



**AGENCY NOTIFICATION ON
AMENDED FSP**

24 January 2018

PROJECT IDENTIFIER

Name of Project: Technology Needs Assessment – Phase III (TNA Phase III)

Country(ies): Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Benin, Central African Republic, Chad, Djibouti, Dominica, Eritrea, Fiji, Guinea, Haiti, Jamaica, Liberia, Malawi, Nauru, Niger, Myanmar, Sao Tome and Principe, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Ukraine, Uganda and Vanuatu.

GEF Agency: United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment)

GEF Project ID: 9452

Agency Project ID: 01399

Focal Area: Climate Change

Trust Fund: GEF Trust Fund (except Ukraine TNA covered by STAR allocations)

PIF Approval Date: 4 May 2016

PPG Approval Date: N/A

Council Approval Date (for FSP): N/A

CEO Approval Date (for MSP, EA): N/A

CEO Endorsement Date (for FSP): N/A

FINANCIAL STATUS

FSP Amended Date: 4 January 2018

Grant Amount: US\$ 6,210,000

Agency Fee: US\$ 589,950

Undisbursed Grant Amount: US\$ 6,210,000

Undisbursed Agency Fee: US\$ 589,950

Explanation for amending project¹:

A major amendment is requested for this project because three (3) additional countries have expressed interest in joining (Benin, Ukraine and Vanuatu) and have sent endorsement letters. Their participation has resulted in an increase of more than 5% in the overall amount requested at CEO endorsement (US\$ 6,210,000) compared to the overall indicative amount requested at PIF stage (US\$ 5,400,000).

Several countries approached UN Environment, UDP and UNFCCC Secretariat at COP22 to request support for TNA. As follow-up, UN Environment approached the GEF Secretariat to request their agreement to include additional countries which clearly emphasize technology as a key element to implement their NDC and show a strong commitment/motivation to join TNA Phase III.

¹ Attach evidence of consultation with country regarding the amended/dropped/cancelled/suspended project

In February 2017, with agreement by the GEF Secretariat (see supporting correspondence), UN Environment reached out to the climate change officials and GEF OFPs of 14 countries that had requested support for TNA as a means to support/inform NDC implementation asking them to submit their endorsement letter and specifying that only LDCs and SIDS would benefit from the set-aside while other countries would have to commit their STAR allocations.

Three countries submitted their endorsement letters before the proposal was finalized and submitted to the GEF: Benin and Vanuatu which are respectively LDCs and SIDS eligible for the global set-aside funds, and Ukraine which committed funds from its GEF STAR allocation. In April 2017, the GEF Secretariat confirmed that the financing was available for the 3 additional countries and requested UN Environment to submit the CEO endorsement document with a major amendment (see supporting correspondence).

We understand that the GEF Council must approve this major amendment and we look forward to being informed of the posting date for Council Review and any comments that are received in that window.

AGENCY CERTIFICATION

The United Nations Environment Programme would like to inform the GEF Secretariat that it will amend the above-mentioned project after consultation with the GEF Secretariat and the beneficiary countries, particularly with the relevant government agencies involved in project preparation/implementation, and other partners including co-financiers.



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Attachments:

- Email exchanges with the GEF
- Email exchanges with Benin, Ukraine and Vanuatu
- Endorsement Letters from Benin, Ukraine and Vanuatu