



GEF SECRETARIAT REVIEW FOR DIRECT ACCESS TO ENABLING ACTIVITY

GEF ID:	5590		
Country/Region:	Kuwait		
Project Title:	Enabling Kuwait to Prepare Its Second National Communication (SNC) and Biennial Update Report (BUR) to the UNFCCC		
GEF Agency:	UNEP	GEF Agency Project ID:	
Type of Trust Fund:	GEF Trust Fund	GEF Focal Area (s):	Climate Change
GEF-5 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):			
Anticipated Financing PPG:	\$0	Project Grant:	\$852,000
Co-financing:	\$665,000	Total Project Cost:	\$1,517,000
PIF Approval:		Council Approval/Expected:	
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	Rawleston Moore	Agency Contact Person:	George Manful

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment
Eligibility	1. Is the participating country eligible?	Yes, Kuwait is eligible to receive resources.
	2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project?*	A letter is on file from the operational focal point.
Agency's Comparative Advantage	3. Is the Agency's comparative advantage for this project clearly described and supported? *	UNEP has the comparative advantage for this type of project.
	4. Does the project fit into the Agency's program and staff capacity in the country?*	The project fits into the Agency's program.
Resource Availability	5. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):	
	• the STAR allocation?	
	• the focal area allocation?	
	• focal area set-aside?	Resources are available for this project from the focal area set-aside.
	6. Is the project aligned with the focal areas results framework?	The project is aligned with the focal area results framework.

Project Consistency		
	7. Are the relevant GEF 5 focal areas objectives identified?	Yes the relevant GEF 5 focal area objective, CCM-6 is identified.
	8. Is the project consistent with the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions, including NPFE, NAPA, NCSA, or NAP?	<p>The project builds on the work of the initial national communications of Kuwait. Please provide additional information of linkages of the second national communications to national policies. For example is there a national environmental plan, or national climate change policy?</p> <p>Update October 28th 2013 RM</p> <p>Additional information has been provided on the linkages with the national strategies of Kuwait. The implementation of the SNC will be guided by and linked to the Kuwait National Environment Strategy which was adopted in 2002.</p>
	9. Does the proposal clearly articulate how the capacities developed, if any, will contribute to the sustainability of project outcomes?	Yes the proposal clearly articulate how the capacities developed will contribute to the institutional sustainability of project outcomes. The project will establish a permanent national greenhouse gas inventory system with the Kuwait Environment Public Authority.
	10. Is the project framework sound and sufficiently clear?	The project framework is sufficiently sound and clear.
	11. Is there a clear description of how gender dimensions are being considered in the project design and implementation?	Yes, there is a clear description of how gender dimensions are being considered in the project design and implementation. Gender is to be incorporated into the project through: the collection and analysis of gender disaggregated data in relation to climate change; and the analysis of specific gender needs and the proposal of proper actions to promote women's participation in defining mitigation and adaptation strategies.
	12. Is public participation, including CSOs and indigenous people, taken into consideration, their role identified and addressed properly?	Stakeholders in the project will include, the Kuwait University (KU); the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR); the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS), the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), Kuwait Environment Protection Society (KEPS), the Ministry of Water and Electricity (MWE); the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME); the Ministry of Health; the Kuwait Meteorological Department; the

		Fisheries Authority.
	13. Is the project consistent and properly coordinated with other related initiatives in the country or in the region?	<p>Please provide additional information on the linkages of the project with other related activities in Kuwait and/or the region.</p> <p>Update October 28th 2013 RM</p> <p>Additional information has been provided on the consistency and coordination with other related initiatives. The SNC project will draw on synergies with other relevant initiatives that the government of Kuwait is undertaking eg the National Action Programme (NAP) to combat desertification and the revision of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action (NBSAP).</p>
	14. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?	The project implementation and execution arrangements are adequate.
Project Financing	15. Is the itemized budget (including consultant fees, travel, office facilities, etc) justified?	The itemized budget is justified.
	16. Is funding level for project management cost appropriate?	The funding level for project management costs is appropriate.
	17. Is the funding and co-financing per objective appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?	The funding and co-financing per objective is appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs
	18. Is indicated co-financing appropriate for an enabling activity?	Co-financing is not required for the activity.
	19. Is the co-financing amount that the Agency is bringing to the project in line with its role?*	The agency is providing US\$15,000 in cofinancing although no cofinancing is required for this type of activity.
	20. Comments related to adequacy of information submitted by country for financial management and procurement assessment.	
Agency Responses	21. Has the Agency responded adequately to comments from:*	
	• STAP?	
	• Convention Secretariat?	
	• Other GEF Agencies?	

Secretariat Recommendation		
Recommendation	22. Is EA clearance/approval being recommended?	<p>The enabling activity is not recommended. Please address items in boxes 8 and 13. Please also provide an indicative date for the submission of the second national communications.</p> <p>Update October 28th 2013 RM.</p> <p>The EA is recommended for clearance and inclusion in an upcoming work programme.</p>
Review Date (s)	First review**	September 27, 2013
	Additional review (as necessary)	October 28, 2013
	Additional review (as necessary)	

**** This is the first time the Program Manager provides full comments for the project. Subsequent follow-up reviews should be recorded. For specific comments for each section, please insert a date after comments. Greyed areas in each section do not need comments.**