



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY
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CEO and Chairperson

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Dear Council Member,

UNEP as the Implementing Agency for the project entitled: *Global (Afghanistan, Antigua And Barbuda, Benin, Central African Republic, Chad, Djibouti, Dominica, Eritrea, Fiji, Guinea, Haiti, Jamaica, Liberia, Myanmar, Malawi, Niger, Nauru, Suriname, Sao Tome and Principe, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, Uganda, Vanuatu): Technology Needs Assessments - Phase III (TNA Phase III)*, 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 project approved by the Council in June 2016. The scope of the project activities have not changed since work program entry, but the GEF financing amount has increased by \$810,000 to include three additional countries in the project – Benin, Ukraine, and Vanuatu. These countries have expressed interest in joining the TNA project, and have submitted their endorsement letters. Benin and Vanuatu which are respectively LDCs and SIDS, are eligible for global set-aside funds, and Ukraine has committed funds from its GEF STAR allocation. Neither Ukraine nor Vanuatu have submitted TNAs, and Benin's TNA was submitted in 2003, and needs to be updated.

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 March 2nd, 2018 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