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

GEF ID:	**9067**		
Country/Region:	**Cook Islands**		
Project Title:	**Renewable Energy Sector Project**		
GEF Agency:	**ADB**	GEF Agency Project ID:	
Type of Trust Fund:	**GEF Trust Fund**	GEF Focal Area (s):	**Climate Change**
GEF-6 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):		**CCM-1 Program 1;**	
Anticipated Financing PPG:	**$136,986**	Project Grant:	**$4,127,668**
Co-financing:	**$24,280,000**	Total Project Cost:	**$28,544,654**
PIF Approval:	**April 28, 2015**	Council Approval/Expected:	**June 01, 2015**
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	**Ming Yang**	Agency Contact Person:	**Woo Yul Lee**

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment
Project Consistency	1. Is the project aligned with the relevant GEF strategic objectives and results framework?[1]	MY 3/16/2015: Yes. The project is aligned with the GEF6 CCM-1 Program 1 Strategy. But the agency did not put the strategy in Table A. Please complete Table A. 3/26/2015: Yes. Comments cleared.
	2. Is the project consistent with the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions?	MY 3/16/2015: Yes. This project is consistent with the Nationally

[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)?

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		Appropriate Mitigation Action under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) for supporting implementation of 100% renewable electricity by 2020. It is also aligned with the country's Second National Communication (2012) under the UNFCCC.
Project Design	3. Does the PIF sufficiently indicate the drivers[2] of global environmental degradation, issues of sustainability, market transformation, scaling, and innovation?	MY 3/16/2015: Not completed at this time. 1. Please address why Cook Islands currently uses diesel or fossil fuel as primary energy for 99% of its power generation, although the country is rich in renewable energy resources. What are the causes or drivers for importing and using fossil energy rather than using renewable energy? 2. Please include short descriptions of each of the following topics: innovation, sustainability, and scaling-up. In innovation, please compare this project with other similar projects that have been implemented, and justify this project is innovative. Other similar projects may include those supported by New Zealand in 2012 and 2014 as indicated in the PIF. In sustainability, please describe how the six solar PV power plants will operate sustainably after the GEF project implementation is over. Will the electricity lifecycle production costs of the solar PV plants be competitive with those of fossil fuel-fired power plants? In scaling up, please provide a road map for Cooks Islands to scale-up its solar PV generation capacity, and

[2] Need not apply to LDCF/SCCF projects.

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		present a share of solar PV energy contribution to the energy mix of the country by 2020. 3/26/2015: Yes. Comments cleared.
	4. Is the project designed with sound incremental reasoning?	MY 3/16/2015: Yes. It is presented on pages 5 and 6.
	5. Are the components in Table B sound and sufficiently clear and appropriate to achieve project objectives and the GEBs?	MY 3/16/2015: Not at this time. In Table B, there are two INV components. Could they be put together as one component? Alternatively, they might be presented in one component with two sub-components. Also, on page 6, under "Section 3) the proposed alternative scenario, with a brief description of expected outcomes and components of the project", please briefly describe expected outcomes and components of the project. The total budget of the project is higher than the total STAR allocation of the country. Please revise the budget accordingly. See also comments in Box 7. 3/26/2015: Yes. Comments cleared.
	6. Are socio-economic aspects, including relevant gender elements, indigenous people, and CSOs considered?	MY 3/16/2015: Not completed at this time. Please consider engaging Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in this project, if applicable. 3/26/2015: Yes. Comments cleared.

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Availability of Resources	7. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):	
	• The STAR allocation?	MY 3/16/2015: Not at this time. As of 3/16/2015, as per the GEF PMIS and the GEF Trustee, Cook Islands has a budget of $4,669,796 in STAR. This country is flexible in using its STAR resources. However, the OFP endorsed $4,670,000 for this project. Please reduce the total budget of this project to $4,669,796, and adjust the project component budget in Table B accordingly. 3/26/2015: Yes. Comments cleared.
	• The focal area allocation?	MY 3/16/2015: As of 3/16/2015, Cook Islands has a budget of $2 million in climate change focal area. It is a flexible country in using its SATR resources. The total STAR budget of the country ($4,669,796) can cover this project. 3/26/2015: Yes. Comments cleared.
	• The LDCF under the principle of equitable access	MY 3/16/2015: N/A
	• The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?	MY 3/16/2015: N/A
	• Focal area set-aside?	MY 3/16/2015: N/A
Recommendations	8. Is the PIF being recommended for clearance and PPG (if additional amount beyond the norm) justified?	MY 3/16/2015: Not at this time. Please address the comments in Boxes

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		1, 3, 5, 6 and 7. 3/26/2015: Yes. All comments were cleared.
Review Date	Review	March 16, 2015
	Additional Review (as necessary)	March 26, 2015
	Additional Review (as necessary)	

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement
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?	

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	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?	
	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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	Additional Review (as necessary)	
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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.