



## GEF SECRETARIAT REVIEW FOR FULL/MEDIUM-SIZED PROJECTS\* THE GEF/LDCF/SCCF TRUST FUNDS

GEF ID:	4761		
Country/Region:	Kyrgyz Republic		
Project Title:	Sustainable Management of Mountainous Forest and Land Resources under Climate Change Conditions		
GEF Agency:	FAO	GEF Agency Project ID:	
Type of Trust Fund:	GEF Trust Fund	GEF Focal Area (s):	Multi Focal Area
GEF-5 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):	CCM-5; CCM-5; LD-1; LD-1; LD-1; LD-2; LD-2; SFM/REDD+-1; SFM/REDD+-1; Project Mana;		
Anticipated Financing PPG:	\$90,909	Project Grant:	\$5,454,545
Co-financing:	\$19,000,150	Total Project Cost:	\$24,545,604
PIF Approval:	April 12, 2012	Council Approval/Expected:	June 07, 2012
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	Ulrich Apel	Agency Contact Person:	Ekrem Yazici

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment at PIF (PFD)/Work Program Inclusion <sup>1</sup>	Secretariat Comment At CEO Endorsement(FSP)/Approval (MSP)
Eligibility	1. Is the participating country eligible?	07 Dec 2011 AA: Yes, Kyrgyz Republic acceded to UNCCD in 1997, to UNFCCC in 2000.	15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes.
	2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project?	07 Dec 2011 AA: Yes, a letter from the OFP for Kyrgyz Republic (Mr. Baianbek Kadyrov) dated 30 November, 2011 submitted.  03 April 2012 UA: Updated endorsement letter from new OFP received.	

\*Some questions here are to be answered only at PIF or CEO endorsement. No need to provide response in gray cells.

<sup>1</sup> Work Program Inclusion (WPI) applies to FSPs only. Submission of FSP PIFs will simultaneously be considered for WPI.

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		Cleared	
Agency's Comparative Advantage	3. Is the Agency's comparative advantage for this project clearly described and supported?	07 Dec 2011 AA: Yes, FAO has a proven comparative advantage in implementing projects in the areas of SFM, SLM and CC mitigation worldwide. For this proposed project FAO brings in its expertise from on-the ground work in Kyrgyz Republic and Central Asia on irrigation, water management and capacity building in various aspects of SLM.	15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes. Refer to comments at PIF stage.
	4. If there is a non-grant instrument in the project, is the GEF Agency capable of managing it?	n/a	n/a
	5. Does the project fit into the Agency's program and staff capacity in the country?	07 Dec 2011 AA: Yes. The proposed project is in line with the UNDAF in the country, and specifically contributes to achievement of its Outcome 2 on management of natural resources. The project is also aligned with FAO's global Strategic Framework 2010-2019, and the draft Country Priority Framework for Kyrgyzstan. Project implementation will be coordinated through the country office and the Sub-Regional office for Central Asia in Ankara, Turkey.  Cleared	15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes. Refer to comments at PIF stage.
Resource Availability	6. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):		
	• the STAR allocation?	07 Dec 2011 AA: Yes, Kyrgyzstan's total STAR allocation	15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes.

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		is \$6.55 million. This is the first project submitted in GEF-5, with the total amount of \$5 million being requested from STAR.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the focal area allocation?</li> </ul>	07 Dec 2011 AA & LH: Yes, it is within Kyrgyzstan's STAR allocation of \$2 million for CC, and \$3.05 million for LD. Moreover, technically Kyrgyzstan is flexible with a STAR allocation < \$7 million.  Cleared	15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the LDCF under the principle of equitable access</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nagoya Protocol Investment Fund</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>focal area set-aside?</li> </ul>	07 Dec 2011 UA: Yes, under the ceiling for SFM/REDD+ incentive.	15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes for the SFM/REDD+ incentive.
Project Consistency	7. Is the project aligned with the focal /multifocal areas/ LDCF/SCCF/NPIF results framework?	07 Dec 2011 AA & UA: Partly. Consistent with GEF-5 strategies for LD, but only partly with SFM/REDD+. The component 3 has no connection to the SFM/REDD+ strategy. While it is welcomed that the country will work on forestry issues and a national REDD+ strategy with this project, it is suggested to reduce the SFM/REDD+ incentive to in total \$1 million based on the investments made into forests.	1/15/2014 CCM JS Yes. Same as PIF.

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		<p>Please note that Table A requires listing of indicative funding amounts for each Focal Area and SFM/REDD+ outcome (in total 9 instead on only 4 as it is).</p> <p>29 Mar 2012 UA: In table A, please provide the indicative amounts per OUTCOME (not output). For LD-1, only three outcomes need to be assigned amounts.</p> <p>10 Apr 2012: Addressed.</p> <p>Cleared</p>	
	8. Are the relevant GEF 5 focal/multifocal areas/LDCF/SCCF/NPIF objectives identified?	07 Dec 2011 AA: Yes, the following objectives will be addressed: CCM-5, LD-1, LD-2 and SFM/REDD-1.	1/15/2014 CCM JS Yes. Same as PIF.
	9. Is the project consistent with the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions, including NPFE, NAPA, NCSA, or NAP?	07 Dec 2011 AA: The project is consistent with several national programmes and sector plans, as well as National Communications on Climate Change under UNFCCC, and National Action Plan to Combat Desertification under UNCCD.	1/15/2014 CCM JS Yes. Same as PIF.
	10. Does the proposal clearly articulate how the capacities developed, if any, will contribute to the sustainability of project outcomes?	07 Dec 2011 AA: Yes, as part of Component 1 on strengthening the enabling environment, capacity building activities (trainings, awareness raising and a toolkit) targeted	1/15/2014 CCM JS No. Please explain how the project expects the carbon monitoring system established during the project to sustain after the project.

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		<p>at national and local resource management institutions will ensure strengthened institutional and human capacities in the country to mainstream SFM/SLM standards into land use policies and plans. We expect specific information on the institutions involved and the number of people trained at the CEO endorsement stage.</p> <p>29 Mar 2012 UA: Adequately addressed.</p> <p>Cleared</p>	<p>2/18/2014 CCM JS Yes. Policy makers, technical staff and extension agents will be trained on carbon monitoring.</p> <p>However, the GEF expects the project to prepare policy structures by the end of the project that will create incentive for the trainees to continue with using the carbon monitoring system.</p>
Project Design	<p>11. Is (are) the baseline project(s), including problem (s) that the baseline project(s) seek/s to address, sufficiently described and based on sound data and assumptions?</p>	<p>07 Dec 2011 AA: Yes, baseline activities by the Gov. of Kyrgyzstan and donors are adequately presented with separate descriptions for forestry and agriculture sectors. However the barriers identified to achieving SFM/SLM do not sufficiently reflect the scope of the problem to be addressed, especially with regards to project's Component 2. It is not clear if any activity is under way in Kyrgyzstan on carbon accounting and reporting, and why establishment of a carbon monitoring system and REDD+ activities are important for forest management in Kyrgyzstan. In addition, please provide missing information on donor-funded baseline activities on p. 8.</p> <p>09 Dec 2011/LH: a) A national forest inventory (NFI) cycle was just completed, and the NFI is listed as part</p>	<p>1/15/2014 CCM JS Yes.</p>

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		<p>of the baseline project. Briefly describe how the NFI is currently used for forest carbon estimates.</p> <p>b) The term "excessive logging" is used in the last paragraph on p. 6. We are thinking this would best be called "over-harvesting", meaning that more trees are harvested than are being grown. Please replace the term "excessive logging" with "over-harvesting" or a more precise term.</p> <p>c) a) In the baseline scenario description on page 6, it is mentioned that forests face severe degradation due to severe over-harvesting for use as fuel wood and housing construction. It is unclear if the proposed activities will adequately reduce the great demand because the core driving factors do not appear to be addressed by the activities. For instance, improving the efficiency of fuelwood use by including activities involving improved cookstoves would reduce needed fuelwood and therefore could help reduce forest degradation. Because of this core problem, if there are other programs or projects addressing these core drivers, please mention those here in the baseline project. Also, given there appears to be at least a moderate risk of objectives not being achieved by not addressing the core drivers, please consider including these in the risk section (B.4.)</p>	

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		<p>29 Mar 2012 UA &amp; LH: Has been addressed.</p> <p>Cleared.</p>	
	<p>12. Has the cost-effectiveness been sufficiently demonstrated, including the cost-effectiveness of the project design approach as compared to alternative approaches to achieve similar benefits?</p>		<p>15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes.</p>
	<p>13. Are the activities that will be financed using GEF/LDCF/SCCF funding based on incremental/ additional reasoning?</p>	<p>07 Dec 2011 AA: Not fully. -Parts of incremental reasoning are presented on p. 7 and 8 within the description of the baseline. Please move them to section B.2. to strengthen the incremental reasoning. -Current section B.2 contains text on LD focal area Objective 3 (reducing pressures on natural resources from competing land uses...). Please explain why it is there or remove it since LD-3 is not explicitly addressed by this project. -"Increase in forestry based income" listed in the Table under B.2 is not a global benefit but rather a socio-economic one. Please move to the appropriate section. -What is meant by multiple-purpose afforestations?</p> <p>09 Dec 2011/LH: Multi-focal area project are thought to take advantage of synergies to give more value for the funding. Please include a few sentences</p>	<p>15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes.</p>

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		<p>or so in the text explaining generally what broad synergies are being taken advantage of, which contribute to the incremental reasoning.</p> <p>29 Mar 2012 UA &amp; LH: Has been addressed.</p> <p>Cleared</p>	
	<p>14. Is the project framework sound and sufficiently clear?</p>	<p>07 Dec 2011 AA &amp; UA: Not fully. Please address the following issues: -Project objective is too long and consists currently of the objective, expected outcomes, and even indicators. Please spell out a clear objective (the first part of the sentence). -While the expected global environmental benefits have been calculated (ha of improved agricultural and forest land, tones of CO2), the project pilot sites are still to be identified. Please provide at least an indication of what pilot areas will be targeted, particularly, the range of options available, or the criteria for choosing specific sites. -How much total land and forest area do you expect to be affected by the project activities and what is the replication potential and replication strategy? Please also provide some geographical scope. -A pilot on PES is presented as one of the expected project outputs under Component 2 (it is listed 2 times, please</p>	<p>1/15/2014 CCM JS No. Development and operationalization of national REDD+ strategy and action plan is appropriate and consistent with the PIF design. However, component 2 does not link carbon monitoring systems to be established with REDD+ strategy to be developed. a) Please clarify if emissions reduced due to the project and measured through the monitoring system built is going to be incentivized through REDD+ funding. b) If so, please identify possible buyers or market for the credits generated. c) As requested during PIF stage, please identify which ecosystem services will the project be focusing on. Please summarize viability and interest in PES scheme in the country and local stakeholders before undertaking economic valuation of ecosystem services. d) Please explain the technical expertise and institutional capacity within the</p>

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		<p>check). It's, however, difficult to judge from the PIF what ecosystem services we are talking about, if specific buyers and sellers have been identified, whether necessary policy and legislative framework is in place to implement a pilot. Lastly, experience from previous PES projects funded by GEF shows that when PES schemes are only a component of a larger project vs. a stand-alone PES project, the chances of rendering tangible results are considerably smaller (Please refer to PES publication by GEF SEC, Sep. 2010). Kindly provide more information on development of PES, or remove the output from project framework.</p> <p>- Synergy of the overall forest focused project with the component 3 should be improved, if possible. Moreover, component 3 lists many activities, which raises questions if this maybe requires more focus.</p> <p>09 Dec 2011/LH: a) output 2.1.2 on carbon monitoring system established based on EX-ACT and field sampling protocols. What is the scale of these systems and how do they relate to the current NFI design? Are these going to be landscape or project level or what? Is this to be the system used to determine who gets PES? EX-ACT appears to use IPCC default factors and is listed as an ex-ante tool, so one assumes the field sampling protocols will be used to calculate the true</p>	<p>country to undertake landuse mapping, linking it to carbon content and field sampling. Please expand on the current capacity so that sustainability of REDD+ and carbon monitoring could be assessed.</p> <p>e) For carbon, it is expected that the project will utilize REDD+ as a market mechanism instead of PES, to avoid double counting and duplication of efforts. Please verify.</p> <p>2/18/2014 CCM JS Yes. All the issues have been addressed adequately.</p> <p>By the first project implementation report (PIR), GEF expects delivery of a strategy and work-plan that links the National Forest Monitoring System with REDD+ strategy.</p> <p>It is expected that the project will help with building the basis and pilot for REDD+ initiative. A plan to ensure that carbon related work would be taken over by REDD+ initiative once it is active or after the end of the proposed project is requested.</p>

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		<p>benefits (ex-post) from the activities. Will new methodologies be developed to determine carbon benefits from activities, or will existing and accepted methodologies (such as used by the VCS) be adopted and taught?</p> <p>b) Are the demonstrations of methane capture from wastes funded by climate change? Then please use objective CC-3 for that activity, not CC-5, and add this objective to Table A.</p> <p>c) Please correct the listed 100,000 ha in outcome 3.3 to 10,000 ha.</p> <p>29 Mar 2012 UA &amp; LH: Has been addressed in the re-submission. Pilot sites listed are the following oblasts: Chui, Issyk-Kul, Talas, Djabal-Abad, Naryn</p> <p>Cleared</p>	
	<p>15. Are the applied methodology and assumptions for the description of the incremental/additional benefits sound and appropriate?</p>	<p>07 Dec 2011 UA: Please provide in Table A an estimation of the (number) of PES and (hectares) of forest under sustainable management.</p> <p>09 Dec 2011/LH: a) Please provide the assumptions or citation for the source of emission and sequestration factors for the CO2 benefit estimates in Table B. The information can be inserted using footnotes, or inserting a paragraph in the text. Especially explain the 193,000 to</p>	<p>1/15/2014 CCM JS Yes for estimation of tCO2e.</p> <p>15 Jan 2014 UA: No. Please provide in Table A an estimation of the (number) of PES and (hectares) of forest under sustainable management.</p> <p>02/19/2014 UA: Figures have been provided.</p> <p>Cleared</p>

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		<p>200,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>e estimate for 15,000 ha of agricultural land because this seems high. How many years are included?</p> <p>b) For CEO endorsement, expected baseline estimates and benefits must be well-documented and explained. In addition, at CEO endorsement, a description of the planned field monitoring system to measure and estimate carbon benefits from the project, including CO<sub>2</sub> benefits from all land use activities, is expected.</p> <p>2 Apr 2012 LH: Item a) was not adequately addressed. Because the estimates also appear in the table in Section B.2., the explanation as to the source of the emission or sequestration factors used for calculating CO<sub>2</sub> benefits can be placed here instead of on Table B. The 20,000 ha and 216,640 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr of avoiding emissions from forest degradation can be a reasonable estimate. The 10,000 ha and sequestration of 130,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>e per yr seems a bit high. If it is included, please do not include reduction in carbon loss due to reduced soil erosion as that carbon was not a loss to the atmosphere anyway, rather a translocation to a different site on the land. The 25,000 ha and 531,500 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr benefit seems very high. This is 21.2 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/ha/yr which is better than average sequestration on aggrading tropical forest sites. Please reconsider</p>	

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		<p>this estimate or justify its size on nonforest lands under these conditions.</p> <p>10 Apr 2012 LH: Thank you. Addressed.</p> <p>2 Apr 2012 UA: Please address clarification request (a) of the last review (see above comment of April 2, 2012).</p> <p>10 Apr 2012 LH &amp;UA: Thank you. Addressed.</p> <p>Cleared</p>	
	<p>16. Is there a clear description of: a) the socio-economic benefits, including gender dimensions, to be delivered by the project, and b) how will the delivery of such benefits support the achievement of incremental/ additional benefits?</p>	<p>07 Dec 2011 AA&amp;LH: Yes, section B.3 provides a baseline information on the socio-economic status of rural population, and the business as usual scenario. Benefits to the population as a result of the project are described in general terms. At the CEO endorsement stage we expect more specific description of economic benefits, including benefits summarized and discussed by gender. Specifically, how an increase in forestry based incomes will be achieved, what overall economic incentives will the project promote for integration of SLM/SFM practices at the local level?</p> <p>09 Dec 2011/LH: Section B.3. implies that women will benefit because energy needs (like for cooking and heating) are</p>	<p>15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes.</p>

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		<p>primarily met from biomass sources and presumably these activities will increase biomass supply. But in component 2, the increase in wood from plantations appears to be balanced by a decrease in wood supply from reduced degradation of existing forests. So where is the benefit to those who need biomass for energy? It would appear to balance out. Please briefly explain.</p> <p>29 Mar 2012 UA&amp;LH: Has been addressed.</p> <p>Cleared</p>	
	17. Is public participation, including CSOs and indigeneous people, taken into consideration, their role identified and addressed properly?	<p>07 Dec 2011 AA: Not fully. The key stakeholders, including the general public and local communities have been identified. One mechanism of local engagement is through resource user association. However, in general, the PIF lacks a clear language on participatory processes involved in the process. Please provide additional information.</p> <p>29 Mar 2012 UA: Has been addressed.</p> <p>Cleared</p>	15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes.
	18. Does the project take into account potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change and provides sufficient risk mitigation measures? (i.e., climate resilience)	<p>07 Dec 2011 AA: Not fully. The risks and mitigation measures are provided. However, please strengthen the mitigation measure for risk # 3 (climate change). While the</p>	15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes. Refer to PIF stage.

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		<p>increased risk of natural disasters as a result of climate change has been presented, the project-specific mitigation measure is missing (currently only the project's contribution to increased climate resilience is described).</p> <p>29 Mar 2012 UA: Has been addressed.</p> <p>Cleared</p>	
	<p>19. Is the project consistent and properly coordinated with other related initiatives in the country or in the region?</p>	<p>07 Dec 2011 AA &amp; UA: Not fully. Related initiatives have been listed. However, the following issues need to be addressed: - The role of the bilateral agencies listed as co-financers and the ways of co-operation are not clear. Please explain. What stands TIKA for? -A GEF/ADB funded project currently under implementation (CACILM: Southern Agriculture Area Development Project) is missing from the list. The project aims at region-wide adoption of introduced techniques in improved agricultural, orchard and pasture management in pilot areas of Kyrgyzstan, and has a land improvement Component (# 4) on sustainable pasture management, directly related to this proposed project. -Specific mechanisms of coordination with listed initiatives have not been provided. Please explain how project proponents will coordinate with relevant</p>	<p>15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes.</p>

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		<p>initiatives throughout project design and implementation.</p> <p>29 Mar 2012 UA: Has been clarified in the re-submission.</p> <p>Cleared</p>	
	20. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?	<p>07 Dec 2011 AA: Difficult to judge at this stage. Please see comments above (#19) on coordination with other relevant initiatives. Also explain the co-ordination mechanisms between the two ministries involved.</p> <p>29 Mar 2012 UA: Has been clarified in the re-submission.</p> <p>Cleared</p>	15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes.
	21. Is the project structure sufficiently close to what was presented at PIF, with clear justifications for changes?		15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes. The project is very close to what has been presented at PIF stage.
	22. If there is a non-grant instrument in the project, is there a reasonable calendar of reflows included?		n/a
Project Financing	23. Is funding level for project management cost appropriate?	<p>07 Dec 2011 AA: Yes, project management cost is 5% of the project amount.</p> <p>Cleared</p>	15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes.
	24. Is the funding and co-financing per objective appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes	<p>07 Dec 2011 UA: - Component 1 appear to be slightly</p>	15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes.

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	and outputs?	<p>over-funded with a total investment of \$3.6 million.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Component 2 depends very much on what is planned under PES pilots. The area coverage of the reforestation / forest management pilot is not fully clear. Is it 13,000 ha forest management + 7,000 ha reforestation/rehabilitation?</li> <li>- Regarding the SFM/REDD+ incentive, the project proponent might want to consider to only base the calculation on the amount of STAR that is invested into the forest components, which is roughly \$3 million. Based on this, the incentive would be \$1 million.</li> </ul> <p>29 Mar 2012 UA: Has been adjusted in the re-submission.</p> <p>Cleared</p>	
	25. At PIF: comment on the indicated cofinancing; At CEO endorsement: indicate if confirmed co-financing is provided.	<p>07 Dec 2011 AA &amp; UA: The indicative cofinancing ratio is 1:2.2. Considering a significant amount of work being implemented by the Government and donors on SFM and SLM, please explore ways to increase the cofinancing ratio. In this context, has the Swiss or the Japanese development co-operation been approached for possible co-financing?</p> <p>Please also note the following automatically generated errors by PMIS: ERROR in PIF - FASF and Project Framework total cofinance amounts differ</p>	

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		<p>ERROR in PIF - PIF FASF and Finance Overview total cofinance amounts differ  ERROR in PIF - The sum of the cofinance as given per source differs from PF's total cofinance</p> <p>29 Mar 2012 UA:  Co-financing has been increased to 1 : 3.13. While this co-financing is not very attractive, the relatively high amount of grant financing is acknowledged. Further efforts should be made to ensure appropriate co-financing at CEO stage.</p> <p>ERRORS have been corrected.</p> <p>Cleared.</p>	
	26. Is the co-financing amount that the Agency is bringing to the project in line with its role?	<p>07 Dec 2011  AA &amp; UA:  Yes. FAO is providing \$900,000 of cofinancing in cash, and \$300,000 in-kind.</p> <p>2 April 2012 UA:  FAO has increased its contribution to \$1.5 million in grant.</p>	15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes. FAO is bringing cash and in-kind resources.
Project Monitoring and Evaluation	27. Have the appropriate Tracking Tools been included with information for all relevant indicators, as applicable?		15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes.
	28. Does the proposal include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?		15 Jan 2014 UA: Yes.
Agency Responses	29. Has the Agency responded adequately to comments from:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STAP?</li> </ul>		15 Jan 2014 UA:

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			Yes.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convention Secretariat?</li> </ul>		n/a
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council comments?</li> </ul>		n/a
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other GEF Agencies?</li> </ul>		n/a
<b>Secretariat Recommendation</b>			
Recommendation at PIF Stage	<b>30. Is PIF clearance/approval being recommended?</b>	<p>07 Dec 2011 UA &amp; LH (Climate): No. Please address clarification requests in this review and re-submit.</p> <p>29 Mar 2012 UA &amp; LH: Please address question 15 and revise Table A (refer to #7). Upon acceptable changes in the PIF in response to these issues, PMs will recommend the project for CEO approval.</p> <p>10 Apr UA &amp; LH: Yes. PMs recommend the PIF for CEO clearance.</p>	
	31. Items to consider at CEO endorsement/approval.		
Recommendation at CEO Endorsement/ Approval	32. At endorsement/approval, did Agency include the progress of PPG with clear information of commitment status of the PPG?		
	<b>33. Is CEO endorsement/approval being recommended?</b>		<p>15 Jan 2014 UA: No. Please address clarification requests.</p> <p>19 Feb 2014 UA &amp; JS: Yes. Program managers recommend the project for CEO endorsement.</p>
Review Date (s)	First review*	December 07, 2011	January 16, 2014
	Additional review (as necessary)	April 03, 2012	February 19, 2014
	Additional review (as necessary)	April 11, 2012	
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#### REQUEST FOR PPG APPROVAL

Review Criteria	Decision Points	Program Manager Comments
PPG Budget	1. Are the proposed activities for project preparation appropriate?	05 Nov 2012 UA: Yes.
	2. Is itemized budget justified?	05 Nov 2012 UA: Yes.
Secretariat Recommendation	<b>3. Is PPG approval being recommended?</b>	05 Nov 2012 UA:  No. There are some issues that require correction. These issues are listed below in the comment box. Please address and resubmit.  27 Nov 2012 UA:  Yes. All issues have been adequately addressed. The PM recommends the PPG for CEO approval.
	4. Other comments	Table C: The grant amount should read \$90,909. Please also adjust total to \$365,909.  Table D: The current endorsement letter endorses the following total PPG amounts: CC \$30,000, LD \$45,000, SFM/REDD+ \$ 25,000. Please bring either Table D in line with this endorsement or provide a new endorsement letter for the requested amounts.  Table E: According to Annex C, local consultants will be employed for 48 weeks, and international consultants for 14 weeks. Please correct.  In the text, please define all acronyms when used for the first time, e.g. NASG.

		Please also note that it is not required to provide such high level of detail in the description of the components. However; if you chose to do so, please check the text for editorial mistakes, some of which are important enough to affect meaning, e.g. in the detailed description of component 1. Please also consider a spell check.
Review Date (s)	First review*	November 05, 2012
	Additional review (as necessary)	November 27, 2012

\* 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.