Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency of an Enhanced Transparency Framework for Namibia under the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (CBIT II Namibia)

Review CEO Approval and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11922

Countries

Namibia

Project Name

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Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

3/21/2025

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4/1/2025

Program Manager

Esteban Bermudez Forn

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

MSP

CEO Approval Request

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

5/20/2025:

1. We appreciate your effort. Cleared.
2. Cleared.

4/1/2025:

1. Given that the GEF Sec needs to ensure enough CBIT resources for all developing countries, we recommend lowering the budget tin line with Namibia's CBIT1 -- currently, the CBIT grant for the CBIT2 is almost double to what was requested for the CBIT1.

   Please note that support from CBIT is continuous. Kindly consider reducing the overall project budget by prioritizing activities / sectors / emission categories that will logically need to be done first and postponing other activities for next stages of the CBIT project in the country. You can also adjust the project duration, if required.

2. There is a mistake in the financing tables. Please correct the information to reflect the project financing and agency fee as Grant instead of Non-Grant.

Type of Trust Fund:	GET	Project Duration (Months):	48
GEF Project Grant: (a)	0.00	GEF Project Non-Grant: (b)	2,000,000.00
Agency Fee(s) Grant: (c)	0.00	Agency Fee(s) Non-Grant: (d)	190,000.00
Total GEF Financing: (a+b+c+d)	2,190,000.00	Total Co-financing:	500,000.00
PPG Amount: (e)	0.00	PPG Agency Fee(s): (f)	0.00
Total GEF Resources: (a+b+c+d+e+f)	2,190,000.00		
Project Tags :	CBIT: **Yes** NGI: **No** SGP: **No** Innovation: **No**		

Agency Response

UNDP Response (13 May 2025)

1. The total GEF budget has been reduced from 2,000,000 USD to 1,181,060 USD through the prioritization of the development of country-specific emission factors for key emitting categories of Road Transportation and Enteric Fermentation and additionally postponing the costly and heavy item on the land sector for the next CBIT cycle. Consequently, the duration of the project has been reduced from 48 to 36 months.

2. This was a technical issue in the online portal, which is fixed.

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/1/2025: Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

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 results?

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/20/2025:

1. Cleared.
2. Cleared.
3. Cleared.

4/1/2025:

1. The following challenge mentioned in the summary is too broad, e.g, "few tools" -- which tools or applied to which sectors? Please review it and ensure it is more specific.

   "Lack of a few tools to compile and report emissions accurately"

2. Kindly make a reference to Core Indicator 11 (CI 11), disaggregating by gender the number of people who will directly benefit from project activities. The last paragraph of the summary can be replaced by the mention to CI 11.

3. Please ensure the summary remains within 250 words, approximately 1/2 page.

Agency Response

UNDP Response (13 May 2025)

1. The exact tools, i.e. to perform uncertainty assessment and producing an energy balance for compile and estimating and reporting emissions accurately, are specified in the CEO Endorsement Request Form (?Project Summary?) and the Agency Project Document.

2. Reference has been made in CEO Endorsement Request Form and the Agency Project Document.

3. The summary section is 248 words now.

3. Project Description Overview
a) Is the project objective presented as a concise statement and clear?
b) 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?
c) Are gender dimensions, knowledge management, and M&E included within the project components and appropriately funded?
d) Are the GEF Project Financing and Co-Financing contributions to PMC proportional?
e) Is the PMC equal to or below 10%? If above 10%, is the justification acceptable?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/20/2025:

1. Cleared.
2. Cleared.

4/1/2025:

1. Whenever possible, and particularly for Outputs 1.1.3, 1.1.4, and 3.1.2, please include gender considerations explicitly as part of the wording of their wording.

2. In line with our previous comment, kindly consider reducing the overall project budget by prioritizing activities / sectors / emission categories that will logically need to be done first and postponing other activities for next stages of the CBIT project in the country.

Agency Response

UNDP Response (13 May 2025)

1. Comment to include gender considerations at Output level is addressed in the CEO Endorsement Request Form and the Agency Project Document.

2. The total GEF budget has been reduced as per the GEF comment. (Please refer to the clarifications provided under Question 1 [General Project Information] above.)

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

5/20/2025:

1. Table 5:
    1. Cleared.
    2. Cleared.
    3. Cleared.

4/1/2025:

1. Table 5 lists baseline transparency projects. Please ensure, this table is aligned with Table 8 (complementary climate change initiatives, including transparency).
    1. ICAT's support to develop and institutionalize a framework for tracking the implementation of Namibia?s NDC actions in the energy sector is not listed in Table 5. Please include ICAT's support as part of Table 5 to promote collaboration and complementarity.

2. Also include work done by the CBIT-GSP, including the Anglophone Africa Network.
3. Include any other relevant projects in Table 5 (e.g. Climate Promise, PATPA, NDC Partnership, etc.), as applicable.

Agency Response

UNDP Response (13 May 2025)

1. Tables 5 and 8 are aligned in the CEO Endorsement Request Form and the Agency Project Document.

2. Contributions of CBIT-GSP and the Anglophone Africa Network are Included in Tables 5 and 8 in the CEO Endorsement Request Form and the Agency Project Document.

3. Attended in Table 5 as requested.

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 thrust and basis (including scientific) of the proposed solutions, how they provide a robust solution and listing the key assumptions underlying these?

b) Is there a description of how theGEF alternative will build on ongoing/previous investments (GEF and non-GEF), lessons and experiences in the country/region?

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

d) 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?

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

f) 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?

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

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

i) 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 description/s?

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

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

l) Transformation and/or innovation: Is the project going to be transformative or innovative? Does it explain scaling up opportunities?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
5/20/2025:

1. Cleared.
2. Cleared.
3. Cleared.
4. Cleared.
5. Cleared.
6. Cleared
7. Cleared.
8. Cleared.
9. Cleared.
10. Cleared.
11. Cleared.
12. Cleared.
13. Cleared.
14. Cleared.

4/1/2025:

1. Please consider reuploading the Theory of Change or increasing the font size, as most of the text in the image is currently unreadable.

2. Please specify at the start of the project description which ETF thematic areas (e.g., mitigation, adaptation, and means of implementation) and IPCC for GHG inventory (Energy, IPPU, AFOLU, Waste) it will focus on.

3. Component 2 appears to be extensive enough to constitute a separate CBIT project. Given our continuous CBIT support and the need to reduce the overall project budget, we suggest evaluating whether it would be more effective to prioritize Component 2 or to concentrate on the other Components while reducing the scope of Component 2 or potentially deferring it to a subsequent CBIT project.

4. Output 1.1.1 and Deliverable D1.1.1.1 focus on proposals. While we recognize that adoption and approval may depend on external factors beyond the project's control, we encourage you to explore ways to enhance the likelihood of adoption. Please review them and consider incorporating actions that can increase their chances of being implemented.

5. For Output 1.1.2, in terms of clarity, please specify the modules of the Portal (soon to be Transparency Platform). Kindly differentiate the modules that currently exist from the ones that need to be developed from scratch, as a means to recognize the progress made by CBIT1 (GEFID 10157).

6. Moreover, and for ease of reference to follow the logical sequence of activities for Output 1.1.3, whose wording refer to the training on the use of the transparency platform, kindly reconsider moving activities related to the technological design and development of the platform itself (namely activities A.1.1.3.1 and A.1.1.3.2) to Output 1.1.2. Kindly edit accordingly.

7. For Output 1.1.3. kindly indicate the difference / complementarity between activities A.1.1.3.2, which will develop the interface of the tools already developed for tracking emissions and NDC mitigation and adaptation actions and activity A.1.1.2.3, which will integrate all templates (previous and new) in the transparency platform.

8. In addition, for Output 1.1.3, please provide a brief description of the additionality of activity A.1.1.3.4 and activity A 1.1.2.5, as they both refer to the operation manual of the transparency platform. Consider making the appropriate synergies to avoid duplications, if applicable.

9. For activity A.1.1.3.3., and considering limited funding, please indicate the emitting sectors / categories for which training sessions on IPCC 2006 and 2019 refinements will be made for compiling GHG inventories and Tier 2 level. Please clarify accordingly if the categories within the AFOLU sector that have been prioritized under Outcome 2.1 will be the thematic focus or if a broader scope is considered.

10. Additionally, for Output 1.1.3, please indicate if this output will provide any sustainability provisions on the training on the use of the platform to overcome potential staff turnover. Please amend accordingly.

11. Also, for Output 1.13, following the recommendation from the Terminal Evaluation of the CBIT1, please specify if this Output will consider partnering with a national institute that has the mandate to provide capacity building.

12. For Output 1.1.4, please indicate for activity A.1.1.4.1, if all categories within the energy sector will be considered for its scope of work. In addition, please briefly elaborate on the sustainability and gender provisions of activities A.1.1.4.2, and A.1.1.4.4., which encompass the training of stakeholders on the Uncertainty Assessment tool and the National Energy Balance, respectively. Please complement accordingly.

13. For Outcome 2.1, it is unclear which are the 4 LULUCF categories identified in addition to burning, originating from wildfires.

14. For Outcome 3.1, please indicate the gender and sustainability provisions for activities A.3.1.1.1 and A.3.1.2.1, which will provide a strategy for stakeholders in the use of the transparency platform and relevant training. Please clarify accordingly.

Agency Response

UNDP Response (13 May 2025)

1. The Theory of Change diagram is revised and provided in the GEF Portal, CEO Endorsement Request Form and Agency Project Document. Kindly note that the diagram has to be fitted within the available portal margins. A separate (.ppt) document is uploaded in the Library section including the diagram of ToC, Problem Tree and Objective Tree for the GEF Secretariat?s reference.

2. The requested information is provided in in the CEO Endorsement Request Form and the Agency Project Document.

3. The 3 heaviest outputs of this component (about 80%) which are strongly associated to address the LULUCF sub-sector has been removed to reduce the scope and the budget of the CBIT2 project in response to GEFSec comment.

4. Output 1.1.1 and Deliverable D1.1.1.1 have been rephrased with the objective of meeting the proposition, while we would like to kindly note that the final adoption of the regulatory agreements rest with the national Government.

5. Clarifications on Output 1.1.2 are provided in the CEO Endorsement Request Form and the Agency Project Document.

6. Activities A.1.1.3.1 and A.1.1.3.2 moved under Output 1.1.2 and text amended accordingly in the CEO Endorsement Request Form and the Agency Project Document.

7. Difference and complementarity are explained in CEO Endorsement Request Form and the Agency Project Document, as well as the sequencing of these activities.

8. Additionality provided in the CEO Endorsement Request Form and the Agency Project Document under new numbers: A 1.1.3.3; A1.1.3.4 and A1.1.2.7.

9. Categories and sectors are specified for activity A.1.1.3.3. in the CEO Endorsement Request Form and the Agency Project Document.

10. The requested information is provided in Output 1.1.3 description as several national experts (at least 10) are concerned.

11. Not envisaged at this stage as substantial knowledge of the requirements and process for preparing transparent reports is required and may not be possessed by staff of the national institutes.

12. The requested information is provided in Output 1.1.4 description.

13.This outcome has been removed from the project as the overall project budget has been reduced as per the GEF comment.

14.The description in Outcome 3.1. (for activities A.3.1.1.1 and A.3.1.2.1) are amended to further stress on the gender and sustainability issues.

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.).

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/1/2025: Cleared.

Agency Response

5.3 Core indicators

a) Are the identified core indicators calculated using the methodology included in the corresponding Guidelines (GEF/C.54/11/Rev.01)?

b) Are the project?s targeted contributions to GEBs (measured through core 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

5/20/2025:

1. Cleared.

4/1/2025:

1. We take note of the explanation of the methodology to estimate the number of people benefiting from the project under Core Indicator 11. However, based on the Terminal Evaluation of the CBIT1 project, the recommendation to address the limited number of beneficiaries was to "to partner with a national institute that has a mandate to provide capacity building to public institutions". We encourage you to reconsider the number of direct beneficiaries of the project given it is less than what was targeted in the CBIT1 project.

   Extract from TE of CBIT1:

Sustainability		
3.	The project has been instrumental in building the capacity of 200 direct beneficiaries, 100 of whom are women from government departments and other stakeholders at the ETF. However, the turnover of beneficiaries (88) was identified as an issue that could affect the sustainability of the project.	For a subsequent project of this type, it will be important for the project to partner with a national institute that has a mandate to provide capacity building to public institutions. In this way, the institution could continue to provide capacity building beyond the project based on requests from institutions. The national institute could therefore act as a relay for the ETF in providing capacity building to government agencies responsible for GHG MRV. This will cover the period it will take for the modules proposed for the academic curriculum to be put into practice. **Responsibility**: UNDP, Government of Namibia **Timeline**: Subsequent projects

Agency Response

UNDP Response (13 May 2025)

1.The direct beneficiary number has been increased to 200, including 80 women and 120 men. Workshops are increased to enable engagement of more direct beneficiaries in the process.

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 screened and rated and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/20/2025:

1. Cleared.
2. Cleared.
3. Cleared.
4. Cleared.

4/1/2025:

1. For ease of review, and good practice, kindly include differentiated subsections for each of the risks (i.e. description of the risk and mitigation measures), even if the risk is rated as Low. Please edit each risk accordingly.

2. The Political and Governance risk does not identify a mitigation measure, although it is set as low, kindly indicate a mitigation measure, if applicable.

3. Considering the acquisition of hardware and software to be developed by the project, kindly briefly elaborate on the risks and mitigation measures of the Technological and Financial and Business Model risks of the project, currently set as N/A, as they relate to the use and maintenance of the equipment.

4. The TE of CBIT1 for Namibia included that ?lengthy government procurement procedures? delayed project execution. Kindly include a brief description and mitigation measures for the Fiduciary risk currently rated as Low.

Agency Response

UNDP Response (13 May 2025)

1.Risk descriptions and mitigation measures are differentiated for the ease of review in the CEO Endorsement Request Form.

2.Mitigation measure is clarified in the Risk table of the CEO Endorsement Request Form.

3.The comment to elaborate on the risks and mitigation measures of the Technological and Financial and Business Model risks of the project is addressed in the Risk table.

4. Brief description and mitigation measures for the Fiduciary risk addressed in the Risk table.

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestN/A

Agency Response

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

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request4/1/2025: Cleared.

Agency Response

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 Request4/1/2025: Cleared.

Agency Response

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 RequestN/A

Agency Response
7 D. Policy Requirements
7.1 Are the Policy Requirement sections completed?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request4/1/2025: Cleared.

Agency Response
7.2 Is the Gender Action Plan uploaded?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request4/1/2025: Cleared.

Agency Response
7.3 Is the stakeholder engagement plan uploaded?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request4/1/2025: Cleared.

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 RequestN/A

Agency Response
Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestN/A

Agency Response
LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestN/A

Agency Response

SCCF A (SIDS)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestN/A

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestN/A

Agency Response

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/20/2025:

1. Cleared.

4/1/2025:

1. As mentioned earlier, given that the GEF Sec needs to ensure enough CBIT resources for all developing countries, we recommend lowering the budget tin line with Namibia's CBIT1 -- currently, the CBIT grant for the CBIT2 is almost double to what was requested for the CBIT1.

   Please note that support from CBIT is continuous. Kindly consider reducing the overall project budget by prioritizing activities / sectors / emission categories that will logically need to be done first and postponing other activities for next stages of the CBIT project in the country. You can also adjust the project duration, if required.

Agency Response

UNDP Response (13 May 2025)

1.The total GEF budget has been reduced as per the GEF comment. (Please refer to the clarifications provided under Question 1 [General Project Information] above.)

8.2 Project Preparation Grant (PPG)

a) Is PPG reimbursement requested and if so, is it within the eligible cap of USD 50,000?

b) 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 Request4/1/2025: The project is not requesting PPG.

Agency Response

8.3 Source of Funds

Does the sources of funds table match with the OFP?s LOE? Note: the table only captures sources of funds from the country?s STAR allocation

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request4/1/2025: Yes. Cleared.

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

4/1/2025: Cleared.

Agency Response

Annex B: Endorsements

8.5 a) 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 Request4/1/2025: The project is endorsed by Mr. Teofilus Nghitila, GEF OFP of Namibia since 2012-09-06. Cleared.

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 Request4/1/2025: Yes. Cleared.

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 Request4/1/2025: Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

8.6 For NGI projects (which may not require LoEs), has the Agency informed the OFP(s) of the project before the PIF submission?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestN/A

Agency Response

Annex C: Project Results Framework

8.7 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 the budget (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?

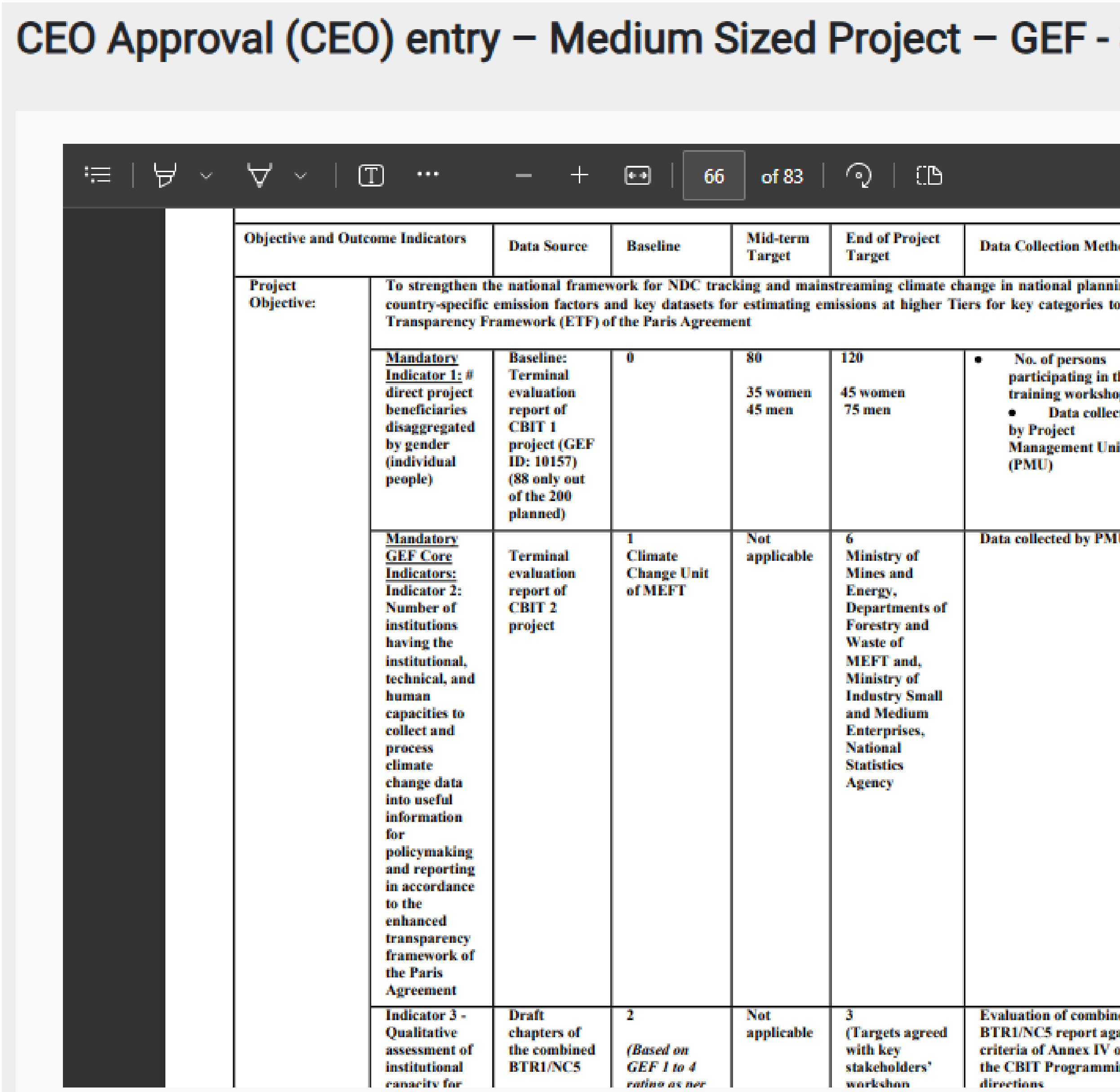
Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/29/2025:

1. Cleared.

5/27/2025:

1. The Project Results Framework is off margins. Kindly amend and liaise with our ITS team if required.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Objective and Outcome Indicators		Data Source	Baseline	Mid-term Target	End of Project Target	Data Collection Meth
Project Objective:	To strengthen the national framework for NDC tracking and mainstreaming climate change in national planni country-specific emission factors and key datasets for estimating emissions at higher Tiers for key categories to Transparency Framework (ETF) of the Paris Agreement					
	Mandatory Indicator 1: # direct project beneficiaries disaggregated by gender (individual people)	Baseline: Terminal evaluation report of CBIT 1 project (GEF ID: 10157) (88 only out of the 200 planned)	0	80 35 women 45 men	120 45 women 75 men	• No. of persons participating in tl training worksho • Data collec by Project Management Uni (PMU)
	Mandatory GEF Core Indicators: Indicator 2: Number of institutions having the institutional, technical, and human capacities to collect and process climate change data into useful information for policymaking and reporting in accordance to the enhanced transparency framework of the Paris Agreement	Terminal evaluation report of CBIT 2 project	1 Climate Change Unit of MEFT	Not applicable	6 Ministry of Mines and Energy, Departments of Forestry and Waste of MEFT and, Ministry of Industry Small and Medium Enterprises, National Statistics Agency	Data collected by PMU
	Indicator 3 - Qualitative assessment of institutional capacity for	Draft chapters of the combined BTR1/NC5	2 *(Based on GEF 1 to 4 rating as per*	Not applicable	3 (Targets agreed with key stakeholders' workshop	Evaluation of combin BTR1/NC5 report aga criteria of Annex IV o the CBIT Programmi directions

5/20/2025:

1. The Results Framework is still slightly off margins. If possible, kindle amend.
2. Cleared.

4/1/2025:

1. The Results Framework Table in the CEO Endorsement Request Portal view (which is the document or pdf that is circulated to Council for review) is off margins. Please amend.

ANNEX C: PROJECT RESULTS FRAMEWORK

Please indicate the page number in the Project Document where the project results and M&E frameworks can be also paste below the Project Results Framework from the Agency document.

Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goal (s): *SDG 13 and 17*						
Intended Outcome as stated in the UNSDCF/Country Programme Results and Resource Framework: "By 2030, Namibia is a developed natio peaceful and sustainable societal and economic fabric, a resilient environment and transformational governance in line with the Sustainable D outcome 3 "build resilience to shocks and crisis" and output 2.2. Scaled up integrated and action on climate change adaption and mitigation a and implemented.						
Applicable Output(s) from the UNDP Strategic Plan: 1.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3						
Project title and Quantum Project Number: Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency of an Enhanced Transparency Framework for Nar the Paris Agreement (CBIT 2 Namibia)						
Objective and Outcome Indicators		**Data Source**	**Baseline**	**Mid-term Target**	**End of Project Target**	**Data Collecti**
Project Objective:	**To strengthen the national framework for NDC tracking and mainstreaming climate change in national planning, deve specific emission factors and key datasets for estimating emissions at higher Tiers for key categories to comply with t Framework (ETF) of the Paris Agreement**					
	<u>Mandatory Indicator 1:</u> # direct project beneficiaries disaggregated by gender (individual people)	Baseline: Terminal evaluation report of CBIT 1 project (GEF ID: 10157) (88 only out of the 200 planned)	0	80 additional 35 women 45 men	100 additional 40 women 60 men	• No. of p participa training v • Data co Project M Unit (PM
	<u>Mandatory</u> <u>GEF Core Indicators:</u>	Terminal evaluation report of CBIT 2 project	1 Climate Change Unit	Not applicable	6 Ministry of Mines and	Data collecte

2. Please review Indicators 6, 9, 10 so they are in line with SMART approach (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound).

Project component 1	**Strengthening of existing transparency framework and systems to enable Namibia report in accordance with Article 13 of the P**					
Project Outcome 1.1 **Namibia strengthens its existing transparency system to track NDC implementation for reporting in accordance with Article 13 of the Paris Agreement and future revision in a gender sensitive manner**	**Indicator 5**: project specific Number of operational MRV systems in place	Chapters of the combined BTR1/NC5 and TE of CBIT 1	1 (MRV emissions - GHG inventory management system)	2	3 (MRV emissions, Mitigation and Support)	• As of combi NC5 cha • In ts recor the prep BTR2 an start in 2
	Indicator 6: project specific Infrastructure for collecting gender responsive data with tools integrated commissioned and available for transparent reporting and national planning	Portal developed during CBIT 1 project	A portal has been developed but did not integrate tools for data collection and sharing to support transparent reporting and national planning	Not applicable	Portal is consolidated with tools integrated and stakeholders trained for using data from it to prepare UNFCCC reports and inform national planning	• Ev appropri portal • Su tional ex e use of ta collec aring sys

Project component 3	Establishing a transparency platform for UNFCCC reporting, knowledge management and streamlining climate change in natio					
Outcome 3.1. **Namibia takes action to establish and promote the use of the transparency platform for UNFCCC reporting, knowledge management, communication and streamlining climate change in national development**	**Indicator 9**: project specific National experts and planners access data from the centralized transparency platform to produce UNFCCC reports and inform national planning	Data available for producing the combined BTR1/NC5 report	Data collected from numerous sources for producing the combined BTR1/NC 5 report	Not applicable	Data readily accessible for use by national experts and planners for producing the BTR2	• T ment by olders d ct prepa e worksl • Su tional ex planners CBIT 2 a oject cyc
	Indicator 10: project specific Knowledge available and accessible on the centralized transparency platform to national, regional and global stakeholders	• Knowledge management and dissemination on the CBIT 1 and combined BTR1/NC5 projects • CBIT 2 and BTR2 progress reports on knowledge management and dissemination	Knowledge generated in the CBIT 1 and combined BTR1/NC5 project not disseminated widely	Not applicable	Enhanced management and dissemination of knowledge generated in the CBIT 2 project through the centralized transparency platform	• Cl nal Evalu rt • A ct Imple reports • Su tent of a tools du eparatio R2 • N e access nsparen • C port

Agency Response

UNDP Response (29 May 2025)

1. GEF ITS team has fixed the formatting issue. The confirmation email is uploaded for reference.

UNDP Response (27 May 2025)

1.This is fixed. Kindly confirm. The table is within the page margins on our side.

ANNEX C: PROJECT RESULTS FRAMEWORK

Please indicate the page number in the Project Document where the project results and M&E frameworks can be found. Please also paste below the Project Results Framework from the Agency document.

Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goal (s): *SDG 13 and 17*							
Intended Outcome as stated in the UNSDCF/Country Programme Results and Resource Framework: "By 2030, Namibia is a developed nation with an equitable, inclusive, peaceful and sustainable societal and economic fabric, a resilient environment and transformational governance in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" and CDP outcome 3 "build resilience to shocks and crisis" and output 2.2. Scaled up integrated and action on climate change adaption and mitigation across priority sector which is funded and implemented.							
Applicable Output(s) from the UNDP Strategic Plan: 1.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3							
Project title and Quantum Project Number: Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency of an Enhanced Transparency Framework for Namibia under the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (CBIT 2 Namibia)							
Objective and Outcome Indicators		**Data Source**	**Baseline**	**Mid-term Target**	**End of Project Target**	**Data Collection Methods**	**Risks/Assumptions**
Project Objective:	**To strengthen the national framework for NDC tracking and mainstreaming climate change in national planning, develop additional tools, country-specific emission factors and key datasets for estimating emissions at higher Tiers for key categories to comply with the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) of the Paris Agreement**						
	Mandatory Indicator 1: # direct project beneficiaries disaggregated by gender (individual people)	Baseline: Terminal evaluation report of CBIT 1 project (GEF ID: 10157) (88 only out of the 200 planned)	0	80 35 women 45 men	120 45 women 75 men	• No. of persons participating in the training workshops • Data collected by Project Management Unit (PMU)	Risk: Stakeholders do not respond to the request for participation in the project Assumption: Stakeholders participate actively to project activities
	Mandatory GEF Core Indicators: **Indicator 2:** Number of institutions having the institutional, technical, and human capacities to collect and process	Terminal evaluation report of CBIT 2 project	1 Climate Change Unit of MEFT	Not applicable	6 Ministry of Mines and Energy, Departments of Forestry and Waste of MEFT and, Ministry of Industry Small and Medium Enterpri	Data collected by PMU	Risk: Staff movement during project life cycle to other organizations or institutions not necessarily having the same role in relation with the CBIT

UNDP Response (13 May 2025)

1.The revised Results Framework Table is added in the online portal (as well as in the CEO Endorsement Request Form and the Agency Project Document).The table is formatted within the available portal margins.

2. Indicators 6, 9 and 10 are reviewed in the results framework as per the GEF comment.

Annex E: Project map and coordinates

8.8 Are geo-referenced information and maps provided indicating where the project interventions will take place ?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request4/1/2025: Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

Annex F: Environmental and Social Safeguards Screen and Rating

8.9 Have safeguard screening document and/or other ESS document(s) attached and been uploaded to the GEF Portal?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request4/1/2025: Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

Annex G: GEF Budget template

8.10 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

5/20/2025:

1. Cleared.
2. TORs are included in the Agency Project Document, Annex 6. Cleared.
3. Budget lines have been itemized. Cleared.

4/1/2025:

1. As mentioned earlier, given that the GEF Sec needs to ensure enough CBIT resources for all developing countries, we recommend lowering the budget tin line with Namibia's CBIT1 -- currently, the CBIT grant for the CBIT2 is almost double to what was requested for the CBIT1.

   Please note that support from CBIT is continuous. Kindly consider reducing the overall project budget by prioritizing activities / sectors / emission categories that will logically need to be done first and postponing other activities for next stages of the CBIT project in the country. You can also adjust the project duration, if required.

2. We could not find the TOR for the different positions listed in the budget table. A ?Lead Technical Advisor? is being charged 100% to project components. Per Guidelines, clear Terms of Reference and definition of outputs are required, or?the costs associated with the project?s execution must be covered by the GEF portion and the co-financing portion allocated to PMC.

	Lead Technical Advisor to the project (Guide selection of ICs and LCs on TORs and ensuring quality of submitted deliverables) 150 days @ USD 650 per day - (Total USD 97,500)			$\boxed{125,500}$	125,500			125,500	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism

3. Not all the positions / expenditures are properly itemized. In the example below, a Project Manager, Administrative Assistant and Financial Assistant are aggregated in one budget line. Please separate these to clearly present the costs associated with each position.

Contractual services-Individual	1 Project manager - (48 months x 1,900 USD) 1 Administrative Assistant - (48 months x 750 USD) 1 Financial Assistant - (48 months x 750 USD) - (Total USD 163,200)				-		

4. Same for the positions of lead Technical Advisor and Internation Consultant. Please separate these to clearly present the costs associated with each position.

International Consultants	Lead Technical Advisor to the project (Guide selection of ICs and LCs on TORs and ensuring quality of submitted deliverables) 150 days @ USD 650 per day - (Total USD 97,500) International consultant (IC5) - Propose road map for national experts to produce UNFCCC reports - 10 days @ 500 USD per day - (Total USD 5,000) International consultant (IC5) - Identify and generate knowledge management products on NTP - 20 days @ 500 USD per day (Total USD 10,000) International consultant (IC5) - Build strategy for key national planners on the use of NTP products for mainstreaming climate data in national plans - 26 days @ 500 USD per day - (Total USD 13,000) (Total for this Budget line: 125,500 USD)			125,500	125,500		

5. Same with other items from the budget like the example below. Please separate all the items in the budget table to clearly present the costs associated with each budget item.

Equipment	IT Equipment for biomass assessment (Tablets, laptop, GPS) (total: 16,000 USD) IT Equipment (tablet for data collection on the field, GPS for location of farms, weighing scales for measuring mass of animals) (total: 5,000 USD) (Total for this Budget line: 21,000 USD)		21,000		21,000		

6. We will review the budget table again upon resubmission and provide comments as appropriate.

Agency Response

UNDP Response (13 May 2025)

1.The total GEF budget has been reduced as per the GEF comment. (Please refer to the clarifications provided under Question 1 [General Project Information] above.)

2. The Agency Project Document incorporates Annex 6: Overview of Technical Consultancies/Subcontracts including the ToR of Lead Technical Advisor. This annex is separately uploaded in the Library section of the online portal for the GEF Secretariat?s reference.

Response to comments #3, #4, #5 and #6: The GEF budget table is re-formatted to itemize the positions/expenditures as requested.

Annex H: NGI Relevant Annexes

8.11 a) Does the project provide sufficient detail (indicative term sheet) to take a decision on the following selection 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 RequestN/A

Agency Response

Additional Annexes

9. GEFSEC DECISION

9.1.GEFSEC Recommendation Is the project recommended for approval

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/29/2025: The PM recommends the project for further processing.

5/27/2025: Kindly fix the Project Results Framework, which is off margins, and resubmit.

5/20/2025: Kindly remove yellow highlights, address the comment related to the Results Framework table and resubmit.

4/1/2025: Please address the comments in the review sheet, highlight your changes in yellow for ease of review, and resubmit.

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

	1SMSP CEO Approval	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	**4/8/2025**	**5/14/2025**
Additional Review (as necessary)	**5/20/2025**	**5/27/2025**
Additional Review (as necessary)	**5/27/2025**	**5/29/2025**
Additional Review (as necessary)	**5/29/2025**	
Additional Review (as necessary)		