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THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

Mrs. Maryam Niamir-Fuller The Executive Director **UNEP Division of GEF Coordination NAIROBI** 

**Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the** Impementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic **Approach** 

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Uganda, I confirm that the above Program proposal is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Uganda under the relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, Uganda is pleased to endorse the objectives and strategies of the above Program proposal and express her commitment to participate in this Program.

I understand that I will provide endorsement for all relevant project concepts under the Program where the consent to the utilisation of the resources for the project will be clearly stated. We also understand that this is a joint UNEP/UNIDO cooperation program where the comparative advantages of the two agencies will be considered.

SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY/GEF OPERATIONAL

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Mrs. Maryam Niamir-Fuller The Director of the UNEP Division of GEF Coordination (UNEP/DGEF) P.O. Box 30552 00100 Nairobi Kenya

Dear Madam,

Re: Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Lesotho, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Lesotho under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the objectives and strategies of the above Program proposal and express our commitment to participate in this Program.

It is the understanding that I will provide endorsement for all relevant project concepts under the Program where the consent to the utilization of the resources for the projects will be clearly stated. We also understand that this is a joint UNEP/UNIDO cooperation program where the comparative advantages of the two agencies will be considered.

Yours faithfully,

S. M. Damane

**GEF Operational Focal Point** 

#### MINISTERE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET DES RESSOURCES FORESTIERES

## SECRETARIAT GENERAL

## DIRECTION DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT

REPUBLIQUE TOGOLAISE Travail-Liberté-Patrie

Lomé, le 09 JAN, 2009

Division Installations Classées et Déchets Dangereux

N° Q12 /MERF/SG/DE/DICDD

LE MINISTRE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET DES RESSOURCES FORESTIERES

A
Monsieur MOHAMED EISA
Responsable de la Convention
de Stockholm et de l'Unité de Gestion
des Produits Chimiques à L'ONUDI
Centre International de Vienne;
P.O. Box 300
1400 Vienne, Autriche

Objet: Requête du Togo pour participer au Projet Remanal de développement des mesures pour les pays de la (EDE 10 afin de promouvoir la mise en œuvre des (ETPBEP

#### Monsieur le Responsable,

Lu l'honneur d'exprimer, auprès de votre Institution, l'intérêt du Togo à prendre part au projet régional de développement des mesures pour les pays de la CEDEAO afin de promouvoir la mise en œuvre des BAT/BEP dans certaines industries faisant usage du concept de production propre qui est en cours de développement au Ghana sous la supervision technique de l'ONUDI.

Le l'ogo ctant un pays en voie de développement, il y existe un certain nombre d'unités industrielles émergentes qui nécessitent un renforcement de capacités afin de répondre autant que possible aux exigences internationales en matière de qualité et de respect des standards environnementaux.

Parmi elles, certaines sont assez avancées dans le processus de mise en œuvre des BAT/BEP. Cest le cas de la Société NIOTO spécialisée dans la fabrication des huiles de consommation à partir des graines oléagineuses. La participation de cette Société au projet lui permettra de rentorcer davantage ses capacités afin de répondre aux exigences qualitatives et environnementales internationales en vigueur.

le vous remercie par avance pour toute l'attention que vous portez à ma requête afin de permettre au Togo de contribuer aux efforts internationaux de réduction des gaz à effet de erre et atténuer les effets néfastes des changements climatiques et les impacts des émissions noctves sur la santé humaine et l'environnement.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Responsable, l'assurance la vinconsidération distinguée.

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#### REPUBLIQUE DU TCHAD

## PRESIDENCE DE LA REPUBLIQUE

### PRIMATURE

MINISTERE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT, DE L'EAU ET DES RESSOURCES HALIEUTIQUES

N'Djaména, le 23 Mars 2009

SECRETARIAT D'ETAT A L'ENVIRONNEMENT CHARGE DE L'HYDRAULIQUE VILLAGEOISE ET PASTORALE

SECRETARIAT GENERAL

POINT FOCAL OPERATIONNEL - FEM

N° **016** /MEERH/SE/SG/PFO-FEM/2009

#### Le Point Focal Opérationnel du FEM

A

Monsieur Steve Gorman Coordonnateur Exécutif Fonds Mondial pour L'Environnement Banque Mondiale 1818 H. Street NW, Washington DC, 20433

**Objet** : Endossement pour le Projet Africain des Pesticides Obsolètes

Monsieur le Coordonnateur Exécutif,

En ma qualité de Point Focal Opérationnel du Fonds pour l'Environnement Mondial (FEM) au Tchad, je confirme que le programme proposé en objet cadre parfaitement avec les priorités nationales du Tchad et les engagements pris par mon pays d'adhérer aux conventions de Stockholm, Bales, Rotterdam et Bamako sur les polluants organiques persistants. Le programme a été présenté et discuté avec les acteurs concernés, incluant les points focaux desdites conventions conformément aux politiques du FEM sur l'implication du public.

Conformément à ce qui précède, j'ai le plaisir d'endosser l'accord de mon pays sur les objectifs et les stratégies du Programme proposé en objet et exprime notre engagement à participer au Programme.

Il est entendu que nous fournirons un endossement pour toute note de conception de projets sous ce programme, dans lequel notre consentement d'utiliser les ressources allouées sera clairement indiqué.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Coordinateur Exécutif, l'assurance de ma considération distinguée.

Le Point Focal Opérationnel du FEM

GAOURANG MAMADEN GARKEL

#### REPUBLIQUE DU TCHAD

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## PRESIDENCE DE LA REPUBLIQUE

PRIMATURE

MINISTERE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT, DE L'EAU ET DES RESSOURCES HALIEUTIQUES

N'Diamena, le 25 Mars 2009

SECRETARIAT D'ETAT A L'ENVIRONNEMENT CHARGE DE L'HYDRAULIQUE VILLAGEOISE ET PASTORALE

SECRETARIAT GENERAL

POINT FOCAL OPERATIONNEL - FEM

N° 018 /MEERH/SE/SG/PFO-FEM/2009

#### **The GEF Operational Focal Point**

To: the Director of the UNEP Division of GEF Coordination Mrs. Maryam Niamir-Fuller P.O. Box 30552 00100 Nairobi, Kenya

<u>Subject</u>: Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Chad, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Chad under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the objectives and strategies of the above Program proposal and express our commitment to participate in this Program. It is the understanding that I will provide endorsement for all relevant project concepts under the Program where the consent to the utilization of the resources for the projects will be clearly stated. We also understand that this is a joint UNEP/UNIDO cooperation program where the comparative advantages of the two agencies will be considered.

Sincerely,



Copy to: Convention Focal Point for Stockholm Convention (POPs)

#### THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

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Mrs. Maryam Niamir-Fuller
The Director
UNEP Division of GEF Coordination (UNEP/DGEF)
P.O.Box 30552
00100 Nairobi, Kenya

RE: ENDORSEMENT FOR "CAPACITY STRENGTHENING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STOCKHOLM CONVENTION NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS (NIPS) IN AFRICAN LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCS)" PROGRAMMATIC APPROACH.

Kindly refer to the above captioned heading,

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for United Republic of Tanzania, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Tanzania under the relevant global environmental conventions; and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the objectives and strategies of the above Program proposal and express our commitment to participate in this Program.

It is the understanding that I will provide endorsement for all relevant project concepts under the Program where the consent to the utilization of the resources for the projects will be clearly stated. We also understand that this is a joint UNEP/UNIDO cooperation program where the comparative advantages of the two agencies will be considered.

We thank you for your continued cooperation

For: PERMANENT SECRETARY

#### PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

#### 1. Country name: UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

2. Concept title: Strengthening National Capacity for Management of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Tanzania

#### 3. Lead national institution

Division of Environment – Vice President's Office which serves as the National Focal Point for the Stockholm Convention on POPs.

