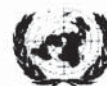


Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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

Date of screening: 22 May 2009

Screener: Select STAP Sec screener

Panel member validation by: Meryl Williams

I. PIF Information

Full size project **GEF Trust Fund**

GEF PROJECT ID: 3991 **PROJECT DURATION:** 36 months

GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID:

COUNTRY(IES): Egypt

PROJECT TITLE: Egypt: Water Resources Management

GEF AGENCY: World Bank

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNER(S):

GEF FOCAL AREA (S): International Waters

GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAM(s): IW-SP3-Freshwater Basins and IW-SP2-Nutrient Reduction

NAME OF PARENT PROGRAM/UMBRELLA PROJECT: **MEDITERRANEAN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

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

1. Based on this PIF screening, STAP's advisory response to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Agency:
Consent

III. Further guidance from STAP

2. This proposal addresses a critical set of water issues for Egypt in an integrated way and with due regard to ongoing World Bank and national government work. Regional political and environmental stability in the Nile Valley Basin and the Mediterranean region depend on more efficient use of water in Egypt, including factoring in climate change impacts on water.
3. Little information is provided on how climate change risk is specifically being addressed and this should be discussed in the full project brief.
4. In the final project design, attention needs to be given to the policy and outreach linkages that will lead to effective uptake and implementation of the results of the assessment studies, demonstration projects and outcomes of regional technical workshops.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
1. Consent	STAP acknowledges that on scientific/technical grounds the concept has merit. However, STAP may state its views on the concept emphasising any issues that could be improved and the proponent is invited to approach STAP for advice at any time during the development of the project brief prior to submission for CEO endorsement.
2. Minor revision required.	STAP has identified specific scientific/technical suggestions or opportunities that should be discussed with the proponent as early as possible during development of the project brief. One or more options that remain open to STAP include: (i) Opening a dialogue between STAP and the proponent to clarify issues (ii) Setting a review point during early stage project development and agreeing terms of reference for an independent expert to be appointed to conduct this review The proponent should provide a report of the action agreed and taken, at the time of submission of the full project brief for CEO endorsement.
3. Major revision required	STAP proposes significant improvements or has concerns on the grounds of specified major scientific/technical omissions in the concept. If STAP provides this advisory response, a full explanation would also be provided. Normally, a STAP approved review will be mandatory prior to submission of the project brief for CEO endorsement. The proponent should provide a report of the action agreed and taken, at the time of submission of the full project brief for CEO endorsement.