

Enabling the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Prepare Its Fourth National Communication (4NC) and First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1) to the UNFCCC

GEF Secretariat Review for Enabling Activity – GEF - 7

Basic Information

GEF ID

10795

Countries

Nigeria

Project Title

Enabling the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Prepare Its Fourth National Communication (4NC) and First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1) to the UNFCCC

GEF Agency(ies)

UNDP

Agency ID

UNDP: 6519

GEF Focal Area(s)

Climate Change

Program Manager

Satoshi Yoshida

Non- Expedited Enabling Activity req (PIF)

Part 1: Project Information

Focal area elements

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

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Yes.

Agency Response

Project description summary

Are the components in Table B and as described in the PIF sound, appropriate, and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objectives?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 20, 2021: Thank you for all revisions. Comments cleared.

March 26, 2021: This project aims to meet the requirements of both NC and BTR while strengthening Nigeria's capacity of transparency framework. The modality is in line with the modality 2: the preparation of a combined BTR and NC, as defined in "Information Note on the Financing of Biennial Transparency Reports for Developing Country Parties to the Paris Agreement" (GEF/C.59/Inf.19). While Table B is generally appropriate in terms of the overall design and funding allocation, please address the below points:

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1. The project title only includes 4NC while the first BTR will be submitted combined with 4NC as described in the PIF. Also, the main capacity building activities will enable the country to meet requirements of the first BTR. As such, please include the first BTR in the project title.
2. Please choose BTR/NC on the portal under the "Type of Reports" section with the expected date of submission to the UNFCCC.
3. Please make sure that Components 1-4 include necessary elements and strengthened institutional and technical capacity of transparency framework for both 4NC and BTR1. In this regard, please adjust descriptions under Components 1-4 where only 4NC is referred but BTR1 is also relevant under "Part 2. B. ENABLING ACTIVITY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND ACTIVITIES." While Component 6 refers to information to be presented in BTR1, necessary elements need to be described in Components 1-4, where appropriate. Also, please confirm if Output 1.3 "Institutional arrangements for climate change and for implementing the UNFCCC described in the 4NC." is only relevant to 4NC or also relevant to BTR1.
4. Output 2.2 addresses only methodologies in the GHG inventory while Output 2.1 covers the entire GHG inventory system in accordance with the IPCC 2006 guidelines, and emission factors and other elements are included in this output. Please elaborate the rationale to separate these.
5. Outputs 3.1-3.3 do not explicitly include establishing/strengthen the system to track progress the NDC implementation as required by the MPGs while there are some descriptions under Part 2. B. Please consider adding this in these outputs.
6. Output 5.1 is the submission of 4NC combined with BTR1, which overlaps with Output 6.2, and Output 5.3 (monitoring and management) is an overarching activity under the project. Output 5.2 may be relevant to 4NC only. As such, restructuring these outputs under the two components may increase the clarity of project activities.

Agency Response BK April 20, 2021:

1. The BTR has been added to the project title.
2. BTR/NC will be chosen in the portal under the Type of Reports. Also, the expected date of the reports will be added.
3. Transparency framework-related revisions were made under sections B and C. Also, amendments were made to Components 1-4 to include necessary elements of both NC and BTR and strengthened institutional and technical capacity of transparency framework.

Output 1.3. was extended to cover the BTR1 as follows: *1.3 Institutional arrangements for domestic implementation, monitoring, reporting, archiving of information and stakeholder engagement related to the to the implementation and achievement of the NDCs and preparation of national reports (NCs, BTRs) on a continuous basis.*

4. Output 2.2 has been removed to avoid the indicated confusion. The updated guidelines will be used across all GHG inventory system.
5. A new output and additional text have been added to the Component 3 to highlight the NDC tracking:

3.3 Updated description of NDC, indicators, methodology and accounting approach tracking progress of NDC implementation and achievement in place and aligned with ETF and MPGs requirements.

6. Arrangements made according to the GFF Review: The actual combined 4NC + BTR1 reporting will be done under Component 6. On the

of arrangements made according to the GEF Review. The actual combined 4NC + BTR1 reporting will be done under Component 5. On the other hand, the Component 5 is now dedicated to the capacity building aspects alongside with knowledge management and monitoring and evaluation. A new output on capacity building has been drafted for capacity building (Output 5.1).

Additional revisions:

Output 2.1 has been updated to involve improvements of methodologies with higher tier methods. Also, a new activity was added under this output.

Output 5.2 has been revised to indicate specifically 4NC and BTR1. Also, an addition was made to one activity to better reflect that the awareness-raising and communication activities will take into account the findings of the gender analysis.

All "4NC + BTR1" quotes have been revised to "4NC and BTR1" throughout the document.

Budget for MTR and TE has been revised; allocated costs are now only half of the original budget.

A correction was made on Nigeria's ratification date for Paris Agreement.

Co-financing

Are the indicative expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented and consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines, with a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified and meets the definition of investment mobilized?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 20, 2021: The category was revised. Comment cleared.

March 26, 2021: Yes. The Sources of Co-financing of UNDP co-financing should be "GEF Agency" rather than "Recipient Country Government."

Agency Response

BK April 20, 2021: The source of UNDP co-financing has been revised to "GEF Agency".

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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Yes. The set-aside resource is under the cost of the modality 2 of the information note (GEF/C.59/Inf.19).

Agency Response

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

The STAR allocation?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion Yes, the project seeks \$1,904,733 (excluding Agency Fee) from Nigeria's STAR allocation.

Agency Response

The focal area allocation?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Agency Response

The LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Agency Response

The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Agency Response

Focal area set-aside?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion Yes, this project seeks \$500,000 (excluding Agency Fee) from the CCM set-aside, which is under the maximum funding as the preparation for a combined BTR/NC as indicated in the informal note (GEF/C.59/Inf.19).

Agency Response

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

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion Yes. The project will draw on experiences of the past transparency-related projects, in particular TNC. The project will not only prepare for the submission of 4NC and BTR1 but also enhance institutional and

technical capacities of the transparency framework in Nigeria to meet the requirements of these reports. Meeting the obligations of the

MPGs under Article 13, beyond the project timeline (BTR1), will require significant improvements on from institutional arrangement to the GHG inventory to tracking progress of NDC, which will be addressed by the project.

Agency Response

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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 20, 2021: The description has been updated. Comment cleared.

March 26, 2021: Yes, past NCs and BURs as well as ongoing relevant activities are well described while summarizing gaps identified by these activities as well as the ICA process. There is a description "Also, Nigeria targets to submit its fourth NC (4NC) in June 2025" while this project aims to submit BTR1 combined with 4NC in 2024. Please address the discrepancy.

Agency Response

BK April 20, 2021: The discrepancy on 4NC submission date was fixed, indicating the combined submission date as December 2024.

Goals, Objectives, and Activities.

Is the project framework sufficiently described?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 20, 2021: Thank you for the revisions in line with the below comments. Comments cleared.

Please note that the Agency cannot play a role of any executing functions while the PIF does not indicate so (Federal Ministry of Environment of Nigeria will be the executing entity).

March 26, 2021: The project framework is generally well described. However, please address the below.

1. As mentioned in the above box, please make sure that Components 1-4 include necessary elements and strengthened institutional and technical capacity of transparency framework for both 4NC and BTR1 and please adjust descriptions under Components 1-4 where only 4NC is referred but BTR1 is also relevant (Output 5.3 is relevant to BTR 1 as well).
2. It is mentioned that Nigeria's NDC will be updated in May 2021. Please confirm that the project will adapt with the changes from the current NDC.
3. Output 2.2 and 3.3 mention improvements of methodologies or the MRV system for some sectors. Please provide indicative sectors or provide at a later stage.
4. There are two descriptions relating to the submission of BTR1 and 4NC under Component 6: "The BTR1 will be combined with 4NC and submitted in December 2024." and "The project team will decide on the modality of BTR reporting with options like separate or combined reporting with the Fourth National Communication." We understand that the project aims to submit BTR1 and 4NC simultaneously, which would reduce the burden of the submission, while there is still a possibility of separate submissions. Please unify the descriptions.
5. Output 6.3 "the National capacities increased for future BTR processes" is important as the project will be complete in 2026, close to the submission of the second BTR where there would be further improvements of transparency. In this regard, please consider adding improvements of the transparency framework this project will bring, beyond the requirements of BTR1 (e.g. where the country uses flexibility provisions), which can be further elaborated at a later stage.

