



GEF-6 GEF SECRETARIAT REVIEW FOR FULL-SIZED/MEDIUM-SIZED PROJECTS THE GEF/LDCF/SCCF TRUST FUND

GEF ID:	9477		
Country/Region:	Albania		
Project Title:	Promoting Sustainable Land Management (SLM) through Integrated Restoration of Ecosystems		
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):	LD-1 Program 1; LD-3 Program 4;		
Anticipated Financing PPG:	\$45,662	Project Grant:	\$867,580
Co-financing:	\$9,670,000	Total Project Cost:	\$10,583,242
PIF Approval:	May 12, 2016	Council Approval/Expected:	
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	Ulrich Apel	Agency Contact Person:	Ersin Esen

PIF Review			
Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment	Agency Response
Project Consistency	1. Is the project aligned with the relevant GEF strategic objectives and results framework? ¹	4/22/2016 UA: Yes.	
	2. Is the project consistent with the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions?	4/22/2016 UA: Yes.	
Project Design	3. Does the PIF sufficiently indicate the drivers ² of global environmental degradation, issues of sustainability, market transformation, scaling, and	4/22/2016 UA: Yes.	

¹ For BD projects: has the project explicitly articulated which Aichi Target(s) the project will help achieve and are SMART indicators identified, that will be used to track the project's contribution toward achieving the Aichi Target(s)?

² Need not apply to LDCF/SCCF projects.

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	innovation?		
	4. Is the project designed with sound incremental reasoning?	4/22/2016 UA: Yes.	
	5. Are the components in Table B sound and sufficiently clear and appropriate to achieve project objectives and the GEBs?	4/22/2016 UA: Yes.	
	6. Are socio-economic aspects, including relevant gender elements, indigenous people, and CSOs considered?	4/22/2016 UA: Yes.	
Availability of Resources	7. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The STAR allocation? 	4/22/2016 UA: Yes. Albania is flexible. STAR resources are available.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focal area allocation? 	4/22/2016 UA: Yes.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LDCF under the principle of equitable access 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)? 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focal area set-aside? 		
Recommendations	8. Is the PIF being recommended for clearance and PPG (if additional amount beyond the norm) justified?	4/22/2016 UA: Yes. PM recommends PIF for CEO approval. At final CEO approval it is expected that the fully developed project document outlines the projects link to Albania's Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) target, if any, as well as its link to implementing the	

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		LDN target.	
Review Date	Review	April 22, 2016	
	Additional Review (as necessary)		
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CEO endorsement Review			
Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
Project Design and Financing	1. If there are any changes from that presented in the PIF, have justifications been provided?	05/10/2017 UA: Changes have been justified. Cleared	
	2. Is the project structure/ design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?	05/10/2017 UA: Yes. Cleared	
	3. Is the financing adequate and does the project demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objective?	05/10/2017 UA: Yes. Cleared	

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	4. Does the project take into account potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change, and describes sufficient risk response measures? (e.g., measures to enhance climate resilience)	05/10/2017 UA: Yes. Cleared	
	5. Is co-financing confirmed and evidence provided?	05/10/2017 UA: Yes. Cleared	
	6. Are relevant tracking tools completed?	05/10/2017 UA: Yes. LD TT has been submitted. Cleared	
	7. <i>Only for Non-Grant Instrument:</i> Has a reflow calendar been presented?	n/a	
	8. Is the project coordinated with other related initiatives and national/regional plans in the country or in the region?	05/10/2017 UA: Yes. Cleared	
	9. Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?	05/10/2017 UA: Yes. Cleared	
	10. Does the project have descriptions of a knowledge management plan?	05/10/2017 UA: Yes. Cleared	

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Agency Responses	11. Has the Agency adequately responded to comments at the PIF ³ stage from:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEFSEC 	05/10/2017 UA: Yes. Cleared	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAP 	n/a - this is a MSP	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEF Council 	n/a - this is a MSP	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention Secretariat 	none received	
Recommendation	12. Is CEO endorsement recommended?	05/10/2017 UA: Program Manager recommends final CEO approval.	
Review Date	Review	May 10, 2017	
	Additional Review (as necessary)		
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³ If it is a child project under a program, assess if the components of the child project align with the program criteria set for selection of child projects.