



**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 (Antigua And Barbuda, Burundi, Bahamas, Central African Republic, Congo, Cameroon, Djibouti, Iraq, Kyrgyz Republic, St. Kitts And Nevis, Mauritania, Maldives, Niger, Nepal, Nauru, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Swaziland, Chad, Turkmenistan, Tanzania, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Congo DR, Zimbabwe): Umbrella Programme for Preparation of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports to the 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 June 2016. The scope of the project activities, however, has changed since work program entry. The GEF grant amount has increased by \$3,415,480 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 note from the UNEP. The additional requested GEF grant amount is due to an increase in the number of participating countries in the umbrella programme, which has changed from eighteen to twenty-five, and thus an increase in the number of expected outputs to twenty Biennial Update Reports and thirteen National Communications.

We have today posted the proposed project document on the GEF website at [www.TheGEF.org](http://www.TheGEF.org) for your information. We would welcome any comments you may wish to provide by July 01, 2017 before I endorse the project. You may send your comments to [gcoordination@TheGEF.org](mailto: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

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