

Preparation of the Fourth National Communication for the Implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Third Biennial Updated Report of the Republic of Tunisia.

GEF Secretariat Review for Enabling Activity – GEF - 7

Basic Information

GEF ID

10590

Countries

Tunisia

Project Title

Preparation of the Fourth National Communication for the Implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Third Biennial Updated Report of the Republic of Tunisia.

GEF Agency(ies)

UNDP

Agency ID

UNDP: 6250

GEF Focal Area(s)

Climate Change

Program Manager

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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

May 20, 2020, SY: Yes, it is in line with the enabling activities under the climate change mitigation part of the GEF7.

Agency Response

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

July 8, 2020, SY:

1. Thank you for the clarification. We understand that the activity follows up the outcomes of relevant negotiations rather than participate in them for BUR and NC reporting. Cleared.
2. Cleared.
3. Cleared.

May 20, 2020 SY: Largely yes. Please address the below for further assessment.

1. The component 5 includes “Building capacity of national stakeholders on Paris Agreement implementation and coordination including negotiation and participation to international conferences and high-level meetings related to climate change.” Please clarify how this is related to the requirement of NC/BUR.
2. Please correct some typos including “output 5.12” and “national GES emissions MRVs” under output 2.1.4 in the table B and other relevant places in the document.
3. Current project period (50 months) seems longer than the timeline of reporting. Please consider a revision or provide justification given the nature and objective of the project.

Agency Response

1. The component 5 includes “Building capacity of national stakeholders on Paris Agreement implementation and coordination including negotiation and participation to international conferences and high-level meetings related to climate change.” This activity will concern most of the stakeholders involved in this project (e.g. Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Ministry of Development, Investment and International Cooperation, Ministry of Finance, National Energy Conservation Agency, ...). This will allow to follow up negotiations in order to improve the implementation of the Paris Agreement in Tunisia, including transparency via existing MRV framework (NC, BUR, ICA) and to form part of the experience to drawn upon for continuous building of capacity and expertise in advance of the Enhanced Transparency Framework.
2. Done, typos were corrected, please see the updated EA proposal,
3. The required duration for this NC/BUR project is around 4 years. Indeed, our previous experiences have shown that the first year is a start-up year and that this kind of project requires a lot of concertation, which is time consuming. The time after the anticipated date of submission of the BUR and NC reports to the UNFCCC which are now anticipated for Mar 2022 (BUR) and Dec 2023 (NC) is expected to be used for compilation of Lessons Learnt, gaps and recommendations for future work, ICA process, dissemination of results, stakeholders consultations, M&E requirements (e.g. End of project report), audit and administrative closure.

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 May 20, 2020 SY: Co-financing is encouraged for EA projects. Grand and in-kind co-financing are envisaged for this project.

Agency Response

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 20, 2020, SY: Yes.

Agency Response

**Are they within the resources available from:
The STAR allocation?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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The focal area allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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The LDCF under the principle of equitable access

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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Focal area set-aside?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request May 20, 2020 SY: Yes.

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request May 20, 2020 SY: Yes.

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 CEO Endorsement Request May 20, 2020 SY: Yes.

Agency Response

Goals, Objectives, and Activities. Is the project framework sufficiently described?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/2/2020 SY

July 8, 2020, SY:

1. Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.
2. With the explanation provided in the above box on structure, we understand the nature of the activity. Perhaps the description can be clarified for the future projects (if any). Cleared.
3. Cleared.

May 20, 2020 SY: Overall, yes. However, please provide information on or address the below points.

1. GHG National Inventories: in the timeline of this project, there needs to be significant improvements toward the transition to BTRs. This project envisages such improvements including narrowing the gap between the GHG inventory year and the reporting year (x-3), and improvements in methodologies (tier 3 for energy and industrial processes) from TNC. Please clarify other improvements or change (including gas coverage: NF3 and PFCs) and provide potential challenges which will remain in the GHG inventory. Will the project enable the government to produce the GHG inventory every year?
2. Mitigation actions, and Domestic Monitoring, Reporting and Verification: similar to the structure part, "International Negotiations on CC" is included but explanation is not provided. Also, please elaborate "Access procedures to the Green Climate Fund and preparation of funding requests to international bodies supporting the low-carbon transition" in terms of activities related to this and relevance to the NC/BUR objective.
3. Compilation, Publication and Submission of the Fourth National Communication and Third Biennial Update Report: please elaborate output 5.2.1. to 5.2.3 are not described. Since this project will support both NC and BUR, please briefly provide common reporting elements and different elements in the two reports. "outcomes 1 to 6" should be "outcomes 1 to 4."

