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Subject: GEF fees advance on the Mauritania preparatory grant
“Promoting Sustainable Land Management in the Oasis Ecosystems of Mauritania”

Madame,

References are made to World Bank-led “Strategic Investment Program for SLM in Sub-Saharan Africa (SIP)” and the group submission of associated project identification forms on 05 November 2007. We are pleased to submit for your consideration for CEO approval the project preparatory grants for Mauritania entitled, “Promoting Sustainable Land Management in the Oasis Ecosystems of Mauritania”. Kindly note, this GEF proposal has been developed with the support of the Government of Mauritania.

The project preparatory grant proposal will fund the preparatory activities (incremental activities) for the development of the full project document proposal including integrating these environmental objectives into IFAD’s Loan, “Oasis Sustainable Development Programme (OSDP).” The overall goal of the full sized project grant is to remove barriers to SLM and reduce poverty in the oasis ecosystems of Mauritania by combating land degradation and desertification in particular

At this time and upon your approval, we kindly request for the associated GEF Fees advance valued at US\$ 16,000.

It is my great pleasure to formally submit this proposal for your approval and ask you to accept, Madame, the assurances of my high consideration.

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REQUEST FOR PROJECT PREPARATION GRANT (PPG)
PROJECT TYPE: Full-Sized Project
THE GEF TRUST FUND

Submission date: 06 November 2007

Re-submission date:

GEFSEC PROJECT ID¹: 3379

GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID:

COUNTRY(IES): Mauritania

PROJECT TITLE: Promoting Sustainable Land Management in the Oasis Ecosystems of Mauritania

GEF AGENCY(IES):IFAD

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNER(S):

GEF FOCAL AREA(S): LD

GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAM(S): SP1

NAME OF PARENT/PROGRAM/UMBRELLA PROJECT: the SIP

GEF FEE ADVANCE: US\$ 16,000

A. PROJECT PREPARATION TIMEFRAME

Start date	Jan 08
Completion date	Sep08

B. PROJECT PREPARATION ACTIVITIES (\$)

Project Preparation Activities	GEF Grant	Co-financing	Total
1. Preliminary CSIF and national SLM Platform: <i>This is to support the Terrafrica process in Mauritania under the leadership of IFAD</i>	26,598	31,000	57,598
2. Ecosystems analysis and SLM investment needs in oasis ecosystems: <i>Providing investment needs (physical) and costing details with indicators for M&E (baseline and targets)</i>	8,866	16,000	24,866
3. Assessing income diversification potential in selected oasis. <i>The study should identify innovative and environmentally friendly IGA that could be promoted through GEF money as a leveraging factor for SLM in the oasis ecosystems.</i>	8,866	12,000	20,866
5. Climate proofing and drought mitigation strategy: <i>Assess project-related risks and suggest cost-effective risk management opportunities</i>	8,866	8,000	16,886
6. Assessment of IEC and capacity building needs: <i>Outline IEC needs towards SLM at all levels with particular focus on the oasis context.</i>	8,866	9,000	17,866
7. Project design: <i>Preparation of the full project documentation that is required for final GEF CEO endorsement.</i>	37,997	18,000	55,997
8. Project costing: <i>Preparation of the COSTAB file and the annex on the financial analysis (the financial analysis will provide elements for, procurement modalities, audits, financial flow etc.). The task includes including contribution to the preparation of the IC analysis and the project implementation manual.</i>	5,674	5,000	10,674

¹ Project ID number will be assigned initially by GEFSEC. If PIF has been submitted earlier, use the same ID number as PIF.

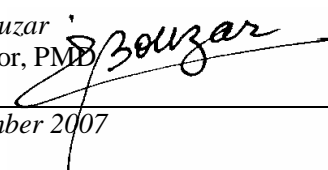
9. PPG management	0	20,413	20,413
10. Travel	30,619	20,000	50,691
11. Consultation meetings and advocacy	9,665	15,000	24,665
12. Docs translation	9,665	5,000	14,65
13. Contingencies (2.7%)	4,318	4,087	8,405
Total project preparation financing	160,000	163,500	323,500

C. PPG BUDGET REQUESTING FINANCE BY GEF

Cost Items	Total Estimated Person Weeks (PW)	GEF (\$)	Co-financing (\$)	Total (\$)
Local consultants *	33	41,797	76,000	117,797
International consultants*	27	63,936	23,000	86,936
Project Management		0	20,413	20,413
Travel		30,619	20,000	50,691
Consultation meetings and advocacy		9,665	15,000	24,665
Docs translation		9,665	5,000	14,65
Contingencies (2.7 %)		4,318	4,087	8,405
Total PPG budget		160,000	163,500	323,500

* Split between local and international consultants might be indicative and subject to the procurement guidelines of the Agencies. Additional information regarding consultants should be provided in Annex A.

D. GEF AGENCY(IES) CERTIFICATION

This request has been prepared in accordance with GEF policies and procedures and meets the GEF criteria for project identification and preparation.	
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Date: 06 November 2007	
Please do not forget to copy the IFAD/GEF Registry on official communications: gefregistry@ifad.org	

Annex A

Consultants Financed by the Project Preparation Grant (PPG)

Position Titles	\$/Person Week	Estimated PWs	Tasks to be performed
L O C A L			
Institutional Specialist (CSIF preparation)	1266	5	Support the international consultant in preparing the CSIF. The expert will provide a comprehensive assessment of institutional barriers and opportunities for promoting inter-sectoral approach to SLM in Mauritania
Agronomist / ecologist	1266	7	Analyze the baseline situation with regard to the land and NRM basis degradation. Identify priority sites for interventions (based on selected criteria) and potential for global environmental benefits. Provide a set of indicators (baseline and proposal for the project log frame) and clear targets for investment activities in the oasis ecosystems (in terms of size and detailed costs). <i>Outcome:</i> Study on investment needs in the oasis with their detailed costs with indicators for the logframe
Climate change specialist	1266	7	Assess CC risks, adaptation potential (including an assessment of existing autonomous adaptation measures), and suggest cost-effective means for risk management. The consultant should provide clear assessment of risks by type of ecosystem and possible investments for risk management. <i>Outcome:</i> Annex on climate change and project climate proofing
Local community development specialist	1266	7	Assess community participation mechanisms and capacity building needs at the grass root level. <i>Outcome:</i> detailed plan for community participation and IEC activities (with costing elements)
Rural development /	1266	7	Assess potential for IGA that hold potential

Position Titles	\$/Person Week	Estimated PWs	Tasks to be performed
market/Micro-finance specialist			for global environment benefits. Suggest an operational strategy to promote financing mechanism that reward for environmental conservation <i>Outcome:</i> Report on IGA (in relation to SLM) and estimate costs/benefits of typical activities and their scope of replication
INTERNATIONAL			
SLM expert (CSIF preparation)	2533	8	- lead the preparation of the CSIF and produce the CSIF framework CSIF
Team leader	2533	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design the GEF project - Prepare the project document for GEF CEO endorsement - Supervise the implementation of the PPG, guide the team of consultants (local and international) and consolidate all inputs - Responsible for the overall quality of the project document - Prepare all the required annexes by the GEF for the CEO endorsement - Accommodate all comments throughout the project review/approval steps - Prepare the project implementation manual <p><i>Outcomes :</i> CEO endorsed project document with all its GEF required annexes</p>
Financial specialist	1418	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare the project detailed cost tables - Contribute (assist the team leader) in preparing the IC annex - Assist the team leader in preparing the project implementation manual - Draft the annex on financial modalities (procurement, flow of funds, audits etc) <p><i>Outcomes:</i> COSTAB, cost and financial analysis annex</p>