

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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

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

FULL SIZE PROJECT **GEF TRUST FUND**

GEF PROJECT ID: 5237

PROJECT DURATION : 3

COUNTRIES : South Africa

PROJECT TITLE: Enabling South Africa to Prepare Its Third National Communication (3NC) and Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC

GEF AGENCIES: UNEP

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS: Department of Environmental Affairs

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): **Consent**

III. Further guidance from STAP

This project is to assist S Africa produce two UNFCCC communications. Due dates for them are end of 2014 and March 2016, so the 36 month funding period is warranted but meeting all the objectives in this timeframe will be challenging. STAP has the following comments on the PIF that could be addressed during project preparation:

1. STAP assumes that there are already government officials in place with considerable experience from submitting previous reports and national communications. The aim of the GEF funding is to "strengthen institutional, technical and analytical capacities". The PIF is silent on the question of how exactly this will be achieved? What capacities will be needed? How far can the current list of 13 data gaps identified (section B1) be realistically filled in the short period available?
2. Around 20% of the total funding is sought for gaining a better understanding of adaptation and facilitating strategy formulation. What specific actions are proposed to achieve this aim?
3. It is not clear why transport data are not proposed to be collected as outlined in 2.1.1? Dept of Transport is included as a stakeholder but no mention of transport activity data is made in the proposal. Maybe transport is included within the energy sector, but it has somewhat different challenges compared with the electricity and heating/cooling sectors when it comes to gathering data and supporting low carbon transport. STAP considers collection of these data important and would encourage project proponents to allocate adequate resources for this purpose.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
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: (i) GEF Agency should discuss the issues with STAP to clarify them and possible solutions. (ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the GEF Agency will report on actions taken in response to

	STAP's recommended actions.
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>