



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY
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Naoko Ishii
CEO and Chairperson

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Dear Council Member,

UNEP as the Implementing Agency for the project entitled: *Global (Afghanistan, Antigua And Barbuda, Angola, Burkina Faso, Bahrain, Bhutan, Dominica, Eritrea, Fiji, Gambia, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Cambodia, Kiribati, Comoros, Lao PDR, St. Lucia, Liberia, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mali, Myanmar, Mauritius, Maldives, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Somalia, South Sudan, Sao Tome and Principe, Uganda, Zambia, Congo DR): Umbrella Programme for Biennial Update Report to the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)*, has submitted the attached proposed project document for CEO endorsement of a major amendment prior to final approval of the project document in accordance with UNEP procedures.

The Secretariat has reviewed the project document. It is consistent with the objectives of the program approved by the Council in October 2014. The scope of the project activities, however, has changed since work program entry. The GEF grant amount has increased by \$1,478,400 to cover eligible incremental costs. The changes in the various cost elements from the original concept approved by the Council and as recommended in the final project design is summarized in the attached project document from UNEP.

Originally the project proposal was for 35 countries, however Bhutan, South Sudan, Maldives and Mali have now been included in the project. Therefore, the total project cost has increased by US\$1,478,400 (11.42%) from the approved total budget of US\$ 12,936,000 for 35 countries to US\$14,414,400 for 39 countries.

We have today posted the proposed project document on the GEF website at www.TheGEF.org for your information. We would welcome any comments you may wish to provide by June 15, 2015 before I endorse the project. You may send your comments to gcoordination@TheGEF.org.

If you do not have access to the Web, you may request the local field office of UNDP or the World Bank to download the document for you. Alternatively, you may request a copy of the document from the Secretariat. If you make such a request, please confirm for us your current mailing address.

Sincerely,

Naoko Ishii
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Attachment: Project Document
Copy to: Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee