

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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STAP Scientific and Technical screening of the Project Identification Form (PIF)

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Consultant(s):

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

FULL SIZE PROJECT GEF TRUST FUND

GEF PROJECT ID: 4794

PROJECT DURATION : 4

COUNTRIES : Global (Antigua And Barbuda, Burkina Faso, Dominica, Fiji, Grenada, St. Kitts And Nevis, Myanmar, Niue, Rwanda, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Suriname, Tuvalu, St. Vincent and Grenadines)

PROJECT TITLE: Umbrella Programme for National Communication to the UNFCCC

GEF AGENCIES: UNEP

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS: National Governments and UNEP

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): **Consent**

III. Further guidance from STAP

STAP welcomes this UNEP-led umbrella programme to support non-Annex 1 small island developing states to complete their national communications to the UNFCCC, as it will provide valuable support to the LDCs/SIDs to revise their strategies and information resources as well as to continue to build local capacity. This ongoing support is essential to assist these countries in undertaking their responsibilities under the Convention. Due to the diverse nature of this enabling activity at country level, which will be elaborated further with country partners, STAP is unable to comment further on this initiative.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
1. Consent	STAP acknowledges that on scientific/technical grounds the concept has merit. However, STAP may state its views on the concept emphasising any issues that could be improved and the proponent is invited to approach STAP for advice at any time during the development of the project brief prior to submission for CEO endorsement.
2. Minor revision required.	STAP has identified specific scientific/technical suggestions or opportunities that should be discussed with the proponent as early as possible during development of the project brief. One or more options that remain open to STAP include: (i) Opening a dialogue between STAP and the proponent to clarify issues (ii) Setting a review point during early stage project development and agreeing terms of reference for an independent expert to be appointed to conduct this review 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.
3. Major revision required	STAP proposes significant improvements or has concerns on the grounds of specified major scientific/technical omissions in the concept. If STAP provides this advisory response, a full explanation would also be provided. Normally, a STAP approved review will be mandatory prior to submission of the project brief for CEO endorsement. 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.