretariat's Comments EBF 7/24/2023: The project will be implemented by UNDP with limited execution support services. The Ministry of Environment will act as executing partner. The execution support services has been previously approved by the GEF Sec via email, which has been uploaded in the GEF Portal. Cleared.

Agency's Comments

**Monitoring and Evaluation.**

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

Secretariat's Comments EBF 7/24/2023: Yes, \$12,000 are budgeted for M&E related activities. Cleared.

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** EBF 7/24/2023: Yes, it is in line with GEF policies and guidelines.

**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 EBF 7/24/2023: Yes, this is in line with the information note GEF/C.62/Inf.15.

Agency's Comments  
**Rio Markers.**  
**Are the Rio Markers for CCM ,CCA, BD and LD presented?**

Secretariat's Comments EBF 7/24/2023: Yes. Cleared.

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 EBF 7/24/2023: Yes, the project has been endorsed by the GEF OFP of Tunisia 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

EBF 7/24/2023: Yes. Cleared. UNDP request for execution support services in the total amount of \$26,881 has been cleared by GEF management and evidence is uploaded in the GEF Portal.

Agency's Comments

**Environmental and Social Safeguards.**

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

Secretariat's Comments EBF 7/24/2023: Yes, they 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

EBF 8/4/2023: The PM recommend the clearance for CEO Approval.

EBF 7/24/2023: Please address the comments above. In addition, please change the visibility of the Agency Project Document and Checklist to "public" so they can be shared during the 4-week circulation with Council.

<a href="#">9531 Tunisia GAAP</a>	Project Supporting Document	Others	Official Use Only	6/29/2023 6:38 AM	
<a href="#">9531_BTR1_BTR2NC5_Tunisia_GEF Audit Check list _26.June 2023</a>	Project Supporting Document	Others	GEF Secretariat Use Only	6/29/2023 6:37 AM	
<a href="#">9531_BTR1_BTR2NC5_Tunisia_ProDoc_16 June 2023</a>	Project Document	Agency project document	Official Use Only	6/29/2023 6:35 AM	

\*\* Please highlight **in green** the changes made on the portal version of the CEO approval document for ease of reference. \*\*

**REVIEW DATE(S)**

	<b>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement</b>	<b>Response to Secretariat comments</b>
<b>First Review</b>	<b>7/24/2023</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>8/4/2023</b>	
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**Secretariat Comment at  
CEO Endorsement**

**Response to  
Secretariat comments**

**Additional Review  
(as necessary)**