



# Enabling Malaysia to Prepare Its First Biennial Transparency Report to the UNFCCC

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

10968

**Countries**

Malaysia

**Project Name**

Enabling Malaysia to Prepare Its First Biennial Transparency Report to the UNFCCC

**Agencies**

UNEP

**Date received by PM**

4/11/2022

**Review completed by PM**

5/20/2022

**Program Manager**

Satoshi Yoshida

**Focal Area**

Climate Change

**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.

#### **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

May 20, 2022: Comments cleared.

April 19, 2022: While the table B is not clear on the specific activities as there is only one output for BTR1, the details are clarified on the portal document. Output 2 mentions "preparation of the project proposal for of subsequent BTRs completed" but this should be preparation for subsequent BTRs completed.

In terms of timelines, GEF supports BTR1 after the last GEF-funded BUR is submitted. In this regard, depending on the question on the below box, the start of implementation may need to be changed.

#### **Agency Response**

**05/20/2022**

Thank you for the comment on table B, output 2 text has been revised as suggested.

In terms of timelines, considering that the Fourth Biennial Update Report will be submitted in December 2022, the implementation start date of the BTR1 has been moved to 1st January 2023 as suggested.

#### **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.

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

**Yes.**

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes, partly.

Agency Response  
**The focal area allocation?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**Focal area set-aside?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes, partly.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 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, 2022: Comments cleared.

April 19, 2022: Yes. Regarding "Fourth National Communication and Fourth Biennial Update Report on Climate Change for Malaysia," this seems the project 10294 "Fourth National Communication and Third Biennial Update Report on Climate Change for Malaysia," which covers BUR3 instead of BUR4 but the description here mentions that BUR4 is also supported. Please clarify. Also information on the preparation on BUR4 including improvements from BUR3 can be included here.

Agency Response

**05/20/2022**

Thank you for the comment. Indeed, the project No. 10294 was expected to support the preparation of Malaysia's Fourth National Communication and Third Biennial Update Report. Remaining funds from this project were used to prepare Malaysia's BUR 4, hence the project covered NC3/BUR3/BUR4.

The BUR 4 project has incorporated the recommendation provided by the Team of Technical Experts as recorded in the Technical Assessment Summary Report of Malaysia's Third Biennial Update Report. This includes reporting of projections in the Mitigation Action and Their Effects Chapter and will also identify the gaps and needs with regard to the reporting requirements of BTR. It is expected that the BUR4 will be submitted to UNFCCC in December 2022.

With the expected submission of BUR 4 to UNFCCC in December 2022 and the BTR1 project start date of January 2023, this project will strive to incorporate where possible, recommendations that will be provided by the Team of Technical Experts by mid-2023.

This clarification has been provided in pg. 8 of the project document.

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

**Is the project framework sufficiently described?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

May 20, 2022: Comment cleared.

April 19, 2022: Yes. Please also include expected methodologies for each sector on GHG inventories, where applicable.

#### **Agency Response**

**05/20/2022**

Thank you for the comment. Methodologies to be used in the estimation of the GHG inventories will align to the ICA recommendations for the 3rd BUR which include the development of country specific emission factors in order to improve the methodological tiers to a higher level especially for key categories such as in the energy sector.

The 2006 IPCC guidelines and where appropriate the 2013 Supplement to the 2006 IPCC guidelines will be used in the estimation of the national emissions per sector and per gas. Efforts would be concentrated on improving the disaggregation and completeness of the activity data according to the 2006 IPCC guidelines and developing country specific emission factors for key categories.

Additional text has been added to activity 1.3.4 under Deliverable 1.3 ?The national inventory report (consisting of a national inventory document, the common reporting tables and an improvement plan).

#### **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

June 13, 2022: Comment addressed.

May 26, 2022: Additional comment from Gender Policy: Please consider inclusion of gender-related organizations or experts in stakeholders list to ensure that gender perspectives are adequately captured and considered in all aspects of the project.

Agency Response

**06/09/2022**

Thank you for your comment. The Ministry of Women, Family and Community will be engaged as part of the NSCCC. Additional information on the responsibility of the Ministry has been provided in Table 4.

Also, additional gender-related organizations to be included in the BTR project will be identified with the gender analysis to be conducted under the Fourth national Communication, which will be submitted by end of 2022.

Finally, a workshop on gender and climate change has been added under Deliverable 6.1 to support the integration of the gender aspect into policies and decision-making processes.

**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

Yes.

Agency Response

**Monitoring and Evaluation.**

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Budget is not necessary for EA projects.

Agency Response

**Cost Effectiveness.**

**Is the project cost effective?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

May 20, 2022: Comment cleared.

April 19, 2022: Yes. In terms of budget table, we note the ToR of the PM staff who covers technical tasks on top of project management. On the budget line, please delete "bank charges."

Agency Response

05/20/2022

Thank you for the comment. ?Bank charges? was deleted in the budget.

**Cost Ranges**

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request No deviation in terms of resources from set-aside.

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 Yes.

Agency Response

**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  
June 13, 2022: Comment addressed for technical clearance.

May 26, 2022: Previous comments cleared. There is additional comment from Gender Policy on the stakeholders.



May 20, 2022: Comments cleared.

April 19, 2022: Please address the comments above.

**Review Dates**

	<b>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement</b>	<b>Response to Secretariat comments</b>
<b>First Review</b>	4/19/2022	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	5/20/2022	
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**CEO Recommendation**

**Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations**