

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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STAP Scientific and Technical screening of the Project Identification Form (PIF)

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Consultant(s):

I. PIF Information *(Copied from the PIF)*

FULL SIZE PROJECT **SPECIAL CLIMATE CHANGE FUND**

GEF PROJECT ID: 6951

PROJECT DURATION : 4

COUNTRIES : Morocco

PROJECT TITLE: Enhancing the climate resilience of the Moroccan ports sector

GEF AGENCIES: EBRD

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS: National Port Agency (ANP - Agence National de Ports)

GEF FOCAL AREA: Climate Change

II. STAP Advisory Response *(see table below for explanation)*

Based on this PIF screening, STAP's advisory response to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Agency(ies):
Minor issues to be considered during project design

III. Further guidance from STAP

STAP welcomes the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development's (EBRD) proposal "Enhancing the climate resilience of the Moroccan ports sector". The project objective relates clearly to adaptation benefits, the components are well-described, and the adaptation benefits and the addition cost reasoning are explicit. STAP appreciates the references to support the proposal's scientific/technical reasoning. The stakeholders' roles and their comparative advantages in the project are described well, including their potential role in scientific/technical matters (e.g. DHOC). STAP wishes to commend EBRD for a well-conceived proposal, and encourages it to develop it with the same rigor. At any time during the development of the project, the project developers are invited to approach STAP to consult on the design.

During the project development, STAP encourages the EBRD to consider the following aspects to further strengthen the proposal:

1. STAP wonders why all the SCCF funding is allocated to component 2 which constitutes structural measures while no funding is allocated for component 1 which aims to strengthen institutional capacity.
2. Component 2 supports infrastructure development. STAP highly encourages that EBRD explicitly defines the social and environmental safeguards it will put in place to mitigate any potential negative impacts.
3. STAP recommends further detailing how the project will incorporate climate change projections to define the design wave heights, and impact on future sediment transport.

| <i>STAP advisory response</i> | <i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i> |
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| 1. Consent | STAP acknowledges that on scientific or technical grounds the concept has merit. However, STAP may state its views on the concept emphasizing any issues where the project could be improved. Follow up: The GEF Agency is invited to approach STAP for advice during the development of the project prior to submission of the final document for CEO endorsement. |
| 2. Minor revision required. | STAP has identified specific scientific or technical challenges, omissions or opportunities that should be addressed by the project proponents during project development. Follow up: One or more options are open to STAP and the GEF Agency: |

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| | <p>(i) GEF Agency should discuss the issues with STAP to clarify them and possible solutions.</p> <p>(ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the GEF Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP's recommended actions.</p> |
| 3. Major revision required | <p>STAP has identified significant scientific or technical challenges or omissions in the PIF and recommends significant improvements to project design.</p> <p>Follow-up:</p> <p>(i) The Agency should request that the project undergo a STAP review prior to CEO endorsement, at a point in time when the particular scientific or technical issue is sufficiently developed to be reviewed, or as agreed between the Agency and STAP.</p> <p>(ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP concerns.</p> |