Agency Response

BK April 20, 2021:

1. As explained in the above box, several revisions were made in the PIF with respect to the GEF comments.
2. Explanatory text has been inserted under the Component 3 as well as additional output 3.3 has been added to indicate that the project will adapt to the updated NDC of Nigeria.
3. The project's focus on MRV sectors will be identified at a later stage based on the discussions with the experts from the Department of Climate Change under the Ministry of Environment. This will also depend on the current ongoing efforts under the EU funded project which is also targeting improvements in MRVs for several different sectors.

4. The revisions were made under components 5 and 6. While the latter will be focusing on combined reporting, the Component 5 will emphasis capacity building aspects along with knowledge management and monitoring & evaluation.
5. The capacity development related activities have been packaged under component 5, Output 5.1, with strengthened and detailed activities.

Stakeholders.

Does the PIF include indicative information on Stakeholders engagement to date? If not, is the justification provided appropriate? Does the PIF include information about the proposed means of future engagement?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion March 26, 2021: Yes, detailed indicative stakeholders and their roles/ means of engagement are identified during the preparation. Thank you for including Covid-19 risks and mitigation measures. Please clarify if there is a risk of Covid-19 on gathering data for 4NC and BTR1 as well as any opportunity, if applicable.

Agency Response

BK April 20, 2021: Additional text has been inserted under the Stakeholder Engagement Section reflecting current stakeholder consultation and data collection bottlenecks and mitigation approaches.

Gender equality and women's empowerment.

Is the articulation of gender context and indicative information on the importance and need to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, adequate?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 20, 2021: Country-specific descriptions have been added. Comments cleared.

March 26, 2021: We note general descriptions and approaches related to gender considerations in the project, expected gender analysis and action plan, and relevant components in 4NC and BTR1. Also, some outputs on both mitigation and adaptation already include gender aspects and considerations. However, please consider adding country-specific gender information relating to the transparency framework, drawing on experiences of TNC and other relevant projects.

Agency Response

BK April 20, 2021: Additional text has been added to the "Gender Dimension" section based on the findings of the Third National Communication. Further details will be given as part of the Gender Analysis and Action Plan to be prepared during the Project Document and Request for CEO Endorsement development.

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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion Yes, the endorsement letter is signed by the current OFP of Nigeria.

Agency Response

Response to Comments

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

GEF Secretariat Comment

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Other Agencies comments?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is CEO clearance/approval recommended?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 20, 2021: Previous comments are addressed. PM recommends this project with the audit template for technical clearance.

March 26, 2021: Please address the above comments.

Additional Comments

Additional recommendations to be considered by Agency at the time of CEO endorsement/approval.

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

1. Please ensure the project design reflects the updated NDC during the project preparation phase, which is expected to be published this year, if there are significant changes.

- 2. Please elaborate details of the improvements of the national GHG inventory and MRV system for BTR1 and 4NC including methodologies and tracking system of the NDC implementation.
- 3. Please also elaborate how the project will further improve the Nigeria's transparency framework after the submission of BTR1 and 4NC, addressing remaining challenges related to the requirements by the MPGs.
- 4. Please avoid duplication of work if the country also receives additional support to enhance transparency framework on climate change by relevant projects, including capacity building, institutional capacity, tracking system of the NDC implementation, and improvements of the GHG Inventory and MRV system.

Review Dates

| | PIF Review | Agency Response |
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| First Review | 3/26/2021 | |
| Additional Review (as necessary) | 4/20/2021 | |
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PIF Recommendation to CEO

Brief reasoning for recommendations to CEO for PIF Approval

