

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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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*)

FULL SIZE PROJECT	LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FUND
GEF PROJECT ID:	6967
PROJECT DURATION:	5
COUNTRIES:	Ethiopia
PROJECT TITLE:	CCA Growth: Implementing Climate Resilient and Green Economy plans in highland areas in Ethiopia
GEF AGENCIES:	UNDP
OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS:	
GEF FOCAL AREA:	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 "CCA growth: implementing climate resilient and green economy plans in highland areas in Ethiopia." The proposal aims to build sustainable and climate-resilient economic growth among vulnerable communities, targeting eight highland areas in Ethiopia. The PIF is a precise, well thought through outline of a proposal.

Issues that should be addressed in the full proposal include:

1. The 9-page limit means many issues are only mentioned briefly. As UNDP knows, the proposal should provide details on the metrics that will be used to measure adaptation success; the metrics for determining that capacity development is effective; how approaches will be determined to be successful; how mentoring will be structured; how best practices will be identified; how cost-effectiveness will be evaluated; etc.
2. STAP suggest including an output to plan for scaling up.
3. It also would be helpful to include consideration of the extent to which proposed activities could be resilient to a range of possible future climate and development scenarios. While reducing current vulnerability to climate variability is very important, activities also should consider what a changing climate could mean for particular practices as temperature and precipitation patterns change. UNDP could consider developing regional scenarios including emission pathways (RCPs) and shared socioeconomic pathways (SSPs) that can inform identifying adaptation options robust against a range of future climates and societal changes. Further information on the development of these new climate scenarios can be found at <http://www2.cgd.ucar.edu/research/iconics>.
4. Depending on the activities undertaken, the Ministry of Health could be an important stakeholder to ensure the activities also promote population health.

5. As articulated in the PIF, the large numbers of baseline projects mean close coordination will be necessary.

6. STAP welcomes the focus on women and other vulnerable groups and hopes the gender aspects will be further developed and specified in the full proposal.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
1. Concur	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.
2. Minor issues to be considered during project design	<p>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:</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, and possibly agreeing to terms of reference for an independent expert to be appointed to conduct this review.</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>
3. Major issues to be considered during project design	<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>