

Project for Landscape Restauration and Integrated management of ecosystem in St Louis Region of Senegal ? ProLaRIME

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID
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Countries
Senegal
Project Name
Project for Landscape Restauration and Integrated management of ecosystem in
St Louis Region of Senegal ? ProLaRIME
Agencies
UNEP
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Program Manager
Jean-Marc Sinnassamy
Focal Area
Multi Focal Area
Project Type
FSP

CEO

Part I - General Project Information

1. a) Is the Project Information table correctly filled, including specifying adequate executing partners?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

November 20, 2025

Addressed. Thanks.

November 7, 2025

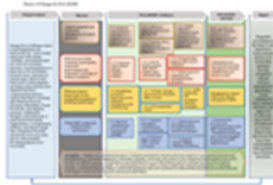
- Not addressed: Climate Change Adaptation Sector is still mentioned. Again, this project is financed by BD and LD, this information is only for CCM, as written in the table. Please, correct.

- Some images as very small and impossible to read in the CEO Endorsement Request Portal view (which is the document that is circulated to Council and later web posted - see attached pdf file) refer to pages 20 and 39. Please request the agency to correct the images in the portal.

[1] Beillat, S., Belmin, R., & Bottazzi, P. (2021). The agroecological transition in Senegal: transnational links and uneven empowerment. *Agriculture and Human Values*, 39, 281 - 300. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10460-021-10247-5>.

[2] De Andrés, E., Cabrera, C., & Smith, H. (2019). Resistance as resilience: A comparative analysis of state-community conflicts around self-built housing in Spain, Senegal and Argentina. *Habitat International*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.HABITATINT.2019.03.003>.

[3] Beillat, S., Belmin, R., & Bottazzi, P. (2021). The agroecological transition in Senegal: transnational links and uneven empowerment. *Agriculture and Human Values*, 39, 281 - 300. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10460-021-10247-5>.



The project proposes interventions to address the barriers, however, due to financial constraints, the project has to be strategic and therefore, prioritizes interventions as captured in the project components and outputs. It

Below, the figure highlights the organizational structure of ProLaRIME.



The broad level of membership in the PSC highlights the democratic space of the project in its implementation that offers potential for sustainability, knowledge transfer, capacity development and project ownership. The Secretariat to the PSC will be provided by the Project Management Unit, and may be the Project Coordinator. As may be required on specific issues, an Advisory group can be formed to offer any other guidance or expertise as required by the specific agenda of the PSC.

UNEP – through its GEF Task Manager (TM) and Funds Management Officer (FMO) - will monitor and supervise the implementation of the project, review progress in the realization of the project outputs, and ensure the proper use adequately of the GEF funds. The UNEP TM will be directly responsible among others for: (i) providing consistent and regular project oversight to ensure the achievement of project objectives; (ii) liaising between the project and the GEF Secretariat; (iii) ensuring that both GEF and UN Environment policy requirements and standards are applied and met (i.e. reporting obligations, technical, fiduciary, M&E); visibility through logos, stakeholders and gender participations (iv) approving budget revisions, certifying fund availability and transferring funds; (v) organizing mid- and end-term evaluations and reviewing project audits; (vi) providing technical, legal and administrative guidance if requested; and (vii) certifying project operational completion.

September 19, 2025

Information table:

- It is not a CCM project, so you do not have to fill the project sector: please remove the mention of Climate Change Adaptation.

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| Type of Trust Fund: | GET | Project Duration (Months): | 60 |
| GEF Project Grant: (a) | 4,437,156.00 | Agency Fee(s) Grant: (b) | 399,344.00 |
| PPG Amount: (c) | 150,000.00 | PPG Agency Fee(s): (d) | 13,500.00 |
| Total GEF Financing: (a+b+c+d) | 5,000,000.00 | Total Co-financing: | 28,165,761.00 |
| Project Sector (CCM Only): | Climate Change Adaptation Sector | | |
| Rio Markers | | | |
| Climate Change Mitigation: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Contribution (0) | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Objective (1) | <input type="checkbox"/> Principal Objective (2) |
| Climate Change Adaptation: | <input type="checkbox"/> No Contribution (0) | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Objective (1) | <input type="checkbox"/> Principal Objective (2) |
| Biodiversity: | <input type="checkbox"/> No Contribution (0) | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Objective (1) | <input type="checkbox"/> Principal Objective (2) |
| Land Degradation: | <input type="checkbox"/> No Contribution (0) | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Objective (1) | <input type="checkbox"/> Principal Objective (2) |

Agency Response

November 17, 2025

The comment has been noted, and we thank the reviewer for the feedback. We have made the necessary updates to remove allusions to the climate change adaptation sector in the portal. In

addition, the ToC and the Institutional Organigramme of the project (ProLarime) have been enlarged in the portal.

27/10/2025

1a) As advised, information related to CCM project has been removed, and the mention of climate change adaptation has been removed

b) Are the Rio Markers for CCM, CCA, BD and LD correctly selected, if applicable?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

November 7, 2025

Addressed.

September 19, 2025

No

- Rio markets: It is surprising to not see a principal objective for this project and three significant objectives: please. We would expect to see at least LD as principal objective (eventually LD and BD). Please correct and justify the selection.

Agency Response

27/10/2025

1 b). The Rio markers for both LD and BD have been reconsidered, and they have now been marked as 'principal objectives' for both because the proposed activities under LD and BD funding windows primarily aim to restore degraded land (relevant to land degradation marker) as well as improving habitats for both flora and fauna (relevant to biodiversity marker)

2. Project Summary.

a) Does the project summary concisely describe the problem to be addressed, the project objective and the strategies to deliver the GEBs or adaptation benefits and other key expected outcomes?

b) Does the summary capture the essence of the project and is it within the max. of 250 words?

c) [If a child project under a program] Does the project summary include adequate and substantive link with the parent program goal and approach?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

November 20, 2025

Addressed. Thanks.

November 7, 2025

Addressed. The summary is 680-word long. The project description only starts at the 18th line...

September 19, 2025

- Summary: The summary completely missed the fact that this is a child project under the [Transformation Approach to Large Scale Investment in Support of the Implementation of the Great Green Wall Initiative- TALSISI-GGWI](#) - the GEF8 programmatic approach to support the Great Green Wall. Please, correct.

- Please, make reference to the GGW initiative, the GEF8 PFD, the other participating countries, and the connection with the regional coordination project.

- The problem analysis starts with the importance of drought. However, the importance of drought is not enough reflected in the result framework (a bit in the outputs 2.1.2, 2.1.3), but not clearly in the capacity building outputs (1.1.3, 3.1.3) or the investments on the ground (1.1.1, 2.1.1). Please, include "drought" in the formulation of outputs and activities to make clear that the proposed interventions will address drought issues.

Agency Response

November 17, 2025

We thank the reviewer for the comment. We have made an effort to shorten the summary to 435 words from 680; ensuring the summary still captures the important details following the earlier review comment to include some important details.

27/10/2025

2.1 As advised, the summary has been rewritten to capture ProLaRIME as a Child Project of TALSISI-GGWI, alongside Burkina Faso, Chad, Ethiopia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, and The Gambia ? all developed within the same PFD with technical support through the regional coordination project.

2.2 Kindly see response provided under 2.1 above

2.3 As advised, ?drought? has been included. See Output 111, output 1.1.3 and output 2.1.1

3. Project Description Overview

- a) Is the project objective statement concise, clear and measurable?
- b) [If a child project under a program] Is there a project Theory of Change that is aligned and consistent with the overall program goal and approach?
- c) Are the components, outcomes, and outputs sound, appropriate and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objective and the core indicators per the stated Theory of Change?
- d) Are gender dimensions, knowledge management, and M&E included within the project components and budgeted for?
- e) Are the GEF Project Financing and Co-Financing contributions to PMC proportional?
- f) Is the PMC equal to or below 10% (for MSP) or 5% (for FSP)? If above, is the justification acceptable?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

November 20, 2025

- 3% of the project grant minus pmc = 126,775. Addressed.

November 7, 2025

- The average budget amount of the GEF funded part for the M&E component for projects from USD 5 to USD 10 million is around 3% but for this project is 5.7%. Please request the agency to revise.

| Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) ⓘ | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---|---|-----|---------------------|----------------------|
| 5. M&E and activities supporting regional coordination and learning | Technical Assistance | 5.1 Participatory monitoring and evaluation strengthened project implementation and results, contributing to the GGW Program. | 5.1.1 Participatory M&E system for GGW activities established and operationalized 5.1.2 Integrated capacity-building workshops for relevant stakeholders delivered in collaboration with the regional project to harmonize approaches, share lessons learned, and strengthen multi-country cooperation | GET | 240,000.00 | 1,523,450.00 |
| Sub Total (\$) | | | | | 4,225,863.00 | 26,820,047.00 |

September 21, 2025

Component 4: Improved communication, advocacy and capitalization and M&E

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Component Type | Trust Fund |
| Technical Assistance | GET |
| GEF Project Financing (\$) | Co-financing (\$) |
| 240,000.00 | 1,523,449.00 |

Outcome:

4.1 Communication, advocacy and capitalization enhanced and improve the implementation of the GGW activities in Senegal.

- Objective: OK

- The proposed project gives the impression of a stand-alone and top-down approach, with a single implementer apparently in need of staff, without any connection with existing partners on the ground or other projects developed under the same programmatic approach. to be revised.

- Additional pmc are not acceptable. If there are too many transaction costs and too many stakeholders involved, you need either to find alternative strategies to reduce the costs or mobilize cofinancing. Please, reduce the pmc down to 5%.

- Some flexibility may be found thanks to the promising investments mobilized expressed by partners for cofinancing.

- If not possible, we invite the GEF Agency to mobilize more cofinancing for the pmc, even if the current ratio is similar than for the technical components (1:6.3).

Agency Response

November 17, 2025

Following the reviewer's guidance provided, the amount of the M&E budget has been adjusted downwards to \$126,775, which is ~3% of the subtotal amount.

27/10/2025

3.1. Approval noted with thanks

3.2. In response, efforts have been made to include other non-state partners (NGOs e.g. ENDA Pronat, N?b?day, Agronomists and Veterinarians Without Borders) in the implementation structure. Efforts have also been made to strengthen the alignment of the project with the regional coordination project and other country child projects within the TALSISI-GGWI (p.37)

3.3. The comment is noted, and the PMC has been revised down to \$212,000, which is about 5% and 4.7% of subtotal and project total cost, respectively. As an MSP, the initial proposed amount \$350,000 was 8.6% and 7.9% of the subtotal and project total cost, respectively.

3.4. Acknowledgement noted with thanks.

3.5. The invitation to mobilize more cofinancing for the PMC is noted, however, it has not been possible to mobilize more cofinancing resources for the PMC. Therefore, the ratio 1:6.3 has been maintained - as is with technical components and overall total project cost.

4. Project Outline

A. Project Rationale

a) Is the current situation (including global environmental problems, key drivers of environmental degradation, climate vulnerability) clearly and adequately described from a systems perspective and adequately addressed by the project design?

b) Have the role of stakeholders, incl. the private sector and local actors in the system been described and how they will contribute to GEBs and/or adaptation benefits and other project outcomes? Is the private sector seen mainly as a stakeholder or as financier?

c) If this is an NGI project, is there a description of how the project and its financial structure are addressing financial barriers?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

November 7, 2025

Addressed.

September 21, 2025

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- P10: The mention that the Sahara desert is expanding might not be correct. We agree with the diagnosis later in the text highlighting the increase of land degradation and the loss of productive lands, but it is not the Sahara desert that is expanding per se. Please, correct.

- P16: ?However, for agriculture, the quantity of carbon avoided will be 2,533,530 tons CO2 Eq and the accumulation of carbon avoided over the period 2010-2035 will be a total of 56,751,484 tons CO2 eq?: it is not exact to talk about ?quantity of carbon avoided?, but you

should mention the quantity of GHG emissions or the quantity of CO2 equivalent. Please, correct.

- There is a missed opportunity to anchor this project in existing initiatives and with active partners on the ground. Once the list of stakeholders will have been revised with a more accurate information, we suggest finding ways to develop bridges and partnerships to execute this project.

Agency Response

27/10/2025

4.1. As advised, the mention of the "the Sahara is expanding southward, transforming once-productive land into barren terrain" has been deleted

4.2. The sentence was quoted and referenced from Senegal LDN report. It has been removed

4.3. Efforts have been made to clarify the participatory approach that the project undertook during the design (kindly see "Accounting for stakeholder concerns" p.56). The list of stakeholders has been improved in the document to include non-state actors to be involved in the implementation of the project, with their roles identified (NGOs e.g. ENDA Pronat, N?b?day, Agronomists and Veterinarians Without Borders, academic/research institutions) (p. 37)

5 B. Project Description

5.1 a) Is there a concise theory of change (narrative and an optional schematic) that describes the project logic, including how the project design elements are contributing to the objective, the identified causal pathways, the focus and basis (including scientific) of the proposed solutions, how they provide a robust approach? Are underlying key assumptions listed?

b) [If a child project under a program] Is the Theory of change aligned with and consistent with the overall program goal and approach?

c) Is there a description of how the GEF alternative will build on ongoing/previous investments (GEF and non-GEF), lessons and experiences in the country/region? [If a child project under a program] Does the description include how the alternative aligns with and contributes to the overall program goal and approach?

d) Are the project components (interventions and activities) described and proposed solutions and critical assumptions and risks properly justified? Is there an indication of why the project approach has been selected over other potential options?

e) Incremental/additional cost reasoning: Is the incremental/additional cost reasoning properly described as per the Guidelines provided in GEF/C.31/12? Has the baseline scenario and/or associated baseline projects been described? Is the project incremental reasoning provisioned (including the role of the GEF)? Are the global environmental benefits and/or adaptation benefits identified?

f) Other Benefits: Are the socioeconomic benefits resulting from the project at the national and local levels sufficiently described?

g) Is the financing presented in the annexed financing table adequate and demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives? Are items charged to the PMC reasonable according to the GEF guidelines?

h) How does the project design ensure resilience to future changes in the drivers and adaptive management needs and options (as applicable for this FSP/MSP)?

i) Are the relevant stakeholders (including women, private sector, CSO, e.g.) and their roles adequately described within the components?

j) Gender: Does the gender analysis identify any gender differences, gaps or opportunities linked to project/program objectives and activities and have these been taken up in component design and description/s?

k) Are the proposed elements to capture and disseminate knowledge and learning outputs and strategic communication adequately described?

l) Policy Coherence: Have any policies, regulations or subsidies been identified that could counteract the intended project outcomes and how will that be addressed?

m) Transformation and/or innovation: Is the project going to be transformative or innovative? [If a child project under an integrated program] Are the specific levers of transformation identified and described? Does it explain scaling up opportunities?

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Lessons and best practices:

- The project misses the rich SLM portfolio in Senegal, including from the GEF and the LDCF over the last 20 years. We would like to see an analysis of lessons from the GEF and SLM portfolio, the GGW in the region, and from CSO active on the ground in Senegal and the region of St Louis in particular. Please, revise.

- See especially eventual lessons and best practices from GEFID 10384, 9134, 5867, 5802, 5566, 5503, and more if you check the SIP portfolio in the groundnut basin, see also the LDCF portfolio as the 10691; see also the regional MSP GEFID 9825 by UNEP that was designed to valorize scientific and technical information from the SLM portfolio.

- On the same line, there is a lack of analysis of the baseline situation, the on-going projects and activities, including from the cofinancing partners. Such analysis would help to justify the use of GEF resources (incremental reasoning) and focus on "additional" activities to generate global environment benefits, with social and economical benefits. This reasoning may help in shaping the budget in view of reducing management and administrative costs. Please, revise.

- P10: The mention that the Sahara desert is expanding might not be correct. We agree with the diagnosis later in the text highlighting the increase of land degradation and the loss of productive lands, but it is not the Sahara desert that is expanding per se. Please, correct.

KM: Please, revise the KM strategy to connect this project with the coordination and the other country projects under the [Transformation Approach to Large Scale Investment in Support of the Implementation of the Great Green Wall Initiative- TALSISI-GGWI](#).

Policy coherence: Please, clarify how this project will contribute to a better policy coherence.

Agency Response

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5.1. As advised, additional info has been provided on the portfolio of SLM investments in Senegal. An analysis is presented under ?Additional complementary investments.? Complementary info has also been provided on the additionality. Please, see p.91 ff

5.2. As requested and noted under 5.1, information has been provided (p.91) and a table provided (p.94) that summarises lessons and best practices, links to ProLaRIME and integration of lessons in the design of ProLaRIME.

5.3. Please, refer to responses to 5.1 and 5.2 above

5.4. As noted under 4.1 above, the sentence has been removed.

5.5. As advised, a section, 'Knowledge management (KM) in ProLaRIME' has been added to clarify how the project KM will be connected to TALSISI-GGWI and other Child Projects (p.33 ff).

5.6. As recommended, additional information has been provided under 'Alignment with national priorities' (p.46 ff).

5.2 Institutional Arrangements and Coordination with Ongoing Initiatives and Project

a) Are the institutional arrangements, including potential executing partners, outlined on regional, national/local levels and a rationale provided? Has an organogram and/or funds flow diagram been included?

b) Comment on proposed agency execution support (if agency expects to request exception). Is GEF in support of the request?

c) Is there a description of coordination and cooperation with ongoing GEF and non-GEF financed projects/programs (such as government and/or other bilateral/multilateral supported initiatives in the project area, e.g.).

d) [If a child project under an integrated program] Does the framework for coordination and collaboration demonstrate consistency with overall ambition of the program for transformative change?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

November 7, 2025

Addressed.

September 21, 2025

- We suggest revising the implementation modalities when the available information on stakeholders will have been corrected.

- In view of reducing the administrative and management costs, we would like to see more cooperation with existing partners on the field. Please, correct.

- No CSO or university or research center or farmer organization is mentioned as potential executing partners. Please, clarify.

- No information is provided about the coordination and synergy with other partners. Please, correct. In the PFD and the more recent announcements on the GGW, partners as the World Bank, AfDB, EU, and AFD made the highest commitments. We may expect a minimum of coordination, if not cofinancing and partnerships. Please, clarify.

- There is no information about potential coordination or exchange with other projects under the same program or the coordination project. Please, revise.

Agency Response

27/10/2025

5.2.1. As suggested by the reviewer, institutional arrangement of the project has been updated with additional information on other actors who will be involved? a section, 'Other actors in institutional arrangement of the project' has been included in the document to improve cooperation with existing partners on the ground (p. 36 ff).

5.2.2. As noted under 5.2.1, information has now been provided - kindly see the response under 5.2.1 above

5.2.3. The comment is well noted. To clarify, a mapping of ongoing initiatives showed that major donors (World Bank, AfDB, EU, AFD) have limited or no direct interventions related to the Great Green Wall specifically in the project target region of Saint-Louis - focusing instead on other sectors like infrastructure and governance. Thus, ProLaRIME design is opportune as the project addresses a critical gap in land restoration and community resilience investments in St Louis.

5.2.4. The comment is well noted. Information requested has been provided under section, ?Knowledge management (KM) in ProLaRIME? in the document (p.33)

5.3 Core indicators

a) Are the identified core indicators calculated using the methodology and adhering to the overarching principles included in the corresponding Guidelines (GEF/C.62/Inf.12/Rev.01)? [If a child project under a program] Is the choice of core indicators consistent with those prioritized under the parent program?

b) Are the project's targeted contributions to GEBs (measured through core indicators and additional listed outcome indicators) /adaptation benefits reasonable and achievable? Are the GEF Climate Change adaptation indicators and sub-indicators for LDCF and SCCF properly documented?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

November 20, 2025

- Target under 4.3: addressed

- Under components 4 and 5, lessons learned, especially on gender equality and women's empowerment, will be documented. Addressed.

November 7, 2025

- Not fully addressed: The target under 4.3 is empty while there are still 105,000 under 4.1. Please, correct.

- About gender and disaggregated data, under M&E, please ensure that gender-related results and lessons learned on advancing gender equality and women's empowerment, as well as the implementation of the gender action plan, are regularly monitored and reported on in PIRs, MTR and TE.

September 21, 2025

- Core Indicator 1 on Biodiversity: METT score for the considered PA is expected at CEO endorsement. It cannot be 0. Please, complete.

- Core Indicator 4.1: 105,000 ha. With the current proposed activities in the result framework that specifically mention SLM (2.1.1 for instance), we would expect a target under 4.3 (SLM) and not 4.1 (landscape management to benefit biodiversity). What kind of biodiversity would it be targeted? What are the expected actions to reach such target? Please, clarify and correct.

- See comments on beneficiaries (CI 11). We are always surprised with the ambitious and welcome numbers of female beneficiaries. Here 100,000 women or 50% of beneficiaries. We would like to see the description of specific and proactive measures to reach this 50% ratio including in the project execution and governance (staff, committees, meetings, etc). Please, complete

Agency Response

November 17 2025

As advised, 105,000 have now moved to Target 4.3 in the portal.

Thank you for the comment, and as has been advised, information has been added to confirm the project's commitment to regularly monitor and report on gender-related results and lessons learned (p. 74).

27/10/2025

5.3.1. As advised, the METT score has been adjusted to 40% given that there are critical gaps in law enforcement, stakeholder engagement, monitoring, and financing, among others.

5.3.2. As advised, the core indicator 4.1 (105,000 ha) has been relocated under 4.3 instead of 4.1, duly recognizing that biodiversity conservation is an important co-benefit.

5.3.3. Comment is well noted. Information has been provided under "Gender context" (p. 18) underscoring the project's proactive approach grounded in the female proportion in the national population (50.4%) and riding on the political will to have more women in decision-making position (latest info is that 46.1% of parliamentary seats are held by women).

5.4 Risks

a) Is there a well-articulated assessment of risk to outcomes and identification of mitigation measures under each relevant risk category? Are mitigation measures clearly identified and realistic? Is there any omission?

b) Is the rating provided reflecting the residual risk to the likely achievement of intended outcomes after accounting for the expected implementation of mitigation measures?

c) Are environmental and social risks, impacts and management measures adequately assessed and rated and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes, the project includes specific risks we may face in Senegal, as concerns related to the availability of data and information, level of governance and capacity, rural poverty, and technical challenges.

Agency Response

27/10/2025

5.4. Noted with thanks

5.5 For NGI Only: Is there a justification of the financial structure and of the use of financial instrument with concessionality levels?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

6 C. Alignment with GEF-8 Programming Strategies and Country/Regional Priorities

6.1 a) Is the project adequately aligned with Focal Area objectives, and/or the LDCF/SCCF strategy?

b) [If a child project under an integrated program] Is the project adequately aligned with the program objective in the GEF-8 programming directions?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

November 7, 2025

Addressed.

September 21, 2025

- Please, check the document you used to define how the project fits the GEF8 LD strategy. In the current GEF8 programming strategies, the LD3 objective is "Address desertification, land degradation, and drought (DLDD) issues, particularly in drylands" and not "*Promote sustainable integrated landscapes to halt and reverse land degradation*". Please, correct.

Agency Response

27/10/2025

6.1.1 The comment is noted with thanks. As advised, the information has been corrected to LD3 - Address desertification, land degradation, and drought (DLDD) issues, particularly in drylands

6.2 Is the project alignment/coherent with country and regional priorities, policies, strategies and plans (including those related to the MEAs and to relevant sectors).

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

November 7, 2025

Addressed.

September 21, 2025

-The NAP designed under UNCCD for Senegal is relatively old, but you need to refer to it to justify the use of LD resources. Please, correct.

- Also include the mention of LDN targets in the para of alignment of national policies. See also if you can quantify the contribution of this project to the national LDN targets.

- This section should help in understanding how to promote policy coherence among the different sectors. See if you can make this analysis.

Agency Response

27/10/2025

6.2.1. The comment is well noted. With thanks, the more recent Plan national d'adaptation du secteur de l'agriculture aux changements climatiques horizon 2050 (NAP ? Agriculture has been referenced) (p.46).

6.2.2. As advised, the mention of LDN targets have been included under, ?Alignment with national priorities? (p.46).

6.2.3. As advised, information under, ?Promoting policy coherence? (p.52) has been added.

6.3 For projects aiming to generate biodiversity benefits (regardless of what the source of the resources is - i.e., BD, CC or LD), does the project clearly identify which of the 23 targets of the

Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework the project contributes to and how it contributes to the identified target(s)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes

Agency Response

7 D. Policy Requirements

7.1 Are the Policy Requirement sections completed?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes. See comments below.

Agency Response

7.2 Is the Gender Action Plan uploaded?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

November 7, 2025

Addressed.

September 21, 2025

- Please, confirm that the 6-page document is the complete Gender Action Plan.
- Have you produced more information on women and gender during the PPG.
- We regret that the target of women has decreased from 140,000 at PIF to 100,000 at CEO endorsement. The fact that a 60% target for women would be "counterproductive" is disputable.
- We would like at least to see more guarantees about the context to reach this target of 50% of women: what strategies and actions will be implemented to reach 50% of female beneficiaries, both in the project execution, but also in the project governance (staff, committees, etc). Please, complete.

Agency Response

27/10/2025

7.2.1. The 6-page document that was initially submitted was not complete. In this iteration, the document has been updated.

7.2.2. In the context of PIF development of the Child Project, there was indeed limited opportunity to gather substantive gender-related info, particularly from Sr. Louis. At PPG additional info was gathered, and has been included in the updated Gender Action Plan that has been submitted in this iteration.

7.2.3. The comment is well noted ? the downward adjustment of women target reflects stakeholder consultations and additional information about gender proportionality within the national population. During consultations, it was understood that having a balanced representation of both females and males would create supportive environment that would allow female participation without being denied by patriarchal tendencies if males were to be fewer than females.

7.2.4. Comment noted with thanks. Kindly refer to the response provided under 5.3.3 above

7.3 Is the stakeholder engagement plan uploaded?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

November 7, 2025

Addressed.

September 21, 2025

Stakeholder engagement plan

- The Stakeholder Engagement Plan is too generic. There is almost no accurate names of institutions, CSO, universities, research centers, etc active in the landscape. Please, correct each table with a more accurate information.
- Same comment in the stakeholder matrix in the CEO endorsement request, p13 and 14. Please, correct.
- Please, include the list of consultations events organized during the PPG, the dates, and who attended.
- At CEO endorsement, we should know the partners on the ground who will execute the project.
- Please, clarify who the Executing partners are. If needed, correct the general table information.
 - o The executing partner mentioned in the general information table is SARGGW.
 - o In the budget, SARGGW also seems the main operating entity, with also ?NAGGW at FME?. Please, clarify.
 - o In the CEO endorsement template, at the question if CSO will take part in the execution of the project, UNEP responded ?yes?. Please, clarify which NGO or university might be involved in the project execution.

Agency Response

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7.3.1. The comment is noted, and as advised, more information has been provided (p. 36 ff).

7.3.2. The comment is well noted. Kindly refer to the response provided under 5.2.1 above (p. 36 ff)

7.3.3. The comment is noted with thanks. Kindly see, ?following pictures and attendance lists below show stakeholder community engagements? (p.58 ff)

7.3.4. The comment is noted, and indeed partners have been included in the current iteration (section, Other actors in institutional arrangement of the project has been included) (p.36)

7.3.5. Kindly see the response provided under **5.2.1**

7.3.6. Kindly see the response provided under **5.2.1**

7.3.7. The appearance of SARGGW throughout in the last column of the project budget is in compliance with the guiding note on the far top right of the GEF budget template (Responsible Entity (Executing Entity receiving funds from the GEF Agency)). With this guiding note, we understand that only SARGGW will legitimately receive resources from UNEP as the GEF

Agency ? other implementing partners such as ENDA Pronat, N?b?day, AVSF and SAED will access funding through SARGGW.

7.3.8. Kindly see the response provided under **5.2.1**

7.4 Have the required applicable safeguards documents been uploaded?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestSee comments about the SRIF.

Agency Response

8 Annexes

Annex A: Financing Tables

**8.1 GEF Financing Table and Focal Area Elements: Is the proposed GEF financing (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines? Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):
STAR allocation?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestYes

Agency Response

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestYes

Agency Response

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestNA

Agency Response

SCCF A (SIDS)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestNA

Agency Response

SCCF B (Tech Transfer, Innovation, Private Sector)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestNA

Agency Response

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestNA

Agency Response

8.2 Project Preparation Grant (PPG)

a) Is the use of PPG attached in Annex: Status of Utilization of Project Preparation Grant (PPG) properly itemized according to the guidelines?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes

Agency Response

8.3 Source of Funds

Does the sources of funds table match with the amounts in the OFP's LOE?

Note: the table only captures sources of funds from the country's STAR allocation

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Addressed at PIF level.

Agency Response

8.4 Confirmed co-financing for the project, by name and type: Are the amounts, sources, and types of co-financing adequately documented and consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?

e.g. Have letters of co-finance been submitted, correctly classified as investment mobilized or in-kind/recurring expenditures? If investment mobilized: is there an explanation below the table to describe the nature of co-finance? If letters are not in English, is a translation provided?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

November 7, 2025

Addressed.

September 21, 2025

- Please, provide unofficial translation of the two letters of cofinancing.

- In the description, please, describe the activities developed by the existing partners, especially the cofinancing partners.

Agency Response

27/10/2025

8.4.1. Addressed: co-financing letters translated into English and combined in the same document and provided .

8.4.2. The comment is well noted. As requested, the co-financing partners' activities have been included (p.64).

Annex B: Endorsements

8.5 a) If ? and only if - this is a global or regional project for which not all country-based interventions were known at PIF stage and, therefore, not all LOEs provided:

Has the project been endorsed by the GEF OFP/s of all GEF eligible participating countries and has the OFP name and position been checked against the GEF database at the time of submission?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Addressed at PIF level.

Agency Response

b) Are the OFP endorsement letters uploaded to the GEF Portal (compiled as a single document, if applicable)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Addressed at PIF level.

Agency Response

c) Do the letters follow the correct format and are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in the Portal?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Addressed at PIF level.

Agency Response

Annex C: Project Results Framework

8.6 a) Have the GEF core indicators been included?

b) Have SMART indicators been used; are means of verification well thought out; do the targets correspond/are appropriate in view of total project financing (too high? Too low?)

c) Are all relevant indicators sex disaggregated?

d) Is the Project Results Framework included in the Project Document pasted in the Template?

e) [If a regional/global coordination child project under an integrated program] Does the results framework reflect the program-wide result framework, inclusive of results from child projects and specific to the regional/global coordination child project? [If a country child project under an integrated program] Is the child project result framework inclusive of program-wide metrics monitored across child project by the Regional/Global Child project?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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Addressed.

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Component 4: Improved communication, advocacy and capitalization and M&E

| Component Type | Trust Fund |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Technical Assistance | GET |
| GEF Project Financing (\$) | Co-financing (\$) |
| 240,000.00 | 1,523,449.00 |

Outcome:

4.1 Communication, advocacy and capitalization enhanced and improve the implementation of the GGW activities in Senegal.

- In the project description overview, p6, 7 and 8, please, correct the result framework. In the CEO endorsement request, there are two components 4 with different GEF amounts and cofinancing. At the same time, the M&E column is empty. Please, correct.

- 4.1.1 A national and regional communication strategy aligned with the GGW vision developed and disseminated
- 4.1.2 Gender-responsive knowledge products (20 knowledge products including case studies, technical briefs, videos) developed, and good practices documented and disseminated

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| Component Type | Trust Fund |
| Technical Assistance | GET |
| GEF Project Financing (\$) | Co-financing (\$) |
| 350,000.00 | 2,221,697.00 |

Outcome:

4.2 Participatory monitoring and evaluation strengthened project implementation and results, contributing to the GGW Program

Output:

4.2.1 Participatory M&E system for GGW activities established and operationalized

4.2.2 Integrated capacity-building workshops for relevant stakeholders delivered in collaboration with the regional project to harmonize approaches, share lessons learned, and strengthen multi-country cooperation

M&E

| | |
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| Component Type | Trust Fund |
| GEF Project Financing (\$) | Co-financing (\$) |

Outcome:

Output:

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| 240,000.00 | 1,523,449.00 |

Outcome:

4.1 Communication, advocacy and capitalization enhanced and improve the implementation of the GGW activities in Senegal.

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|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| Component 3: Strengthening governance frameworks for the sustainable management of natural resources and biodiversity | 400,000.00 | 2,539,083.00 |
| Component 4: Improved communication, advocacy and capitalization and M&E | 240,000.00 | 1,523,449.00 |
| Component 4: Improved communication, advocacy and capitalization and M&E | 350,000.00 | 2,221,697.00 |
| M&E | | |

Agency Response

27/10/2025

8.6.1. The comment is well noted. The M&E has been completed as part of component 4 in the system.

Annex E: Project map and coordinates

8.7 Have geographic coordinates of project locations been entered in the dedicated table? Are relevant illustrative maps included?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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Addressed.

September 21, 2025

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Georeferenced information

- We found the coordinates for some targeted sites. We did not see a map to explain the landscapes and/or localize the interventions. Please, complete.

Agency Response

27/10/2025

8.7.1. The map illustrating the landscapes and locations of the targeted interventions has now been uploaded to the portal

Annex F: Environmental and Social Safeguards Documentation and Rating

8.8 Have the relevant safeguard documents been uploaded to the GEF Portal? Has the safeguards rating been provided and filled out in the ER field below the risk table?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

November 20, 2025

a) p 52 of the risks table: mitigation action is included.

b) p45: FPIC process has been clarified. Cleared.

c) p47 on indigenous people: "ProLaRIME will promote the active participation of women, youth, Indigenous peoples, and other marginalized groups. Through inclusive consultations, gender-responsive approaches have been embedded in planning and implementation (e.g., Output 4.1.2: gender-responsive knowledge products). Social equity is has also been strengthened, avoiding elite capture or exclusion. The project will also lead to vulnerable groups to contribute to decision-making, increasing the project's legitimacy and social cohesion". cleared.

d) p 44 and 45: consultations with all stakeholders took place, including with local communities and indigenous people.

November 7, 2025

Quality control:

a. The SRIF recommends ?to undertake further integrated environmental and social assessments?. However, this action is not included in the key risks table. Please include this action in the environmental and social section of the key risks table with clarification of responsibility, timeline and budget.

b. From the documents, it is not clear how FPIC has been obtained from Indigenous Peoples? Please provide further details of this process.

c. CEO Endorsement document and stakeholder engagement plan mentioned Indigenous Peoples many times. However, the SRIF does not recognize any potential impacts on Indigenous Peoples. Please clarify about potential impacts on Indigenous Peoples related to the project.

d. The SRIF said that "Improving the management of the terrestrial protected areas will likely change and control access to the area from which communities harvest products for their sustenance" limiting communities' access, however, consultations have been undertaken with local communities to identify areas for restoration that will not put access restrictions to local communities. Please kindly provide further details of the consultations with local communities and Indigenous Peoples.

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- A Safeguard Risk Identification Form (SRIF) is available, assessing the risk as moderate. The document was prepared by the project leader (Emmanuel Adonsou) and is dated. However, the name, signature, and dated of the reviewer are missing. Please, complete

Agency Response

November 17, 2025

With thanks for the review comment, the mitigation information (the project will undertake integrated environmental and social assessments to better respond to the social and environmental challenges) has been included in the table under environmental and social risks (p.47).

As requested, additional information on how FPIC was obtained has been included (p.44).

Response: As requested, potential impacts have been noted in the prodoc under the section, "Potential impacts of ProLaRIME on Indigenous Communities" (p.49).

Response: As requested, further details have been provided on the consultations with local communities and indigenous peoples with regards to community access to terrestrial protected areas (p.50).

27/10/2025

8.8.1. The comment is well noted, the SRIF has now been completed, including the reviewer's name, signature, and date.

Annex G: GEF Budget template

8.9 a) Is the GEF budget template attached and appropriately filled out incl. items such as the

executing partner for each budget line?

b) Are the activities / expenditures reasonably and accurately charged to the three identified sources (Components, M&E and PMC)?

c) Are TORs for key project staff funded by GEF grant and/or co-finance attached?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

November 20, 2025

- Finance and Administration officer is budgeted on pmc. Cleared.

- The Gender and Social inclusion Specialist is now charged on technical components, and not the pmc. Cleared.

November 7, 2025

Thanks for the improvements to address the comments below. However, some items are not fully addressed and the Quality control completed their review too:

- If we can understand that the National Project Coordinator may be budgeted on technical components and pmc, the NRM specialist on technical components, how can you budget a Finance & Administration Officer on technical components and pmc: this position should be fully covered by pmc. Please, correct.

- Additionally, ?Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist? should not be charged to PMC.

| Salary and benefits / Staff costs | National Project Coordinator | 7,000 | 6,000 | 3,000 | 4,000 | 20,000 | | 99,293 | 119,293 | SAR |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----|
| | NRM Specialist | 35,000 | 30,000 | 25,000 | | 90,000 | | | 90,000 | SAR |
| | M&E Specialist (national level) | | | | | - | 75,000 | | 75,000 | SAR |
| | Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist | 10,000 | 10,000 | 3,000 | 6,000 | 29,000 | | 41,000 | 70,000 | SAR |
| | Finance and Admin Officer | 5,000 | 5,000 | 3,000 | 4,000 | 17,000 | | 50,000 | 67,000 | SAR |
| | Support Officer (St. Louis) | | | | | | | | - | SAR |
| | M&E Officer (St. Louis) | | | | | | | | - | SAR |

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Budget

- We note that a NRM specialist is counted in the pmc. Is it the right budget item to finance a NRM specialist? Please, clarify.

- There are only terms of reference of two positions in the project annexes. When the implementation arrangements would have been revised, please provide the missing ToR.

- There are too many project staff financed by the project: locally, a ?support officer? and a gender specialist in addition to the project coordinator, a NRM officer, a M&E officer, a ?M&E?, and an administrative and finance staff is too much. You need to rethink the

implementation modalities, for instance in empowering local stakeholders, especially from the civil society. It may also be a way to increase the commitment of the decentralized services in the project, as well as Universities and active CSO in the considered landscape, as mentioned in the stakeholder engagement plan. Please, revise.

- We made the same observation to UNEP also in the Regional Coordination Project. It might reflect a deeper concern in the use of GEF resources, project management, and sustainability in this programmatic approach.
- There is no budget to connect this project to the Regional Coordination Project, take part in regional activities and south-south events, develop appropriate KM tools to share with other country projects. Please revise (also in the result framework).
- The budget is composed of big amounts for various services. Please confirm that no vehicle will be purchased under these big amounts.

Agency Response

November 17, 2025

As guided, the Finance and Administration Officer have fully been budgeted on PMC

As guided, the Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist has not been charged on the PMC

27/10/2025

8.9.1. The budget allocation to the NRM Specialist has been removed. The one for the Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist has been kept in the budget to support the mainstreaming of gender dimensions in the project, especially to ensure the 50% gender parity is achieved.

8.9.2. The comment is well noted. Missing ToRs have been included.

8.9.3. The comment is well noted, and appreciated. As advised, efforts have made to revise the PMC, and consequently, staff positions have equally been trimmed. Also, as alluded to under **5.2.1** above, CSOs have been included in the implementation structure of the project.

8.9.4. Comment is well noted and taken.

8.9.5. The comment is noted and appreciated. A budget has been included, and the results framework has been updated.

8.9.6. No, there will be no vehicle that will be purchased using GEF resources for the project

Annex H: NGI Relevant Annexes

8.10 a) Does the project provide sufficient detail (indicative term sheet) to assess the following criteria: co-financing ratios, financial terms and conditions, and financial additionality? If not, please provide comments.

b) Does the project provide a detailed reflow table to assess the project capacity of generating reflows? If not, please provide comments.

c) Is the Agency eligible to administer concessional finance? If not, please provide comments.

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestNA

Agency Response

Additional Annexes

9. GEFSEC DECISION

9.1.GEFSEC Recommendation
Is the project recommended for approval

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

November 27, 2025

This resubmission includes the GEF request for CEO endorsement and the project document. Both documents are public. The project can be recommended for Council circulation and CEO endorsement.

November 21, 2025

All points are addressed. The project will be recommended for Council circulation when public documents will be available: 1) the CEO endorsement request and 2) the project document (meaning for UNEP the CEO ER + annexes in a single document).

November 7, 2025

The project cannot be recommended yet. Please, address the remaining comments above and those from the Quality Control.

September 21, 2025

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Outcome:

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The project cannot be recommended yet. Please, address the comments above. We will share the document with PO for the quality control at the next round if the project reaches an acceptable quality.

9.2 Additional Comments to be considered by the Agency during the inception and implementation phase

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

9.3 Review Dates

First Review

Additional Review (as necessary)

Additional Review (as necessary)

Additional Review (as necessary)

Additional Review (as necessary)

CEO Approval Response to Secretariat comments

9/21/2025

11/7/2025

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