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To: Dr. Naoko Ishii
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson
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Subject: Comments by Germany on GEF TF Work Program May 2017

Dear Ms. Ishii,

Please find attached Germany's comments on the GEF TF Work Program May 2017.

Germany approves the PIFs. Attached, please find our comments with the request to take these into account during the drafting of final project documents.

Best regards,

Samuel Germain
on behalf of
Philipp Knill

Germany approves the following PIFs

Multifocal Area

Argentina: Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Land Management (SLM) into Development Planning: Making Environmental Land Use Planning (ELUP). 8,995,434 USD, UNDP, GEF Project ID = 9583

Germany welcomes the proposal, which is coherent in its design and highly relevant for achieving global environment goals by promoting environmental land use planning with an integrated and multilevel approach.

Suggestions for improvements to be made during the drafting of the final project proposal:

- Due to its thematic and conceptual parallels to the land degradation neutrality goal (SDG 15.3/ UNCCD), the full proposal should indicate how the ELUP will be linked to the national LDN process.
- Provide further detail on how the project will support the institutionalization of a “consolidated ELUP information system” (Component 1) in order to guarantee its multisector acceptance as well as the national ownership for its continuity (staff and funding).
- With regard to the activity “pilot mechanisms for inter-institutional stakeholders and for multi-sectoral decision-making” as well as the “establishment of platforms” (Component 2), Germany suggests to describe existing relevant platforms or mechanisms that can be strengthened and, in the case new platforms or mechanisms are to be established, provide a respective rationale.
- With respect to the integrated approach of ELUP, Germany suggests that the final project proposal describes roles of the other relevant sector ministries (i.e. Ministry of Agribusiness, Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing) within the project in more detail.