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We are pleased to submit the attached Climate Change Enabling Activity Phase II proposal for Niger for your review and approval.

Thank you.



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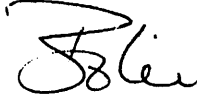
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From: Richard Hosier/ Bo Lim
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Subject: **Submission of Climate Change Enabling Activity (additional financing for capacity building in priority areas) for Niger**

We are pleased to submit for your consideration the proposal for Climate Change Enabling Activity (additional financing for capacity building in priority areas) for Niger.

We are aware of the recent decisions of the GEF Council on second national communications. The country has also been made aware of these decisions, and would like to proceed with the top-ups.

We look forward to receiving your comments and possible approval as soon as possible.

Thank you.

**REPUBLIQUE DU NIGER
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SECRETARIAT GENERAL**

Niamey, le 25 AOUT 2000

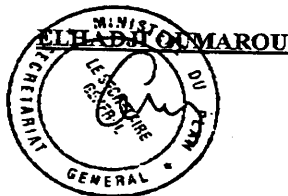
LETRE DE RECOMMANDATION DU POINT FOCAL OPERATIONNEL FEM

Je soussigné ELHADJI OUMAROU, Secrétaire Général du Ministère du Plan, point focal opérationnel pour le FEM au Niger, agissant au nom de l'Etat nigérien, atteste que la requête relative au Projet « **Habilitation du Niger pour les activités expéditives en matière de Changements Climatiques phase II de la Communication Nationale Initiale** », a reçu l'approbation du Gouvernement.

Cette requête répond non seulement à une des préoccupations du pays en matière de préservation de l'environnement pour un développement durable, mais cadre également avec la décision 2/COP4 relative au renforcement des capacités des pays non annexe I de la Convention Cadre des Nations Unies sur les Changements Climatiques, en matière de Communication Nationale.

Cette requête a pour objectif d'améliorer, de renforcer et de pérenniser les capacités du Niger dans le domaine des Changements Climatiques en général et de la Communication Nationale (en cours de préparation) en particulier.

Par conséquent, je vous la recommande pour financement.



**UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY**

*Proposal for Review -
Expedited Financing for (Interim) Measures for
Capacity Building in Priority Areas Part II*

Country:	Niger
Project Title:	Niger: Climate Change Enabling Activity (additional financing for capacity building in priority areas)
GEF Focal Area:	Climate Change
Country Eligibility:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligible under a financial mechanism of the UNFCCC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligible under paragraph 9(b) of the Instrument
Date of Ratification:	25 July, 1995
GEF Financing (Phase I):	US\$ 343,710
GEF Additional Financing (Phase II):	US\$ 100,000
Total Costs:	US\$ 443,710
GEF Implementing Agency:	UNDP
Executing Agency:	Commission Nationale sur les Changements et Variabilités Climatiques (CNCVC)
Local Counterpart Agency:	Conseil National de l'Environnement pour un Développement Durable (CNEDD)
Estimated Date of Initial National Communication Submission:	November 2000
Estimated Starting Date:	October 2000
Project Duration:	One year

1. CURRENT PROJECT STATUS:

The Phase I project dealing with Niger's Initial National Communication was especially devoted to basic studies to produce the National Communication, in particular developing inventories of greenhouse gases, conducting studies of vulnerability and adaptation to the climate change, and analyzing the abatement of greenhouse gases.

To continue to develop national programs for climate change, other complementary activities are necessary to supplement the results obtained during the first phase of the project. In particular, the activities relating to technology transfer and systematic observation systems, with an emphasis on information transfer, awareness and education.

Since July 1998, under the Phase I project, Niger has undertaken activities related to the following :

- greenhouse gas inventories;
- studies of vulnerability and adaptation to climate change;
- feasibility studies of greenhouse gas abatement;
- establishment of a data base and other information on greenhouse gas emissions and sequestration;
- installation of a database and information on the vulnerability of the following sectors to climate change - Water resources, Agriculture, Breeding, Forestry, Fishing and Fauna, Wetlands and Health;
- creation of national capacities in the field of the climate change;
- training of a panel of twenty-five national experts (12 in greenhouse gas inventories and 13 in vulnerability and adaptation to climate change). These trained experts all members of the National Commission on the Climate Changes (CNCVC).

The studies on greenhouse gas abatement have been completed and the national strategy is being finalized. The presentation of the Initial National Communication to the COP is scheduled for November 2000.

The essential objective of this project Phase II involves improving and reinforcing the assets of the Phase I project and to carry out activities necessary to supplement those undertaken during the first phase of the project.

2. ACTIVITIES TO BE INVOLVED IN PHASE II PROJECT:

A. Technology Transfer:

(i) Identification/submission of technology needs

Regarding the identification of technology needs within Niger, the principal activities to be undertaken within the framework of the Project phase II include:

- (i) identification and evaluation of the national institutions responsible for climate change technologies (e.g., government, private sector, academic institutions, research institutions);
- (ii) establishment of a national committee to coordinate and promote the identification and transfer of technology transfer within CNCVC.

(ii) Capacity building to assess technology needs, modalities to acquire and absorb them, design, evaluate and host projects

The following activities are proposed to assist with building capacity within Niger to assess technology needs:

- (i) reinforcement of capacities to evaluate, develop and conduct projects related to technological needs assessment in the priority socio-economic sectors. This capacity building will be primarily conducted through training seminars;
- (ii) preparation and tender of projects related to technological needs in the priority socio-economic sectors.

Further capacity building activities are proposed to assist with the identification, evaluation, development and hosting of climate change projects appropriate to Niger. These activities are outlined below:

- (iii) improvement and reinforcement of the national capacities created during Phase I of preparation of the National Communication. This maintenance and enhancement of capacity will involve the reinforcement and improvement of national activities involving information transfer, awareness building and education of the public. The above will be carried out through workshops, audio-visual demonstrations, debates, articles, and booklets.
- (iv) building awareness and transferring information to the decision makers, so that the concerns related to climate change are integrated in the policies and strategies of socio-economic development in the long run; and,
- (v) ensuring that the development of a national program on climate change is consistent with the policies and strategies regarding biological diversity and desertification. This activity will involve the examination of national policies and making recommendations to ensure that the climate change programs are consistent and compatible with other national policies.

B. Capacity building for participation in systematic observation networks

Capacity building for participation in systematic observation networks will be undertaken as described in the section below and may be modified to complement, and be consistent with, any regional studies that may be implemented in the future. If Niger participates in a regional project systematic observation networks, then the activities described under this section will not be conducted. Instead, a budget revision will be prepared and a description of additional activities eligible under Expedited Financing for (Interim) Measures for Capacity Building in Priority Areas with the reallocated funds (US\$25,000).

To assist with capacity building for participation in systematic observation networks, the following activities are proposed:

- (i) reinforcement of the capacities to organize, synthesize, and analyze data from the institutions that are already responsible for collecting such data. In particular, the National Meteorology Directorate, the Water Resources Directorate, Agriculture Directorate, the Animal Production Directorate, the National Institute of Agronomic Research of Niger (AGRHYMET) will be involved. The use of the various data and information available will be examined in the context of climate change. The building of capacities will involve the establishment of multi-institutional committee to organize and facilitate this activity;
- (ii) evaluation, improvement and organization of the various databases and sectoral information that already exists, with emphasis on facilitating access to this information;
- (iii) evaluation of the climate change models in order to select and to adapt the most relevant models given the national context; and,
- (iv) evaluation of the potential use of tools utilized by the Management of National Meteorology, the AGRHYMET and the ACMAD, including seasonal climatic forecasts on precipitation. These tools will be evaluated within the framework of the development of strategies for adaptation to climate change in the sectors of agriculture and water resources.

C. Studies leading to the preparation of national programs to address climate change: improvement of emission factors

Studies leading to the preparation of national programs to address climate change will not be conducted under this proposal, however, any regional studies conducted on this topic will be modified to complement and be consistent with any work conducted under this proposal.

3. PROJECT MANAGEMENT/INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT

The project is managed by the Executive Secretariat of the CNEDD, an institutional structure that is related to the cabinet of the Prime Minister. The Executive Secretariat of the CNEDD acts as the political focal point of the GEF and the climate change Convention. The Secretariat was created in January 1996 with the mission of coordinating the establishment, follow-up, and evaluation of the implementation of the National Plan of the Environment for Sustainable Development (or PNEDD) that was initiated in 1995.

Technical committees on biological diversity, water and sustainable development, climate change, urban environment, desertification, and natural resources management and sustainable energy development, were all created to support the CNEDD in the achievement of its mission. Thus the Commission Nationale sur les Changements et Variabilites Climatique (or CNCVC) was created by decree on July 21, 1997. This Commission has the role of supporting the Executive Secretariat of the CNEDD in the implementation of UNFCCC, through the development of the national plan and the national policy on climate change. The Commission is made up of the representatives of the public service, NGOs, research institutions, academics, and the private sector. The CNCVC will manage the implementation of the project in synergy with the other technical commissions which support the Executive Secretariat of the CNEDD.

4. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

A workplan will first be developed for this phase of the project, and will be the subject of an external examination and evaluation that will aim to identify possible gaps and duplication of efforts. This examination will give also permit the use of the experience gained during Phase I of the project and other similar projects, thereby ensuring that duplication of effort is minimized and the various projects are consistent.

The Executive Secretariat of the CNEDD will be responsible for the follow-up and the evaluation of the project. The Coordinator of the project will prepare periodic reports on the status of the project, in collaboration with the National Commission on the Changes and Variabilities Climatic.

In addition, the project will conform to the usual practices of the UNDP follow-up evaluation, which includes a mid-term evaluation and a tripartite examination within the first 12 months of the beginning of the project.

If Niger participates in a regional project on systematic observation networks, then the activities on studies described in this proposal will not be conducted. A budget revision will therefore be prepared and a description of proposed activities to be conducted with the reallocated funds (US\$25,000) will be submitted to the UNDP-GEF.

Prior to the release of GEF additional financing by the UNDP for Phase II activities, standard UNDP monitoring and evaluation practices will be followed for Phase I. In particular, the UNDP will receive a copy of the latest (i.e., within the past six months) Annual Programme/Project Report (APR) and the Tripartite Review (TPR) Report. At the end of Phase II, a Terminal Report on Phase II will be submitted to the UNDP Headquarters.

TABLE C 2

**ACTIVITY MATRIX FOR PHASE II OF
CLIMATE CHANGE ENABLING ACTIVITIES:
Priority activities for additional (interim) funding**

Activity	Planning and Execution	Capacity Maintenance/ Enhancement		
		Data Gathering and Research	Institutional Strengthening	Training, Education and Public Awareness
2. A (i) Identification and submission of technology needs	X	X	X	X
2. A. (ii) Capacity building to assess technology needs, modalities to acquire and absorb them, design, evaluate and host projects	X	X	X	X
2. B. Capacity building for participation in systematic observation networks	X	X	X	X
2. C. Preparation of programs to address climate change				

Note: × denotes activities covered by the proposed project.

Table D 2

PROJECT BUDGET ACCORDING TO GEF ACTIVITY NORMS IN US DOLLARS
Cost estimates for (interim) priority activities

Activity	Planning and Execution	Capacity Maintenance/ Enhancement			Technical and Administrative Support	Cost Estimates
		Data Gathering and Research	Institutional Strengthening	Training, Education and Public Awareness		
2.A (i) Identification and submission of technology needs	7000	2400	4000	300	13700	
2. A (ii) Capacity building to assess technology needs, modalities to acquire and absorb them, design, evaluate and host projects	16000	14900	16500	1400	48800	
2. B. Capacity building for participation in systematic observation networks	12000	6000	6000	1000	25000	
2. C. Preparation of programs to address climate change						
3. Project management	10000				10000	
4. Monitoring & Evaluation	2500				2500	
Total	47500	23300	26500	2700	100000	