



## GEF-6 GEF Secretariat Review For Enabling Activity Proposal

GEF ID:	9980		
Country/Region:	Global (Albania, Armenia, Botswana, Belarus, Georgia, Iraq, Kenya, Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, Moldova, Macedonia, Myanmar, Maldives, Malawi, Philippines, Palau, Swaziland, Chad, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Serbia, Zimbabwe)		
Project Title:	GEF Support to UNCCD 2018 National Reporting Process – Umbrella II		
GEF Agency:	UNEP	GEF Agency Project ID:	
Type of Trust Fund:	GEF Trust Fund	GEF Focal Area (s):	Land Degradation
GEF-6 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):			
Anticipated Financing PPG:		Project Grant:	\$1,940,480
Co-financing:	\$362,000	Total Project Cost:	\$2,302,480
PIF Approval:		Council Approval/Expected:	
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
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Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment	Agency Response
Eligibility	1. Is the participating country eligible?	<p>This EA is designed for 25 countries. However, please, clarify the points mentioned in the cell 2 and confirm the countries in the Part I of the GEF6 request for UNCCD EA.</p> <p>February 16, 2018 Confirm the list of 25 countries.</p> <p>February 20, 2018 The list of countries is now: Chad, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Botswana, Swaziland, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Albania,</p>	

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		<p>Serbia, Macedonia, Armenia, Maldives, Philippines, Iraq, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Palau, Myanmar.</p> <p>Kiribati has been removed and will be included in the Umbrella IV project.</p> <p>Addressed.</p>	
	2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project?	<p>25 countries are mentioned in the Part I of this GEF6 request for UNCCD Enabling Activity. However, please, address the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We did not find the letter of endorsement for Kazakhstan;</li> <li>- A letter of endorsement is available for Kiribati, but Kiribati is not listed in the countries.</li> <li>- There are two letters of endorsement for the Kyrgyz Republic.</li> </ul> <p>February 16, 2018 Kazakhstan is confirmed and Kiribati has been added. Please, note that the project includes now 26 countries, meaning \$61,468 per country and not \$63,927. We suggest to maintain 25 countries in this EA request to stay under the cap of \$2 million. Please, revise.</p>	
Project Consistency	3. Is the project aligned with the relevant GEF strategic objectives and results framework?	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clarification: as mentioned for the Umbrella I, the formulation of the output 1.1.3 "National mechanisms taking into consideration..." is not</li> </ul>	

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		<p>clear. Please, revise the formulation in the result framework (table B and annex A), and explain in the text, p.14, the activities that will be implemented to reach this output.</p> <p>- We take note of the project management costs of \$39,450. You can maintain this presentation, or include a specific component related to the HelpDesk, Monitoring &amp; Evaluation (if you want to maintain a coherence of presentation with the Umbrella I and our recommendations). I would also help to be coherent with the information provided p. 28 where there is mention of a budget for project evaluation.</p> <p>February 16, 2018 Addressed.</p>	
	<p>4. Is the project consistent with the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions?</p>	<p>Such Enabling Activity contributes to the monitoring of implementation of UNCCD's National Action Programmes, or NAPs. This project will also support countries to identify synergies with other national strategies and policies.</p> <p>Cleared.</p>	
<p>Project Design</p>	<p>5. Are the components in Table A sound and sufficiently clear and appropriate to achieve project objectives and the GEBs?</p>	<p>NA</p>	
	<p>6. Are socio-economic aspects, including relevant gender elements, indigenous people, and</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	

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	CSOs considered?		
	7. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNEP is the GEF Agency.</li> <li>- A National Executing Agency (NEA) will have the overall responsibility at national level.</li> <li>- A Small Scale Funding Agreement (SSFA) will be signed between UNEP and the NEA.</li> <li>- The NEA will receive funds from UNEP and also assistance from the Global Support II.</li> </ul> <p>Cleared.</p>	
	8. Is indicated cofinancing appropriate for an enabling activity?	NA	
Other Comments	9. Comments related to adequacy of information submitted by country for the financial management and procurement assessment <sup>1</sup> .	It is up to UNEP to check this point when they will negotiate the Small Scale Funding Agreement (SSFA) with the National Executing Agency.	
Resource Availability	10. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The STAR allocation?</li> </ul>	Chad provided \$374,824 of remaining STAR allocations to reinforce the implementation of its National Strategy to improve public investment, community participation, and mainstream SLM into development projects in view of achieving LDN.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The focal area allocation?</li> </ul>	The project is mainly financed by the LD focal area, (and a contribution from Chad from the STAR).	

<sup>1</sup> Question 9 is applicable only to direct access proposal while question 10 (on fees) is not applicable to direct access proposal.

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	• The LDCF under the principle of equitable access?	NA	
	• The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?	NA	
	• The focal area set-aside?	The project is mainly financed by the LD set aside for Enabling activities (\$70,000 per country), with \$30,000 for the component 1, \$32,349 for the component 2, and \$1,578 for M&E.	
Secretariat Recommendation			
Recommendation	<b>11. Is EA clearance/approval being recommended?</b>	<p>Not yet. The project cannot be recommended yet. Please, address the comments above.</p> <p>February 16, 2018 Please, confirm the number and names of the participating countries. This project is planned for 25 countries, and not 26.</p> <p>February 20, 2018 This request for Enabling Activities is recommended for approval.</p>	
Review Date (s)	First review*	January 25, 2018	
	Additional review (as necessary)	February 16, 2018	
	Additional review (as necessary)	February 20, 2018	

\* **This is the first time the Program Manager provides full comments for the project. Subsequent follow-up reviews should be recorded. For specific comments for each section, please insert a date after comments.**