

# Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

The Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, administered by UNEP, advises the Global Environment Facility  
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## STAP Scientific and Technical screening of the Project Identification Form (PIF)

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### I. PIF Information *(Copied from the PIF)*

<b>FULL SIZE PROJECT</b>	<b>LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FUND</b>
<b>GEF PROJECT ID:</b>	6914
<b>PROJECT DURATION:</b>	5
<b>COUNTRIES:</b>	Afghanistan
<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b>	Adapting Afghan Communities to Climate-Induced Disaster Risks
<b>GEF AGENCIES:</b>	UNDP
<b>OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS:</b>	NEPA, MRRD, MAIL, ANDMA, Afghan Met Office, MoE, NGOs, MoWA, IDLG
<b>GEF FOCAL AREA:</b>	Climate Change

### II. STAP Advisory Response *(see table below for explanation)*

Based on this PIF screening, STAP’s advisory response to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Agency(ies):  
**Concur**

### III. Further guidance from STAP

STAP welcomes the UNDP proposal "Adapting Afghan Communities to Climate-Induced Disaster Risks." The proposal aims to improve preparedness and resilience of selected Afghan communities to climate-induced disaster risks.

At any time during the development of the project, the proponent is invited to approach STAP to consult on the design prior to submission for CEO endorsement.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
<b>1. Concur</b>	In cases where STAP is satisfied with the scientific and technical quality of the proposal, a simple “Concur” response will be provided; the STAP may flag specific issues that should be pursued rigorously as the proposal is developed into a full project document. At any time during the development of the project, the proponent is invited to approach STAP to consult on the design prior to submission for CEO endorsement.
<b>2. Minor issues to be considered during project design</b>	STAP has identified specific scientific /technical suggestions or opportunities that should be discussed with the project proponent as early as possible during development of the project brief. The proponent may wish to:  (i) Open a dialogue with STAP regarding the technical and/or scientific issues raised. (ii) Set a review point at an early stage during project development, and possibly agreeing to terms of reference for an independent expert to be appointed to conduct this review.

	<p>The proponent should provide a report of the action agreed and taken, at the time of submission of the full project brief for CEO endorsement.</p>
<p><b>3. Major issues to be considered during project design</b></p>	<p>STAP proposes significant improvements or has concerns on the grounds of specified major scientific/technical methodological issues, barriers, or omissions in the project concept. If STAP provides this advisory response, a full explanation would also be provided. The proponent is strongly encouraged to:</p> <p>(i) Open a dialogue with STAP regarding the technical and/or scientific issues raised; (ii) Set a review point at an early stage during project development including an independent expert as required.</p> <p>The GEF Secretariat may, based on this screening outcome, delay the proposal and refer the proposal back to the proponents with STAP's concerns.</p> <p>The proponent should provide a report of the action agreed and taken, at the time of submission of the full project brief for CEO endorsement.</p>