GEF-6 GEF SECRETARIAT REVIEW FOR FULL-SIZED/MEDIUM-SIZED PROJECTS
THE GEF/LDCF/SCCF TRUST FUND

GEF ID:	**10021**		
Country/Region:	**Montenegro**		
Project Title:	**Strengthening Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and Adaptation Activities Transparency Framework**		
GEF Agency:	**UNDP**	GEF Agency Project ID:	**6225 (UNDP)**
Type of Trust Fund:	**Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency**	GEF Focal Area (s):	**Climate Change**
GEF-6 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):		**CBIT-1;**	
Anticipated Financing PPG:		Project Grant:	**$1,100,000**
Co-financing:	**$275,000**	Total Project Cost:	**$1,375,000**
PIF Approval:		Council Approval/Expected:	
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	**Akio Takemoto**	Agency Contact Person:	**Damiano Borgogno**

PIF Review

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment	Agency Response
Project Consistency	1. Is the project aligned with the relevant GEF strategic objectives and results framework?[1]	AT/JDS, March 19, 2018: Yes, this project is aligned with Programing Directions for CBIT.	
	2. Is the project consistent with the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions?	AT/JDS March 19, 2018: Yes, this project is consistent with Montenegro's national strategies and plans including NDC, Energy Development Strategies, National Sustainable Development Strategies and National Climate Change Strategy.	
Project Design	3. Does the PIF sufficiently indicate the	AT/JDS March 19, 2018: Yes. They	

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	drivers[2] of global environmental degradation, issues of sustainability, market transformation, scaling, and innovation?	are indicated in PART II, 1. Project Design, 1), 2) and 3). For example, Montenegro's major sources of national GHGs are energy (76%) followed by Industrial processes (9%) and Agriculture (without sinks) (9%). It also has substantial carbon sinks due to large expanses of forested areas, however, the associated emissions estimates have a high degree of uncertainty. Montenegro has a relatively pristine environment, but it's under threat from climate change, therefore, it needs to build adaptation into its national sectoral strategies and development practices. It is noted that National GHG emissions were drastically reduced since 1990 due to transitional recession, especially in the metal industry. From 2017-2030, Montenegro is promoting clean energy sources including hydro, wind and PV power as well as energy efficiency projects. Under the project, Montenegro will promote an innovative approach by	

[1] For BD projects: has the project explicitly articulated which Aichi Target(s) the project will help achieve and are SMART indicators identified, that will be used to track the project's contribution toward achieving the Aichi Target(s)?
[2] Need not apply to LDCF/SCCF projects.

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		creating the Climate Action Transparency Task Force (CATTF), formulate Methodologies, Procedures and Guidelines (MPGs) for transparency, include gender data and model long-term low carbon development strategies.	
	4. Is the project designed with sound incremental reasoning?	AT/JDS March 19, 2018: Yes. This project is designed with incremental approaches including establishment of CATFF, creation of MPGs for transparent tracking of its NDC, improvement of GHG inventories and projections, and wider benefits of mitigation actions to support the PA, EU GHG Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (MMR), and development of the national Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS).	
	5. Are the components in Table B sound and sufficiently clear and appropriate to achieve project objectives and the GEBs?	AT/JDS March 16, 2018: Yes.	
	6. Are socio-economic aspects, including relevant gender elements, indigenous people, and CSOs considered?	AT/JDS March 16, 2018: Yes.	
Availability of Resources	7. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):		
	• The STAR allocation?	AT/JDS March 19, 2018: This project is requesting resources from the CBIT TF and there are still enough resources to support this project.	

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	• The focal area allocation?	AT/JDS March 19, 2018: This project is requesting resources from the CBIT TF and there are still enough resources to support this project.	
	• The LDCF under the principle of equitable access		
	• The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?		
	• Focal area set-aside?		
Recommendations	8. Is the PIF being recommended for clearance and PPG (if additional amount beyond the norm) justified?	AT/JDS March 19, 2018: Yes, PM recommends the PIF for clearance. One cautionary note: The proposal states that the CBIT project will take place after the Second BUR is complete, which is scheduled for 4/2019. The proposed duration of the project is 48 months which means the project might be in jeopardy of running too far down the CBIT funding track (June 30, 2023).	
Review Date	Review	March 19, 2018	
	Additional Review (as necessary)		
	Additional Review (as necessary)		

CEO endorsement Review			
Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
Project Design and Financing	1. If there are any changes from that presented in the PIF, have justifications been provided?		
	2. Is the project structure/ design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?		
	3. Is the financing adequate and does the project demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objective?		
	4. Does the project take into account potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change, and describes sufficient risk response measures? (e.g., measures to enhance climate resilience)		
	5. Is co-financing confirmed and evidence provided?		
	6. Are relevant tracking tools completed?		
	7. *Only for Non-Grant Instrument:* Has a reflow calendar been presented?		
	8. Is the project coordinated with other related initiatives and national/regional plans in the country or in the region?		
	9. Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?		

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	10. Does the project have descriptions of a knowledge management plan?		
Agency Responses	11. Has the Agency adequately responded to comments at the PIF[3] stage from:		
	• GEFSEC		
	• STAP		
	• GEF Council		
	• Convention Secretariat		
Recommendation	12. Is CEO endorsement recommended?		
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[3] If it is a child project under a program, assess if the components of the child project align with the program criteria set for selection of child projects.