

# Review and Update of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Algeria, Togo and Tunisia

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

10925

**Countries**

Global (Algeria, Togo, Tunisia)

**Project Name**

Review and Update of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Algeria, Togo and Tunisia

**Agencies**

UNEP

**Date received by PM**

2/17/2022

**Review completed by PM**

5/20/2022

**Program Manager**

Satoshi Yoshida

**Focal Area**

Chemicals and Waste

**Project Type**

EA

## **Expedited Enabling Activity req (CEO)**

### **Part 1: Project Information**

#### **Focal area elements**

**Is the enabling activity aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF 7 Programming Directions?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes. However, please see comments on table D.

Agency Response

The justification is same as provided GEF Resource Availability section.

#### **Project description summary**

**Is the project structure/design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs as in Table B and described in the project document?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

May 19, 2022: We note the project is linked with the Global project 10785. Comment cleared.

Feb 18, 2022: Yes. We note that there is no GEF funding allocation to Comp1 and 4 (and no co-financing either) and they will be supported by 10785. Please confirm there is enough budget for 10785 to cover the components.

### Agency Response

The project has been designed keeping the synergy with Components 1,2 and 4 of the global NIP project 10785. The global NIP will support the activities related to the Components 1, 2 and 4 for the present project at no extra costs. Project 10785 was design with the flexibility to add more countries to the global activities. The executing agencies and beneficiary countries have been informed about this arrangement and all are in agreement.

### Co-financing

**Are the confirmed expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented, with supporting evidence and a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified [and meets the definition of investment mobilized, and a description of any major changes from PIF, consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?]**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request No co-financing is expected for this project.

### Agency Response NA

### GEF Resource Availability

**Is the proposed GEF financing in Table D (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

May 19, 2022: We note the justifications.

Feb 18, 2022: If the project needs to have higher amount than \$250,000 per country for specific reasons, the project must provide adequate justifications, with comparison with countries with similar situation in the region for NIPs updates. Otherwise please amend the resource allocation for \$250,000

for each country as per the guidelines.

### Agency Response

This project is an extension of the global NIP project (GEF ID 10785). The project budget was designed to align with the recently approved global NIP project including

country allocation of USD 294,000 + 12,300 per country PMC. In addition, USD 5000 per country was added for the expert review of NIPs and is incorporated in Component 2. The cost deviation can be justified due to following reasons a) enhanced coordination requirements due to linkages with global project, coordination among countries for uniformity in execution; b) candidate POPs will be covered in addition to the listed chemicals; c) global tools to be used for effective reporting, the project will also be using the toolkit developed under the 9884 BRS toolkit project for NIP submission and reporting; d) contribute to the establishment of regional data hub under the global NIP project; e) organize meetings and consultations along the side-lines of COPs or immediately before/after COPs thus paying for extra days to maximise resource utilization; f) online management of inventories of the POPs to support countries in accessing the accurate data at any point of time. More information on cost deviation has been provided in Section F (deviation from typical cost range) of the project proposal.

The modifications have been made in the project document in the cost deviation.

**Are they within the resources available from:**

**The STAR allocation?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response NA

**The focal area allocation?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response NA

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response NA

**The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response NA

**Focal area set-aside?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response NA

**Is the financing presented adequate and demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives?**

## Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

May 19, 2022: Comments cleared.

Feb 18, 2022: Please see comments on table D. Also, on the budget table provided in Annex, please remove budget lines without funding allocation (e.g. project assistant). Please add who will be responsible for each budget line as per the GEF guidelines for project and program cycle policy (we assume UNEP handles Final Evaluation and the rest will be handled by the Executing Entity).

## Agency Response

The budget table has been revised as suggested. Deleted the budget lines with no funding allocation, responsible agency for budget is added. The same has been updated in the project document. The justification regarding comments on table D is same as provided in above GEF Resource Availability section.

### **Part 2: Enabling Activity Justification**

#### **Background and Context.**

**Are the achievements of previously implemented enabling activities cited since the country(ies) became a party to the Convention?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response NA

#### **Goals, Objectives, and Activities.**

**Is the project framework sufficiently described?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response NA

#### **Stakeholders.**

**Does the project include detailed report on stakeholders engaged during the design phase?**

**Is there an adequate stakeholder engagement plan or equivalent documentation for the implementation phase, with information on Stakeholders who will be engaged, the means of engagement, and dissemination of information?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response NA

#### **Gender equality and women's empowerment.**

**Has the gender analysis been completed? Did the gender analysis identify any gender**

**differences, gaps or opportunities linked to project/program objectives and activities? If so, does the project/program include gender-responsive activities, gender-sensitive indicators and expected results?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

May 27, 2022: The below comment cleared.

May 26, 2022: Additional comments from Gender Policy: please revise the section as in the below (in red).

### **B.3 Gender Dimensions**

#### ***Project Planning and Activities***

- ? Seek gender parity while setting project management unit;
- ? Ensure a gender-balanced leadership and decision making, **as well as gender expertise**, in project planning and implementation, this includes technical teams in various government bodies tasked with developing and implementing the NIP;
- ? Align project activities with national and regional gender protocols which can be used as benchmarks;
- ? Build capacity on gender issues among partners and beneficiaries;
- ? Develop and integrate mechanisms to ensure **gender expertise**, gender-balanced representation and women's participation in project activities; and
- ? Capture the voices of women and men, **and gender experts**, and develop gender-sensitive communication plans.

#### **Agency Response**

Thank you for the recommendations. The suggested changes have been made in the project document and portal.

#### **Monitoring and Evaluation.**

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes. One final evaluation is expected.

#### **Agency Response NA**

**Cost Effectiveness.**

**Is the project cost effective?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

May 19, 2022: Comment cleared.

Feb 18, 2022: The GEF amount needs to be revised.

Agency Response

The justification is same as provided above for the GEF Resource Availability section.

**Cost Ranges**

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

May 19, 2022: Comment cleared.

Feb 18, 2022: The GEF amount needs to be revised unless adequate justifications provided.

Agency Response

The justification is same as provided above for the GEF Resource Availability section.

**Part III. Endorsement/Approval by OFP**

**Country endorsement**

**Has the project been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point and has the name and position been checked against the GEF database?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response NA

**Response to Comments**

**Are all the comments adequately responded to? (only as applicable)**

GEF Secretariat Comment

Agency Response

**Other Agencies comments?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**Council comments**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**STAP Comments**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**Convention Secretariat comments**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**CSOs comments**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**GEFSEC DECISION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Is CEO Endorsement/approval recommended?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

May 27, 2022: Additional comment addressed.

May 26, 2022: The previous comments cleared while please address additional comment on gender.



May 19, 2022: The previous comments cleared. Please replace ESS document as the current one is for another project. Also, please amend the executing entity on the ?C.2 Institutional Framework for Project Implementation.?

Feb 18, 2022: Please address comments above.

**Review Dates**

	<b>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement</b>	<b>Response to Secretariat comments</b>
<b>First Review</b>	2/18/2022	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	5/19/2022	
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**CEO Recommendation**

**Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations**