



Preparation of the First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR)

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10953

Countries

Panama

Project Name

Preparation of the First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR)

Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

3/30/2022

Review completed by PM

Program Manager

Esteban Bermudez Forn

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

EBF 4/1/2022

This project is aligned with the GEF-7 climate change focal are strategy. Cleared.

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

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

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

EBF 4/1/2022

Although co-financing is not required for EAs, co-finance has been confirmed for this project and the corresponding co-financing letters have been provided and uploaded in the Portal.

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

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes, Table D is properly filled out.

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

N/A

Agency Response
The focal area allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

N/A

Agency Response
The LDCF under the principle of equitable access

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

N/A

Agency Response

The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

N/A

Agency Response

Focal area set-aside?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes. There are sufficient resources to support this project from the climate change focal area set aside.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes, the financing requested is based on full-cost basis for reporting obligations.

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

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes. This is well and clearly described.

Agency Response

Goals, Objectives, and Activities.

Is the project framework sufficiently described?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/12/2022

Cleared.

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes, with suggestions. Please address the following comments:

1. Please indicate in the description of the activities that the project will be using the common tabular formats adopted by Decision 5/CMA.3 for the electronic reporting of the information.
2. Regarding Component 1, please indicate if the 2019 refinement will be employed for the GHG Inventory in addition to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines on greenhouse gas inventories
3. Please replace 'Implementing Partner' (UNDP terminology) with 'Executing Agency' (GEF terminology) to avoid confusion. This term appears in Section C (including Figure 1) and Section E.
4. Please make sure that every acronym is explained for what it stands for the first time it is mentioned in the text included in the Portal. There are a few abbreviations and acronyms (e.g. IBT, CRC) that are included but there is no mention to what they stand for.

Agency Response

UNDP response dated 12 April 2022

1. The common tabular formats adopted by Decision 5/CMA.3 for the electronic reporting of the information will be included in the activities.
2. The 2019 refinement will be employed for the GHG Inventory, mainly in the agricultural sector.
3. Terminology has been replaced.
4. Acronym is explained and revised in the EA request and Portal.

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

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

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

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

Cost Effectiveness.

Is the project cost effective?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/12/2022

Cleared.

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes, with a suggestion. Please address the following comments:

1. Please elaborate if there are areas of collaboration between the preparation of the Fourth National Communication that could strengthen the preparation of the first BTR.

Agency Response
UNDP response dated 12 April 2022

A paragraph has been added in the part on Cost-effectiveness.

Cost Ranges

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
EBF 4/1/2022
N/A

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
EBF 4/12/2022
Cleared.

EBF 4/1/2022

Yes, the endorsement letter is signed by the current OFP of Panama. However, please correct in the Portal the name of the person in representation of the OFP who provided the endorsement. The OFP letter is signed by Mr. Raul Pinedo instead of Mr. Gustavo Padilla.

Agency Response
UNDP response dated 12 April 2022

OFP name has been corrected.

Response to Comments

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

GEF Secretariat Comment

EBF 4/1/2022

N/A

Agency Response

Other Agencies comments?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

N/A

Agency Response

Council comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

N/A

Agency Response

STAP Comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

N/A

Agency Response

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

EBF 4/1/2022

N/A

Agency Response

CSOs comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
EBF 4/1/2022
N/A

Agency Response
GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is CEO Endorsement/approval recommended?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
EBF 4/12/2022
The PM recommends the clearance for CEO Approval.

EBF 4/1/2022
Please address the comments above.

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	4/1/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	4/12/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)		
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Additional Review (as necessary)		

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations