GEF SECRETARIAT REVIEW FOR DIRECT ACCESS TO ENABLING ACTIVITY

GEF ID:	**5858**		
Country/Region:	**Mauritius**		
Project Title:	**Strengthen National Decision Making Towards Ratification of the Minamata Convention and Build Capacity Towards Implementation of Future Provisions.**		
GEF Agency:	**UNDP**	GEF Agency Project ID:	**5404 (UNDP)**
Type of Trust Fund:	**GEF Trust Fund**	GEF Focal Area (s):	**POPs**
GEF-5 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):			
Anticipated Financing PPG:	**$0**	Project Grant:	**$199,749**
Co-financing:	**$125,000**	Total Project Cost:	**$324,749**
PIF Approval:		Council Approval/Expected:	
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	**Anil Sookdeo**	Agency Contact Person:	**Mr. Jacques Van Engel**

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment
Eligibility	1. Is the participating country eligible?	Yes. Mauritius has signed the Minamata Convention in October 2013
	2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project?*[1]	Yes
Agency's Comparative Advantage	3. Is the Agency's comparative advantage for this project clearly described and supported? *	Yes, UNDP has done a number enabling activities in all of the focal areas of the GEF.
	4. Does the project fit into the Agency's program and staff capacity in the country?*	Yes
Resource Availability	5. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):	
	• the STAR allocation?	
	• the focal area allocation?	Yes. This is included in the 10M set aside for enabling activities in the Minamata Convention.
	• focal area set-aside?	

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[1] Questions 2, 3, 4, 18 and 19 are applicable only to EAs submitted through Agencies.

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Project Consistency	6. Is the project aligned with the focal areas results framework?	Yes. The project has been developed using the guidelines for these projects.
	7. Are the relevant GEF 5 focal areas objectives identified?	Yes
	8. 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?	Yes
	9. Does the proposal clearly articulate how the capacities developed, if any, will contribute to the sustainability of project outcomes?	Yes
	10. Is the project framework sound and sufficiently clear?	Yes
	11. Is there a clear description of how gender dimensions are being considered in the project design and implementation?	Yes
	12. Is public participation, including CSOs and indigeneous people, taken into consideration, their role identified and addressed properly?	Yes
	13. Is the project consistent and properly coordinated with other related initiatives in the country or in the region?	Yes
	14. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?	Yes
Project Financing	15. Is the itemized budget (including consultant fees, travel, office facilities, etc) justified?	Yes
	16. Is funding level for project management cost appropriate?	Yes
	17. Is the funding and co-financing per objective appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?	As an enabling activity co-financing is not required, however the Government of Mauritius and UNDP have allocated 125,000 in co-financing.
	18. Is indicated co-financing appropriate for an enabling activity?	Yes
	19. Is the co-financing amount that the Agency is bringing to the project in line with its role?*	Yes
	20. Comments related to adequacy of information	

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment
	submitted by country for financial management and procurement assessment.	
Agency Responses	21. Has the Agency responded adequately to comments from:*	
	• STAP?	
	• Convention Secretariat?	
	• Other GEF Agencies?	

Secretariat Recommendation		
Recommendation	**22. Is EA clearance/approval being recommended?**	Yes
Review Date (s)	First review**	June 03, 2014
	Additional review (as necessary)	
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** 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. Greyed areas in each section do not need comments.