

Capacity-building for transparency in NDC implementation in Cameroon

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10446

Countries

Cameroon

Project Name

Capacity-building for transparency in NDC implementation in Cameroon

Agencies

UNEP

Date received by PM

1/6/2022

Review completed by PM

2/25/2022

Program Manager

Pascal Martinez

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

MSP

PIF

CEO Endorsement

Part I ? Project Information

Focal area elements

1. Does the project remain aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements as presented in PIF (as indicated in table A)?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Please change the Rio Marker for Climate Change Mitigation to 2.

February 18, 2022:

Thank you for the adjustment. Cleared.

Agency Response

18 February 2022

The Rio Marker for Climate Change Mitigation has been changed to 2.

Note to reviewer: for ease of review, UNEP has uploaded a pdf version of the CEO Endorsement Document on the Portal which shows all adjustments / edits highlighted in yellow.

Project description summary

2. 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

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

3. If this is a non-grant instrument, has a reflow calendar been presented in Annex D?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response

Co-financing

4. 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

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

GEF Resource Availability

5. Is the financing presented in Table D adequate and does the project demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Project Preparation Grant

6. Is the status and utilization of the PPG reported in Annex C in the document?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Yes, out of a budget of \$50,000, \$30,800 have been spent and the remaining resources are committed. Cleared.

Agency Response

Core indicators

7. Are there changes/adjustments made in the core indicator targets indicated in Table E? Do they remain realistic?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

The number of beneficiaries is 240 (the same as in the PIF). Cleared.

Agency Response

Part II ? Project Justification

1. Is there a sufficient elaboration on how the global environmental/adaptation problems, including the root causes and barriers, are going to be addressed?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

The problems including barriers and root causes are clearly presented. Cleared.

Agency Response

2. Is there an elaboration on how the baseline scenario or any associated baseline projects were derived?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

1. In Cameroon updated ND, the emissions reduction target is said to be by 2030 in table 3 and by 2035 in the paragraph above the table 3. Please clarify. Also, in this same table 3, the cost of implementation of 57,640 USD looks very low. Please amend as needed.

2. The text under "d) Challenges, gaps and barriers" is more relevant in the previous section where barriers are already presented. Please move this text in this section and merge it as needed with the already existing paragraphs on barriers.

February 18, 2022:

Thank you for the corrections and amendments. Cleared.

Agency Response

18 February 2022

1. The correct date was 2030 - this has been corrected. Table 3 has also been corrected to reflect the appropriate scale for the cost of implementation of Cameroon's NDC. The correct amount is 57.64 billion USD (i.e. 28,713 billion FCFA).

2. The text on challenges, gaps and barriers has been moved and merged into section 1- Root causes and barriers, as requested.

3. Is the proposed alternative scenario as described in PIF/PFD sound and adequate? Is there sufficient clarity on the expected outcomes and components of the project and a description on the project is aiming to achieve them?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

February 2, 2022:

Thank you for the very well structured and detailed presentation. Please address the minor comments below:

1. The Theory of Change is very difficult to read. Please also upload it as a separate document in the documents section of the Portal.

2. Please clarify what "AD on F-gases" means and what "AD" stands for (it is mentioned for the first time under the activity 2.1).

February 18, 2022:

Thank you for the clarifications. Cleared.

Agency Response

18 February 2022

1. The Theory of Change has been uploaded as a separate document in the Portal, as requested.

2. The acronyms have been spelled out: AD stands for "Activity Data" and F-gases stands for "Fluorinated gases".

4. Is there further elaboration on how the project is aligned with focal area/impact program strategies?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

5. Is the incremental reasoning, contribution from the baseline, and co-financing clearly elaborated?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

6. Is there further and better elaboration on the project's expected contribution to global environmental benefits or adaptation benefits?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

7. Is there further and better elaboration to show that the project is innovative and sustainable including the potential for scaling up?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

The description rightly points out the importance of properly managing the exit points for the project. As regard to the staff turnover and the reliance on external consultants which are said to represent a challenge for the stability of the teams, the presentation is unclear on how the project will overcome that threat for the sustainability of the results after the end of the project. Please clarify.

February 18, 2022:

Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

Agency Response

18 February 2022

The 'Sustainability' subsection has been amended to clarify strategies to overcome the risk of staff turnover impacting the sustainability of results. They include: a Training of

Trainers scheme under Outputs 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4; establishment of good working conditions and staff motivation, applying the system of "counterparts", which consists in adding one or two local (national) officials or from the administration to each external consultant recruited; the participation of Ministry staff/local authorities and other relevant stakeholders in peer exchange activities on climate transparency (deliverables 1.2.5 and 1.3.10); mainstreaming transparency activities in national and subnational strategies as well as in budgeting processes will ensure financial sustainability after project lifespan (deliverable 1.4.3), including for paying salaries of the permanent staff .

Project Map and Coordinates

Is there an accurate and confirmed geo-referenced information where the project intervention will take place?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

There is no specific location as the project interventions are at country level. Cleared.

Agency Response

Child Project

If this is a child project, is there an adequate reflection of how it contributes to the overall program impact?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

N/A

Agency Response

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

February 2, 2022:

Under the gender section, we learn that "Additional efforts will be made to provide gender training to local populations, local NGOs and communities". Nevertheless, it seems that the

local communities have not been consulted (at the beginning of the section, the category "Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities" is not checked with a "yes") and they will not be involved in the stakeholders engagement plan. Please clarify.

February 18, 2022:

Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

Agency Response

18 February 2022

The category "Indigenous peoples and local communities" is now checked with a "yes" and the "Stakeholders" section has been amended with additional information. Indeed, invitations had been sent to representatives of indigenous peoples to take part in the consultation workshop, but unfortunately, they were not available to attend. Nonetheless, a consultation session was organized and held with Mrs. HAWE BOUBA, President of the "African Indigenous Women Organization Central African Network" (AIWO-CAN). This meeting focused on the involvement, role and responsibility of indigenous peoples in the climate transparency framework in Cameroon. One of the mandates assigned to indigenous peoples in the long term is to ensure environmental monitoring after having built their capacities on data collection techniques at the local level. The role of AIWO-CAN is further described in Table 7: Stakeholder Engagement Plan.

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

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Private Sector Engagement

If there is a private sector engagement, is there an elaboration of its role as a financier and/or as a stakeholder?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Risks to Achieving Project Objectives

Has the project elaborated on indicated risks, including climate change, potential social and environmental risks that might prevent the project objectives from being achieved? Were there proposed measures that address these risks at the time of project implementation?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Coordination

Is the institutional arrangement for project implementation fully described? Is there an elaboration on possible coordination with relevant GEF-financed projects and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project area?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Consistency with National Priorities

Has the project described the alignment of the project with identified national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under the relevant conventions?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Knowledge Management

Is the proposed Knowledge Management Approach for the project adequately elaborated with a timeline and a set of deliverables?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

1. Thank you for the information provided. In addition, please clarify how existing lessons informed the project concept and plan.
2. Is the text "reliable data on the data" on purpose? Please clarify what kind of data is mentioned here.

February 18, 2022:

Thank you for the additional information and clarification. Cleared.

Agency Response

18 February 2022

1. The knowledge management section has been amended with additional text on how lessons learned informed the project concept and plan.
2. The referred text has been corrected to ensure clarity.

Environmental and Social Safeguard (ESS)

Are environmental and social risks, impacts and management measures adequately documented at this stage and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Monitoring and Evaluation

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Benefits

Are the socioeconomic benefits at the national and local levels sufficiently described resulting from the project? Is there an elaboration on how these benefits translate in supporting the achievement of GEBs or adaptation benefits?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Annexes

Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Project Results Framework

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

The Project Results Framework is very difficult to read. Please change the format of the table so that we can read it (apparently what is copied in this Annex is an image rather than a table with text).

February 18, 2022:

Thank you for amendment but unfortunately, the table under Annex A goes far beyond the limit of the Portal entry page. The Project Results Framework is an important element of

the CEO Approval Request, please adjust the table so that it fits within the limits of the Portal entry page. To ensure this can be done for the next resubmission, the agency is invited to contact the GEF Program Manager and/or directly the GEF ITS team.

February 25, 2022:

Thank you for the adjustment. Cleared.

Agency Response

18 February 2022

The Project Results Framework on the Portal was updated to ensure it is more legible.

25 February 2022

The Project Results Framework (Annex A) was updated once more on the Portal to ensure it is legible and not distorted.

GEF Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Council comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response

STAP comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response

Other Agencies comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response

CSOs comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response

Status of PPG utilization

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Project maps and coordinates

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Does the termsheet in Annex F provide finalized financial terms and conditions? Does the termsheet and financial structure address concerns raised at PIF stage and that were pending to be resolved ahead of CEO endorsement? (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

N/A

Agency Response

Do the Reflow Table Annex G and the Trustee Excel Sheet for reflows provide accurate reflow expectations of the project submitted? Assumptions for Reflows can be submitted to explain expected reflows. (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response

Did the agency Annex H provided with information to assess the Agency Capacity to generate and manage reflows? (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is CEO endorsement recommended? (applies only to projects and child projects)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 2, 2022:

Not yet. Please address the comments raised by the review.

February 18, 2022:

Not yet. Please address the remaining comment.

March 3, 2022:

Thank you for addressing the comments. Unfortunately, final checking revealed the need to address the following comment (sorry for not having raised this point before):

On table B:Component M&E is missing the expected outputs and outcomes (see below). Please include this information in the table.

Monitoring and Evaluation	Technical Assistance	- [REDACTED]	- [REDACTED]	GET	49,000.00
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March 7, 2022:

Thank you for the amendment. The CEO Approval is now recommended.

Review Dates

**Secretariat Comment at
CEO Endorsement**

**Response to
Secretariat comments**

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	2/2/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	2/18/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	3/3/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	3/7/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)		

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations