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**SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT FOR THE COUNTRY PILOT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME
FRAMEWORK FOR INTEGRATED SUSTIANBLE LAND MANAGEMENT – NAMIBIA**

Dear Mr Good,

- 1) Namibia recently completed the formulation of the *Country Pilot Partnership (CPP) Programme Framework for Integrated Sustainable Land Management (ISLM)* through a comprehensive participatory and national driven process. The *Country Pilot Partnership* seeks to address capacity constraints that hinder effective implementation for integrated land management to combat land degradation. Overall, the CPP offers a distinctive opportunity for Namibia (in partnership with the GEF) to create short and long-term win-win solutions to the poverty-environment nexus.
- 2) With the programmatic approach, Namibia intends to address the issue of land degradation through a long-term approach comprising two phases:
 - First phase 2006-2010, focuses on building capacity within Namibia, testing new adaptation approaches and creating an enabling environment to improve the absorptive capacity to position Namibia better, in its endeavour to access more investments for sustainable land management.
 - Second phase 2010-2015, focuses on leveraging investments with the intention to secure GEF resources to demonstrate scientific and technological advances aiming at developing long-term adaptation measures in response to high uncertainties due to climatic variations.
- 3) The CPP has been officially adopted by the Permanent Secretaries of the following ministries: Environment and Tourism; Agriculture, Water and Forestry; Lands and Resettlement; Regional, Local Government, Housing and Rural Development; and the National Planning Commission. A substantial amount from Government, of US\$ 36,466,209 has been confirmed to co-finance the CPP activities. Additional co-financing resources have been secured with the EU and GTZ.

Table 1: CPP Government Co-financing

Co-Financier	Amount US\$
National Planning Commission	1,659, 125
Ministry of Environment and Tourism	2,262,443
Ministry of Lands and Resettlement	18,197,134
Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry	13,140,875
Ministry of Regional Local Government Housing and Rural Development	1,206,637

4) The mechanisms followed during the formulation of the CPP have been fully participatory, and inclusive of all sectors with wide range of stakeholders, through a series of consultations at national, regional and local levels as follows:

□ *Inter-agency consultative meeting* comprised of FAO, WB, UNDP, UNESCO, UNEP, IFAD, GEF SEC and GRN that provided the opportunity to IAs, GEF SEC and GRN to share their future development aspirations.

□ *National Inter-ministerial steering committee* comprised of the technical staff from the key ministries with the responsibility to steer and guide the formulation process.

□ *Regional and local level workshops* conducted with traditional authorities, locally based politicians, communal land boards and ordinary local users to help direct the framework to marry regional/local level issues with the national level.

□ *Inter-organisational meetings and working sessions* held with NGOs and civil society, development partners, public and private sectors to discuss the CPP approach, implementation arrangements and feedback on local level consultations.

□ *National Stakeholder Verification Workshop* whereby the 'draft Namibia CPP Programme Framework' was presented to stakeholders for verification purposes and final endorsement.

□ *Website platform* (<http://www.cppnam.net>) has been developed to inform stakeholders the development process of the CPP formulation.

5) The CPP phase 1 will be implemented as follows:

Table 2: CPP Funding Request

Project	IAs	Amount (US\$)
PESILUP	WB	1 mill
CALLC	UNDP	1 mill
SLM Support Programme	UNDP ¹	7 mill
Adaptation	UNDP	1 mill ²
TOTAL		10 MILL

Table 3: Existing Initiatives Integrated into CPP

Project	IAs	Amount (US\$)
Kalahari Namib Project	UNEP	0,800
Desert Margins Programme (Tranche 2)	UNEP	0,771 080
SGP	UNDP	0, 237 ³
TOTAL		1,808 08 MILL

¹ Government intends to implement the SLM support programme through UNDP as lead agency, and intends to utilize FAO technical support.

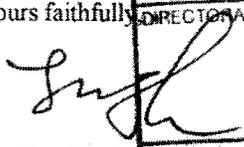
² To be covered from the adaptation to climate change window.

³ This amount is based on the current Namibia SGP portfolio; however it is estimated to increase to about 800,000 over the next five years.

- 6) Through the coordination of both the GEF political and operational focal points, Government will ensure coherence with existing GEF initiatives: SPAN, NACOMA, ICEMA, Okavango and Orange River and the cross cutting NCSA implementation to ensure complementarities.
- 7) As the GEF Operational Focal Point in Namibia, I hereby confirm that this framework, has been formulated based on the priority needs in country to address land degradation with full cognizance of the global environment benefits. The national focal points of climate change, biodiversity and land degradation have been fully involved in the design and preparation of the framework.
- 8) In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point, I fully endorse this submission, which aims to address land degradation in a systematic and integrated manner. The request is submitted via UNDP, which will serve as the lead Implementing Agency during the implementation period for the pilot phase 2006-2010.
- 9) Lastly, Namibia is pleased to report that due to our successful partnership with the GEF, the country has made great strides in addressing local environmental problems to minimise negative global impacts, with catalytic resources provided by the GEF.

I sincerely hope that you will consider this proposal favourably.

Yours faithfully,



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