

# Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

The Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, administered by UNEP, advises the Global Environment Facility  
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## STAP Scientific and Technical screening of the Project Identification Form (PIF)

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Consultant(s):

### I. PIF Information *(Copied from the PIF)*

**FULL SIZE PROJECT**    **GEF TRUST FUND**

**GEF PROJECT ID:** 5367

**PROJECT DURATION :** 5

**COUNTRIES :** Cameroon

**PROJECT TITLE:** PCB Reduction In Cameroon Through The Use Of Local Expertise And The Development Of National Capacities

**GEF AGENCIES:** UNEP

**OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS:** Ministry of Environment (MINEPDED)

**GEF FOCAL AREA:** POPs

### II. STAP Advisory Response *(see table below for explanation)*

Based on this PIF screening, STAP's advisory response to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Agency(ies): **Consent**

### III. Further guidance from STAP

The project objective is stated as: "Increase national capacity to identify, manage and dispose of existing PCBs in Cameroon in an environmentally responsible manner in order to meet Stockholm Convention country commitments and minimize the risks to the population and the environment, posed by PCB exposure."

#### III. Further guidance from STAP

Based on the information in the PIF about the handling and disposition of PCB oils in Cameroon is a high priority. This PIF is heartening in that there has been already been stakeholder analysis and some outreach, such that there is clear commitment from the Energy sector (private and public), including in the area of co-finance to help address the problem. There has also been good consideration of the role of NGOs, and the issue of resilience is well considered in the preliminary risk assessment.

STAP's comments:

a) As a reminder, the STAP hopes that the eventual project document will also consider all of the elements that constitute environmentally sound disposal. The STAP Advisory document on POPs Disposal Technology in GEF Projects focuses on what exactly constitutes environmentally sound disposal of POPs, and what disposal technologies can achieve it.

b) A query one might pose is if the activity 2.6 (development of local guidelines and standards for environmentally sound management of PCBs) not be steered by the National Expert Group? Also this exercise would benefit from not only linking with other UNEP-run projects, but also considering the lessons learned from other similar projects in the GEF portfolio overall, and perhaps by similar work funded by other organisations in the region.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
<b>1. Consent</b>	STAP acknowledges that on scientific or technical grounds the concept has merit. However, STAP may state its views on the concept emphasizing any issues where the project could be improved.  Follow up: The GEF Agency is invited to approach STAP for advice during the development of the project prior to submission of the final document for CEO endorsement.

<p>2. <b>Minor revision required.</b></p>	<p>STAP has identified specific scientific or technical challenges, omissions or opportunities that should be addressed by the project proponents during project development.</p> <p>Follow up: One or more options are open to STAP and the GEF Agency:</p> <p>(i) GEF Agency should discuss the issues with STAP to clarify them and possible solutions.</p> <p>(ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the GEF Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP's recommended actions.</p>
<p>3. <b>Major revision required</b></p>	<p>STAP has identified significant scientific or technical challenges or omissions in the PIF and recommends significant improvements to project design.</p> <p>Follow-up:</p> <p>(i) The Agency should request that the project undergo a STAP review prior to CEO endorsement, at a point in time when the particular scientific or technical issue is sufficiently developed to be reviewed, or as agreed between the Agency and STAP.</p> <p>(ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP concerns.</p>