

Global Environment Facility**Enabling Activity Proposal Add-on Component**

Country: Morocco

Project title: Strengthening the National Clearing House Mechanism Focal Point for Participation in the Pilot Phase of the CHM of the CBD

GEF Focal Area: Biodiversity

Country Eligibility: Ratified the CBD

GEF Financing Requested: US\$ 14,000

GEF Implementing Agency: UNEP

National Implementing Agency: Ministry of Environment

National CHM Focal Point Designated: Yes

Project Duration: Up to end of the pilot phase of the CHM of the CBD (end of 1998)

Background/Context:

In line with Decisions II/7 and II/17 of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD, the Ministry of the Environment is implementing a GEF-funded project for the preparation of a national biodiversity strategy, action plan and the first national report to the CBD (BSAP).

Facilitating capacity-building in relation to the operation of the Clearing House Mechanism (CHM) of the CBD in developing country Parties is one of the enabling activity components stipulated in the GEF Operational Criteria for Biodiversity Enabling Activities pursuant to Decisions II/3 and III/4 of the COP.

This proposal, requested as an add-on component to the BSAP enabling activity, will permit Morocco to participate in the pilot phase of the CHM and to fulfill the requirements of Decisions I/3, II/3 and III/4 of the COP.

The requested budget for this activity is shown in the following table:

**Budget for the Clearing House Mechanism Add-on Component of
Enabling Activity proposal:**

Morocco * (US\$)

Item	GEF Estimated Cost Norm (US\$)	Country Actual Proposed (US\$)
- Hardware (PC of appropriate configuration)	0-4,000	4,000
- Software (Internet browsers and required software)	0-1,000	1,000
- Modem	0-500	500
- Recurrent Access Costs to Internet Service Provider (up to end of CHM Pilot Phase 1998)	0-3,800	3,800
- Technician Set-Up Fees	500-700	700
- Internet and E-mail Training for CHM Focal Point **	1,000-4,000	4,000
Total	1,500-14,000	14,000

* Group I country, Option A:

Morocco has the required telecommunications infrastructure and Internet connectivity. It has designated a Focal Point for the CHM, i.e. Madame Bani Layachi, Director of Environment, Ministry of Environment, who will be directly responsible for the operations of the CHM of the CBD.

The Ministry of Environment is also the national implementing agency for the "National Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and First National Report to the CBD" project endorsed by the GEF in April, 1997.

** Training for the CHM Focal Point will be carried out under an agreement with the suppliers of the hardware/software that will be purchased under the project.

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**Objet : Addition du Module « Clearing House Mouse Mechanism » au Projet :
 « Stratégie / Plan d'Action / Rapport National sur la Biodiversité ».**

Ref./ Votre envoi du 30 Mars 1998.

Monsieur.

Suite à votre envoi sus-référence, j'ai l'honneur de vous transmettre, ci-après, les coordonnées du Point Focal National du Clearing House Mechanism sur la Biodiversité :

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Vous trouverais également ci-joint, le tableau des estimations budgétaires relatives au module précité en tenant compte des besoins réels pour :

- un PC et une imprimante,
- une installation d'un réseau local « LAN »,
- une extension de la mémoire du serveur,
- des logiciels pour la gestion des données sur Internet (Editeurs, Browsers),
- des logiciels spécifiques pour le transfert sur Internet de la base de données sur la biodiversité (Java,...), ainsi qu'une assistance technique, et
- la formation de 5 cadres en la matière.

Cordiales Salutations.

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