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To: Mr. Simon Nhongo  
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Ref: Request for Assistance - National Adaptation Program of Action (NAPA)  
 Under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

In my capacity as the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Operational Focal Point, I request UNDP's assistance to develop a National Adaptation Program of Action (NAPA) proposal for Eritrea. This proposal would assist the country in preparing national adaptation programs of action to address urgent and immediate needs and concerns related to adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change. In this connection I would like also to note the fact that Eritrea strongly believes that adaptation programs to the adverse effects of climate change should be geared towards improving food security and poverty eradication efforts, which are the main overriding objectives of the country as the basis of achieving its sustainable development goals.

Best regards,

  
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Subject: **Request for Assistance - National Adaptation Program of Action (NAPA)**  
**under the United Nations Convention on Climate Change**

Attached, hereto, please find a copy of an official "request of assistance" letter received from the GEF National Operational Focal Point, Mr. Tekleab Mesghena, who is the Director General of the Department of Environment under the Ministry of Land, Water and Environment. The focus areas of the NAPA as indicated by the Focal Point are actions that mitigate or improve climate changes that have positive effects on food security/poverty eradication situations of the country. It is to be recalled that an earlier Enabling Project on Climate Change supported by UNDP is under completion.

Given the above, and as indicated in the letter of 19 April 2002 of Mr. Frank Pinto Executive Co-ordinator, GEF, ESDG/BDP, we would like to kindly request you to provide assistance in preparing the NAPA and to include Eritrea when specialised support through regional workshops on adaptation are planned by UNDP-GEF.

We look forward to receiving your proposed dates for a country visit by the Climate Change Regional Co-ordinator and consultants and start preparations with our Government counterparts.

Thank you and best regards.

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