

# Namibia's First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1) and Fifth National Communication (NC5) to the UNFCCC

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

10887

**Countries**

Namibia

**Project Name**

Namibia's First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1) and Fifth National  
Communication (NC5) to the UNFCCC

**Agencies**

UNDP

**Date received by PM**

9/27/2021

**Review completed by PM**

**Program Manager**

Patricia Marcos Huidobro

**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  
**3/10/2022 PM:**

**Yes**, the project is aligned with the relevant GEF FA elements.

#### **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  
**3/24/2022 PM:**

**Cleared.**

**3/10/2022 PM:**

**Yes, with suggestions.** Please update Expected Outcome "1.2.2 Strengthened human, scientific and technical capacity of the Working Groups of the 4 IPCC sectors listed in 2.1.1" It shall read "4 IPCC sectors listed in 1.1.1" instead of "2.1.1"

Agency Response Typo corrected to 1.1.1. (*Section B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION SUMMARY*)

**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 **3/10/2022 PM:**

N/A. Although co-financing is not required for EAs, co-finance has been confirmed for this project and the corresponding co-financing letter has 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 **3/10/2022 PM:**

**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 **3/10/2022 PM:**

N/A.

Agency Response

**The focal area allocation?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request **3/10/2022 PM:**

N/A.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 3/10/2022 PM:

N/A.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 3/10/2022 PM:

N/A.

Agency Response

**Focal area set-aside?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 3/10/2022 PM:

**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 3/10/2022 PM:

**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 3/10/2022 PM:

**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

**3/24/2022 PM:**

**Cleared.**

**3/10/2022 PM:**

**No.** Please address/clarify the following comments:

- Under the "Institutional Arrangements" section, please replace Implementing Partner (UNDP terminology) by Executing Agency (GEF terminology) to avoid confusion.

- Please clarify whether data collection to include the coverage of PFCs and SF6 would be addressed by this project.

- Also, it is not clear from the proposal which of the following issues would be addressed by the project (we understand some of these issues had already been addressed in the latest BUR/NIR but further clarification is needed on which are pending and would be part of this proposal):

1. Adequate and proper data capture, QC, Validation, Storage and retrieval mechanism needed to facilitate the compilation of future inventories.
2. Capacity building and strengthening of the existing institutional framework within a GHG Inventory Management System to provide improved coordination for smooth implementation of the GHG inventory cycle for sustainable production of inventories.
3. Development of emission factors (EFs) more representative of the national context.
4. Improve the existing QA/QC system including a QA/QC plan in order to reduce uncertainty and improve inventory quality.
5. Find the necessary financial resources to establish a GHG inventory unit within DEA to be responsible for inventory compilation and coordination.
6. Institutionalize the archiving system.
7. Pursue efforts for collecting the required AD for categories not covered in this exercise, namely the use of SF6, and incineration of medical waste.
8. Conduct new forest inventories to confirm the stock and EFs developed under the new approach adopted for the Land sector.
9. Produce new maps for 1990 to 2020 to refine land use change data over 5 years periods to replace the poor-quality maps available now.
10. Refine data collection for determining country-specific (CS) weights for dairy cows, other cattle, sheep and goats.

11. Develop the digestible energy (DE) factor for livestock as country-specific data is better than the default IPCC value to address this key category fully at Tier 2.

#### Agency Response

- *Section C. DESCRIBE THE ENABLING ACTIVITY AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION*

- Revisions are completed. The EA request use GEF terminology ? Executing Agency.

- SF6 will be included. It has been added to the list of activities under GHG inventory. PFCs have been identified as being used with the electrical equipment such as accelerators and transformers. The survey started in 2019 and nearing completion revealed that all equipment has been charged with SF6 only. Use of PFCs will be followed and in case data is obtained on it, the estimates will be completed and reported in the inventory.

Issue item 6 has been agreed upon and will be implemented. Issue items 1, 2, 4, 7, and 10 have been partially addressed. This project will focus on further improvements in these areas as follows:

1. The centralized data collection and storage system requires further development and operationalization.
2. Stakeholders needs further capacity building.
3. National EFs for the AFOLU sector needs updating.
4. Further development and implementation of a robust QA/QC plan is needed.
5. Availability of sufficient financial resources from government budget remains a major issue.
6. Agreement has been reached but operationalization is still pending.
7. Survey on SF6/PFCs will be completed in 2022 and estimates made for SF6. No PFCs have been reported in use in the country.
8. Inventories for some community forests completed and the information will be used to update the country specific EFs.
9. Production of new maps is onerous and will not be undertaken until adequate funding is mobilized.
10. New data will be collected to refine these EFs.
11. This is dependent on the new data to be collected under item 10 and is targeted.

#### 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 3/10/2022 PM:

**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 3/10/2022 PM:**

**Yes.**

Agency Response

**Monitoring and Evaluation.**

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

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 3/10/2022 PM:**

**Yes.**

Agency Response

**Cost Effectiveness.**

**Is the project cost effective?**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 3/10/2022 PM:**

**Yes.**

Agency Response

**Cost Ranges**

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

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 3/10/2022 PM:**

**N/A. The project is within the cost range.**

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 3/10/2022 PM:

**Yes.**

Agency Response

**Response to Comments**

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

GEF Secretariat Comment 3/10/2022 PM:

N/A.

Agency Response

**Other Agencies comments?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 3/10/2022 PM:

N/A.

Agency Response

**Council comments**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 3/10/2022 PM:

N/A.

Agency Response

**STAP Comments**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 3/10/2022 PM:

N/A.

Agency Response

**Convention Secretariat comments**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 3/10/2022 PM:

N/A.

Agency Response

**CSOs comments**



Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request **3/10/2022 PM:**  
N/A.

Agency Response  
**GEFSEC DECISION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Is CEO Endorsement/approval recommended?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
**3/24/2022 PM:**

**Cleared from the technical standpoint.**

**3/10/2022 PM:**

The GEF Sec is returning the CEO Approval Request to the Agency to address a few minor comments.

**10/11/2021 PM:**

The GEF Sec is returning the CEO Approval Request to the Agency to update the proposal as per the new modality agreed with the country (i.e. combined BTR/NC).

**Review Dates**

	<b>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement</b>	<b>Response to Secretariat comments</b>
<b>First Review</b>		<b>3/24/2022</b>
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>		
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>		

**Secretariat Comment at  
CEO Endorsement**

**Response to  
Secretariat  
comments**

**Additional Review  
(as necessary)**

**Additional Review  
(as necessary)**

**CEO Recommendation**

**Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations**