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**To:** Mr. Rodney Cooke  
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**Subject:** Endorsement for the project "A circular economy approach to agro-biodiversity conservation in the Souss Massa Drâa region of Morocco".

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Morocco, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Morocco under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of the IFAD. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Fisheries. Further, I request the IFAD to provide a copy of the project document for re-endorsement before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is 3 Millions\$, inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and Agency fee (10%) to the IFAD for project cycle management services associated with this project.

I consent to the utilization of the following indicative allocations available to Morocco in GEF-4 under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework to cover the GEF project preparation and implementation as well as the associated Agency fees for this project.

Biodiversity: 3 Millions \$

Sincerely,

Le Directeur du Partenariat de la  
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Mohamed BERTAHIA

GEF Operational Focal Point

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