

# Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

The Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, administered by UNEP, advises the Global Environment Facility



## STAP Scientific and Technical screening of the Project Identification Form (PIF)

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### I. PIF Information

GEF PROJECT ID: **4100**

COUNTRY(IES): **NIGERIA**

PROJECT TITLE: **PCB MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL PROJECT**

GEF AGENCY(IES): **World Bank**

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNER(S): **FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, NIGERIA**

GEF FOCAL AREA (S): **Persistent Organic Pollutants**

GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAM(S): **POPs-SP1, POPs-SP2**

NAME OF PARENT PROGRAM/UMBRELLA PROJECT (IF APPLICABLE): **NA**

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

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

### III. Further guidance from STAP

1. STAP understands that this is a PCB management and disposal project aiming at improving the institutional and regulatory framework for PCB management, raising awareness and establishment of national PCB inventory. STAP particularly welcomes the project emphasis on building national capacity for PCB testing. It would be important for the project to extend this technical assistance to other POPs, particularly pesticides.
2. Building capacity and promoting environmentally sound management of PCBs in private sector including electric generators, oil refineries, and some industries represent particular challenges in Nigeria and requires application of different strategies compared to the public sector. The PIF does not provide enough details on how this will be implemented and STAP looks forward to reading the full project document in due course.
3. The issue of potential illegal trade/import of PCB-contaminated oils should also be addressed during project preparation and further implementation.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
1. <b>Consent</b>	STAP acknowledges that on scientific/technical grounds the concept has merit. However, STAP may state its views on the concept emphasising any issues that could be improved and the proponent is invited to approach STAP for advice at any time during the development of the project brief prior to submission for CEO endorsement.
2. <b>Minor revision required.</b>	STAP has identified specific scientific/technical suggestions or opportunities that should be discussed with the proponent as early as possible during development of the project brief. One or more options that remain open to STAP include: (i) Opening a dialogue between STAP and the proponent to clarify issues (ii) Setting a review point during early stage project development and agreeing terms of reference for an independent expert to be appointed to conduct this review The proponent should provide a report of the action agreed and taken, at the time of submission of the full project brief for CEO endorsement.
3. <b>Major revision required</b>	STAP proposes significant improvements or has concerns on the grounds of specified major scientific/technical omissions in the concept. If STAP provides this advisory response, a full explanation would also be provided. Normally, a STAP approved review will be mandatory prior to submission of the project brief for CEO endorsement. The proponent should provide a report of the action agreed and taken, at the time of submission of the full project brief for CEO endorsement.