Agency Response

1. Please see adjusted text in the section "Narrative description of the planned activities" / "GHG National Inventories"

This project intends to continue previous support efforts and consolidate results achieved in this area. More specifically, it aims to support the country in preparing the national GHG inventories for the years 2013-2018 (BUR3) and up to 2020 (NC4) according to the 2019 refinement of the 2006 IPCC guidelines, and supplemented as far as practicable by the 2000 good practice guidance covering all GHG mentioned in these references including NF3 and PFCs. The elaboration of this inventory will include for the key sectors (energy, industrial processes, agriculture / forestry, other land uses, waste) using Tier3 approach in energy and industrial processes, Tier2 for liquid waste and Tier1 at least for other sectors, and thus contribute to the construction of a dataset informing on the annual evolution of GHG emissions. The completion of these inventories will consider the following recommendations made by Technical Team of Experts (TTE) as a part of the review of the First and Second BuRs.

The question on the periodicity of preparation of GHG inventories, was answered via the following text added to the same section:

This project plans to strengthen the institutional arrangements by establishing formal agreements among relevant institutions to achieve periodical reporting in relation with GHG inventory preparation process. This arrangement will help to overcome the challenge which hinders the annual GHG inventory and which is related to the absence of sustainable structure in charge of inventory operation with defined working process and working plan. Indeed, the previous inventory was carried out by a task force coordinated by ANME and supported by sectoral working groups. however, this ad hoc structure has not yet been officially formalized by a legislative text.

2. Please see section "Narrative description of the planned activities" / "Mitigation actions, and Domestic Monitoring, Reporting and

Verification

Explanation has been already provided. However, the text was slightly adjusted and extended by the following:

Furthermore, and in order to mobilize additional funds to implement projects supporting national GHG mitigation efforts, national capacity strengthening will concern "Access procedures to the Green Climate Fund and preparation of funding requests to international bodies supporting the low-carbon transition"

It is also expected to prepare a study in order to analyze the role of gender in mitigation activities, policy formulation and knowledge.

Under the project, an assessment will be conducted regarding the different options and possibilities for the domestic MRV according to the guidelines to be developed, considering national circumstances and capabilities, as well as taking into account the different nature of mitigation and adaptation actions.. In addition to that, the project will also provide, through concertation with stakeholders, a detailed road map to develop the domestic MRV system.

3. - Please see section "Narrative description of the planned activities" / *Compilation, Publication and Submission of the Fourth National Communication and Third Biennial Update Report.*
- Correction done "outcomes 1-4"

As mentioned in these guidelines, BUR will provide an update mainly in the following areas: (a) Information on national circumstances and institutional arrangements relevant to the preparation of the national communications on a continuous basis; (b) The national inventory of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removal by sinks of all greenhouse gases (GHGs) not controlled by the Montreal Protocol, including a national inventory report; (c) Information on mitigation actions and their effects, including associated methodologies and assumptions; (d) Constraints and gaps, and related financial, technical and capacity needs, including a description of support needed and received; (e) Information on the level of support received to enable the preparation and submission of biennial update reports; (f) Information on domestic measurement reporting and verification;

However, and in addition to the covered topics by the BUR, NC will include adaptation side and will provide mainly an update concerning the of vulnerability evaluation, climate change impacts and adaptation measures.

For this component, it is expected also to provide technical support for national stakeholders negotiating capacity on climate change (capacity building, supporting national stakeholders during negotiations, ...) and support the national participation in high-level meetings and conferences (fully covered by government budget) related to climate change. This activity will concern most of the stakeholders involved in this project (e.g. Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Ministry of Development, Investment and International Cooperation, Ministry of Finance, National Energy Conservation Agency, ...). This will allow to follow up negotiations in order to improve the implementation of the Paris Agreement in Tunisia, including transparency via reporting tools such as the national communication NC and the biennial report BUR.

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

July 8, 2020, SY: Cleared.

May 20, 2020 SY: While the plan is well described, gender-related stakeholder is not included, although there is a relevance to the project including output 1.1.1 and 4.1.3.

Agency Response

Please see modification in the updated PIF: table "List of key stakeholders and their roles in the NC4/BUR3 project"
Gender aspect was incorporated into the roles of specific stakeholders.

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

July 8, 2020, SY: Thank you for addition. Cleared.

May 20, 2020 SY: Please elaborate information related to the national context of GEWE in Tunisia, gender-disaggregated data and collection, and gender-responsive measures if any, utilizing experiences on the past NCs and BURs processes. Please see the comment in the Stakeholders.

Agency Response

The following paragraph was added under the Gender dimensions section:

Tunisia has made significant efforts in the MENA region to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women in education, employment and political representation. The country performs well for several gender-related indicators. Indeed, World Human Development Report 2019 (UNDP) ranks Tunisia among the countries with a high human development index in 2018 with a ranking 63 according to the Gender Inequality Index. In 2014, the Tunisian Constitution approved equal rights and opportunities for men and women in all areas and prohibited discrimination based on sex. The Personal Status Code has been reformed several times to remove discriminatory provisions and the Labor Code establish equal rights in employment and non-discrimination in recruitment practices. However, inequalities

between men and women are still omnipresent, in particular the women participation in the economy. Indeed, women still do not have the same rights as men in decision-making, access to credit, exercise of a profession, household management or inheritance.

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

July 8, 2020, SY: Cleared.

May 20, 2020 SY: The flow of M&E is appropriate. Please include indicative budget and responsible parties for each component (in a table, for example) as well.

Agency Response The budget table was added under the section: "E. DESCRIBE THE BUDGETED M&E PLAN:"

Cost Effectiveness.

Is the project cost effective?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

July 8, 2020, SY: Cleared.

May 20, 2020 SY: Please elaborate briefly how the project utilizes lessons learned through past processes of NCs and BURs as well as collaboration with other projects, to maximize cost-effectiveness. Please also clarify/spell out MLAEn (or in the Stakeholder section).

Agency Response

The text in the section "D. Describe, if possible, the expected cost-effectiveness of the project" was adjusted as follows:

This project was designed after reviewing the other on-going and prepared projects dealing with climate change to increase cost

This project was designed after reviewing the other on-going and prepared projects dealing with climate change to increase cost-effectiveness and enhance consistencies with various national development priorities and programmes undertaken at national and local levels, mainly UNDP NDC support programme and CBIT initiative. The review concerned also the recommendations and the lessons learned from the past processes of NC in particular TNC. In addition, planning and continuous coordination between UNDP and ME, the national partner for these projects, will guarantee high synergy and will avoid duplication of initiatives and maximize cost-effectiveness.

The 'MLAEn' was a typo. It was corrected and exchanged with 'ME' (Ministry of Environment)

Cost Ranges

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

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 May 20, 2020 SY: Yes, the official letter from the current GEF OFP is attached.

Agency Response

Response to Comments

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

GEF Secretariat Comment

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Other Agencies comments?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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Council comments

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STAP Comments

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Convention Secretariat comments

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CSOs comments

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GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is CEO Endorsement/approval recommended?

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Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

July 8, 2020, SY: Comments cleared. PM recommends this project for technical clearance.

May 20, 2020 SY: Not at this stage. Please address the above comments and revise the documents.

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	5/22/2020	
Additional Review (as necessary)	7/8/2020	
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations

Tunisia is a Party to the UNFCCC and is eligible to access enabling activities support for National Communications and Biennial Updated Reports. This project is prepared in line with the GEF7 climate change mitigation objective CCM-3 and under the maximum costs.

The immediate objective of the project is to assist the country in the preparation and submission of its Fourth National Communication (4NC) and Third Biennial Updated Report (BUR3) to the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC for the fulfilment of its obligations to the Convention. The project will also contribute to the preparation of the first BTR, including through increased coverage of gases, improved methodologies, narrowed time gaps between the reporting year and the inventory year, and inventory updating on an annual basis. The

preparation will be in line with the relevant guidelines of the UNFCCC.

The expected outcomes of the project include:

- Information on national circumstances, relevant to the preparation of the fourth National Communication reviewed and updated and a chapter on National Circumstances prepared
- Technology needs assessed, and recommendations for addressing the needs provided
- National GHG inventory for 2013- 2018 (BUR3) and up to 2020 (4NC) prepared according to the 2019 refinement of the 2006 IPCC guidelines, and supplemented as far as practicable by the 2000 good practice guidance
- The national capacities in terms of gender informed mitigation policies and measures undertaken by the Government to reduce GHG emissions are strengthened
- Establishment of domestic Measurement Reporting and Verification arrangements supported
- The vulnerability of key priority economic sectors is assessed, and measures for adaptation to climate change in these areas developed while integrating gender
- National capacities in climate change adaptation field are strengthened
- BUR3 and 4NC elaborated and submitted to the UNFCCC
- Capacity building of national stakeholders on coordinating Paris Agreement implementation strengthened