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Dear Sir,

**Re: LDC and SIDS Targeted Portfolio Approach for Capacity Building and Mainstreaming of Sustainable Land Management.**

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2004 introducing LDC and SIDS Targeted Portfolio Approach for Capacity Building and Mainstreaming of Sustainable Land Management proposed by the UNDP as an implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in collaboration with the UNCCD Secretariat, and the Global Mechanism. We have taken note, with keen interest, this development and the contents of the concept note attached to your letter. We look forward to collaborating with you in the implementation of the project through partnership arrangements to be agreed among the parties concerned.

As you very well know, all SADC Member States are signatories to the UNCCD and are at different stages of elaborating or implementing their National Action Programmes (NAPs). We hope this proposed project will be approved by GEF Council and will assist those countries that have not yet finalized formulation of their NAPs to do so before the deadline of 2005.

While this proposed project will render support to the targeted 49 Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to develop the much needed capacity, produce a Medium Term Investment Programme for Sustainable Land

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Management and also produce coordinated Resource Mobilization Plans, the none eligible countries under this project are likely to lag behind in the implementation of their developed NAPs. There is, therefore, need to look at ways of assisting these countries in accessing preparatory and implementation funding from GEF and other financial mechanisms of the UNCCD. Lagging behind will also be the implementation of the Sub-regional Action Programmes due to capacity and financial constraints. It is hoped that the partnerships to be strengthened with the RECs for the implementation of this project will look at this issue with the aim of addressing it.

We look forward to your continued collaboration in the implementation of UNCCD and you can count on SADC's support in the implementation of the proposed initiative.

Yours sincerely,

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**Angelo Mondlane**  
 For Executive secretary

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SECRETARIAT EXECUTIF

N/Réf. 000903 SE/CPMP/IMB/MG/b. Ouagadougou, le **03 AOUT 2004**,

Objet                   Création de capacités et rationalisation de la gestion durable des sols dans les  
PMA et Petits Etats insulaires.

Monsieur le Directeur Général Adjoint,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception du document de projet intitulé « *Constitution de portefeuilles de projets dans les PMA et les petits Etats insulaires en développement en vue de la création de capacités et de la rationalisation de la gestion durable des sols* » dont le PNUD est l'agence d'exécution pour le compte du FEM.

Je note que l'objectif premier du projet, qui durera trois à quatre ans, sera de renforcer des capacités et de réduire, avec succès, la dégradation des sols par une gestion durable des sols dans certains PMA et petits Etats insulaires en développement. Dans ce processus, la méthode de constitution d'un portefeuille de projets ciblés aidera 49 PMA et petits Etats insulaires qui n'ont pas encore achevé leur plan d'action national à se doter d'une capacité humaine, institutionnelle et systémique de bonne gestion durable des sols.

Ce type d'activités entre parfaitement dans notre domaine de compétence et je suis heureux de pouvoir vous confirmer que mon institution est tout à fait disposée à jouer le rôle de Coordonnateur pour la région Afrique de l'Ouest.

Dans ce cadre, notre action en matière de coordination va couvrir les principaux aspects suivants

- Préparation et suivi du projet en rapport avec le PNUD,
- Fourniture d'expertise,
- Contribution à la mobilisation du co-financement,
- Synthèse des leçons apprises et diffusion de l'information à l'échelle régionale,
- Participation aux activités du Comité consultatif mondial présidé par le Secrétariat du FEM,
- Contribution au renforcement de capacités à l'échelle régionale.

Il est bien entendu que cette liste n'est pas limitative.

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Notre contribution, qui sera en nature, se concrétisera par la mise à disposition d'experts, d'un secrétariat et de moyens de fonctionnement.

Nous pensons par ce biais jouer en Afrique de l'Ouest un rôle déterminant dans la mise en œuvre de ce projet.

Dans l'espoir que cette offre retiendra votre attention, je vous prie de croire, Monsieur Le Directeur Général Adjoint, à l'expression de ma considération distinguée.



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**Dear Mr. Pinto**

**UNDP, LDC and SIDS Targeted Portfolio Approach for Capacity Development and Mainstreaming of Sustainable Land Management**

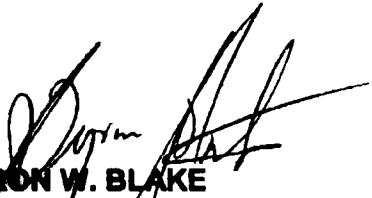
Sustainable land management is an issue of major priority to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) given the small size, vulnerability and other characteristics of the Member Countries. Focus and coordination are key factors to ensure synergies, the most effective use of available resources and the sustainability of various initiatives.

In this regard, the CARICOM Secretariat has been working with other relevant agencies to ensure that the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is implemented with practical activities in individual Member States and in the Region as a whole, within the shortest possible time. The CARICOM Secretariat (which has a major responsibility for ensuring policy coordination) and the Caribbean Community Climate Change Center (CCCCC) (which has a more operational and technical mandate) have been working with UNEP and FAO and other partners on a number of strategic initiatives.

The CARICOM Secretariat and the CCCCC would be pleased to collaborate with UNDP on the LDC and SIDS Targeted Portfolio Approach for Capacity Development and Mainstreaming of Sustainable Land Management Project. We believe that this initiative is an important complement to the other activities, as Member States need to complete the National Action Plans and to build this institutional capacity.

The CARICOM Secretariat would welcome the early approval and operationalisation of this Project.

Yours sincerely,



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