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October 18, 2010

Mr. Yannick Glemarec  
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United Nations Development Programme  
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Dear Mr. Glemarec:

***Request for Extension on Project Milestones for Samoa: Integration of Climate Change  
Risks and Resilience into Forestry Management***

Further to UNDP's request of October 4, 2010 for the above –mentioned project, I have reviewed the circumstances upon which you are seeking extension of the project's milestones. I find your justification acceptable. I, therefore, approve your revised dates.

Please ensure that your grant agreements fully reflect these new understandings.

Sincerely,



Attachment: Agency Request for Extension on Project Milestones



**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION ON PROJECT MILESTONE(S)<sup>1</sup>**  
**PROJECT TYPE: FULL-SIZE PROJECT**  
**LDCF**

**GEF PROJECT ID:**

**GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID:** 4318

**COUNTRY(IES):** Samoa

**PROJECT TITLE:** Integration of Climate Change Risks and Resilience into Forestry Management in Samoa (ICCRIFS)

**GEF AGENCY(IES):** UNDP

**GEF FOCAL AREA (S):** Climate Change Adaptation

**PIF CLEARANCE DATE:** January 10, 2010

**COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE:** February 22, 2010

**NAME OF PARENT PROGRAM/UMBRELLA PROJECT**

Milestone dates requesting extension:


Milestones	Indicative Dates	Proposed Revised Dates
CEO Endorsement, if FSP	Sep-10	Dec -10
CEO Approval, if MSP		

Reasons/Justifications for the extension of the milestone dates:

The Government of Samoa has requested an extension for the submission of the Project Document (see the attached letter from GEF OFP, CEO of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment). The preparation of the Full-Size Project Document is at a very advanced stage, however, additional time is needed to thoroughly complete the remaining preparation work, which involves: (i) completion of the community consultations for building consensus with traditional village leaders and representatives in the extended project demonstration areas, and (ii) finalization of identified co-financing projects underway (JICA Forest Conservation Project and the AusAid Agro Forestry Project), for effective alignment with ICCRIFS deliverables.

**GEF Agency(ies) Certification**

This request has been prepared in accordance with GEF policies and procedures and has been agreed by participating GEF Agencies.

Agency Coordinator, Agency name	Signature	Date	Project Contact Person	Telephone	Email Address
John Hough Officer-In-Charge UNDP/GEF		September, 30, 2010	Gabor Vereczi	Tel: +685 27482	gabor.vereczi@undp.org

<sup>1</sup> A copy of the original approval letter where the original milestone dates are included should be attached to this request.

Please address all correspondence to:  
The Chief Executive Officer



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Government of Samoa

## MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

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30 September 2010

Mr. Yannick Glemarec  
GEF Executive Coordinator  
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One United Nations Plaza  
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Dear Mr. Glemarec,

I would like to inform you that the preparation of the project document for the *Integration of Climate Change Risks and Resilience into Forestry Management in Samoa (ICCRIFS)* project is in a very advanced stage. A series of stakeholder meetings took place with detailed discussions on project deliverables and suitable demo areas. Regional partners have been engaged (such as SPC, Conservation International, regional office of FAO), and we have also managed to identify suitable co-financing sources through the JICA Forest Conservation Project and the AusAid Agroforestry Project.


Notwithstanding the above, for the effective finalization of the necessary project documents we would need more time, in order to complete the community consultations and the final details on how to best align with the co-financing projects.

Community work in Samoa is rather complex, given the traditional community governance and customary land ownership structure, requiring various rounds of in-depth consultations and consensus building. Following initial community workshops and meetings, the project team sees the need to complete consultations in Laulii-Falefa lowland and upland community area, as well as in communities surrounding Lake Lanoto'o National Park and Mauga o Salafai National Park, which have been selected as demonstration sites.

The AusAID Samoa Agroforestry Project (SAP), Project Design Document (PDD) is currently being re-developed whereas the JICA Forest Conservation Project is on hold for final justification of activities and budget with the involvement of consultants sourced through the donors. This will allow an effective alignment of project objectives and deliverables with the proposed ICCRIFS GEF-LDCF project.

Considering the above, I would like to request an extension of the PPG phase of the ICCRIFS project until December 2010.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer  
Ministry of Natural Resources Environment



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February 22, 2010

Mr. Yannick Glemarec  
GEF Executive Coordinator  
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Dear Mr. Glemarec:

I am pleased to inform you that the LDCF/SCCF Council has approved by mail, the LDCF Work Program consisting of the Project Identification Form (PIF) for ***Samoa: Integration of Climate Change Risk and Resilience into Forestry Management (ICCRIFS)*** on February 19, 2010 for an indicative LDCF grant of \$2,400,000 as well as the Agency fee of \$240,000 for project cycle management services.

I look forward to receiving your final project document for my endorsement by September 2010. You are requested to inform the Secretariat as early as possible if this timeline cannot be met. We will then consult with the beneficiary country and your Agency prior to reaching a decision on whether to establish new milestones or to cancel the concept.

Sincerely,

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January 20, 2010

Mr. Yannick Glemarec  
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Dear Mr. Glemarec:

After reviewing the Project Identification Form (the "PIF") submitted for *Samoa: Integration of Climate Change Risk and Resilience into Forestry Management (ICCRIFS)*, I am pleased to clear the PIF for an indicative amount of \$2,400,000 for possible inclusion in the next work program for review by the LDCF/SCCF Council.

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PIF clearance authorizes you to begin preparation of the project proposal taking into account the attached comments made by the GEF Secretariat, which are based on the project concept's eligibility under the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and which ensures conformity with LDCF strategies.

I am also approving your request for \$50,000 as a PPG for the FSP proposal to be funded under the LDCF, as well as the Agency fee of \$5,000 for project cycle management services associated with the PPG.

This approval is based on the following understandings and milestones:

- (i) During preparation of the full-sized project proposal, the comments of the LDCF/SCCF Council, the GEF Secretariat, the GEF Agencies and the relevant Convention Secretariat(s), will be taken into account;
- (ii) A final full-sized project document will be submitted for CEO endorsement no later than September 2010; and
- (iii) A report on the use of the PPG will be submitted to the Secretariat when submitting the final project document for CEO endorsement.

If any of these understandings or milestones is not or will not be achieved, you are requested to inform me as early as possible, so that I may consult with the beneficiary country and your Agency. Thereafter, I may agree to revised milestones or take a decision to cancel the project proposal and to recommend to the Agency that the associated project preparation grant be cancelled.

All PIFs cleared for inclusion in the work program will be posted on the website for four weeks prior to Council meeting. Should Council Members raise significant policy or strategic concerns about the concept, the Secretariat will undertake consultations with the beneficiary country and your Agency about revisions to address the Council Members' concerns or whether to cancel the project proposal and to recommend that the associated PPG be cancelled.

I am attaching a copy of the project tracking sheet and review sheet for your records.

Sincerely,

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Monique Barbut  
CEO and Chairperson

Attachment: GEF Project Tracking Sheet  
GEFSEC Review Sheet

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