## 4. Date of NIP submission to the Stockholm Convention, or brief statement of progress (3 lines max)

Tanzania submitted her NIP on 12 June 2006. Preparation of Regulations and Guidelines on management of POPs is on-going. Awareness raising to different target groups is on-going. Project Information Form (PIF) for a project on management of PCBs has been prepared and submitted to UNDP.

#### 5. GEF supported activities to implement the NIP, if appropriate

- a) "Promotion of Awareness on POPs". The implementation of the project started in 2008 and is coordinated by CREFT, an NGO based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- b) "Implementation of Chemical Conventions at Grass root Levels". The implementation of the project started in 2008 and is coordinated by AGENDA, an NGO based in Dar es Salaam.

## 6. Other important NIP implementation activities supported by the country and/or other donors (10 lines max)

- a) "Strengthening Governance in Civil Society and Public Private Partnership within an Integrated Chemicals and Waste Management System". The project implementation is under the coordination of the Government Chemist Laboratory Agency. The project is supported by the SAICM Quick Start Programme
- b) "Strengthening the Capacity of Agricultural Workers and Workers' Organization in the implementation of SAICM" is implemented under the coordination of Tanzania Plantation and Agricultural Workers Union (TPAWU). The project is supported by the SAICM Quick Start Programme.
- c) Development of Regulations on Management of POPs. The drafting of the Regulations is on-going. The process is supported by Government funding.
- d) Development of Guidelines for Management of POPs and for POPs Contaminated Sites. Initial drafting of the Guidelines has been completed. Refining of the Guidelines in on-going. The activity is supported by Government funding.

e) "Capacity Enhancement for the Implementation of the Stockholm Convention in the United Republic of Tanzania". The project has been approved by the SAICM Secretariat and arrangements are being finalized for disbursement of funds.

#### 7. Concept rationale and objective (10 lines max)

During the development of the NIP, numerous gaps were identified. In order to ensure effective implementation of the NIP, there is a need to strengthen the institutional capacity in terms of human resource, equipment and working tools; promote alternatives to POPs; improving information and database on POPs; as well as sensitization of stakeholders on POPs issues.

The proposed project aims to assist the country to strengthen regulatory regime on POPs, improve outreach information on POPs, improve national capacity for POPs monitoring, establish data on POPs releases from informal sector and sensitization of different stakeholder target groups and promoting adoption of alternatives to POP Pesticides.

The target beneficiaries are Local Government Authorities, public laboratories, media, Inspectorates, vocational education training institutions and agricultural research institutes, whose wide spectrum reflects the goal to maximize the impact of the project.

#### 8. Specific outputs/outcomes

The proposed project will involve the following activities:

- a) Training of Municipal Environmental Officers, Health Officers, Environmental Inspectors;
- b) Development of enforcement and reporting guidelines;
- c) Provision of laboratory equipment and training of laboratory technicians, undertaking field testing and laboratory analysis of POPs in 3 administrative regions, preparation of monitoring protocols and monitoring programme of POPs and establishing POPs monitoring database;
- d) Development of relevant educational materials in English and *Kiswahili* languages, training, sensitization and dissemination of such materials to selected target stakeholders;
- e) Development of national BATs/BEPs guidelines and testing of their effectiveness or performance in the field particularly in the major sources of u-POPs releases;
- f) Curricula review and sensitization of Instructors from Vocational Educational Training Centres;
- g) Curricula review of Customs training to incorporate relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements;

- h) Support research on alternatives to POP Pesticides and dissemination of research results with emphasis on non-chemical alternatives among relevant Inspectors and Extension Officers; and
- i) Inventory of informal sector activities releasing POPs.

The anticipated outputs/outcomes of the proposed project activities include:

- a) Enforcement of legal regime on POPs by Local Government Authorities improved;
- b) Improved national capacity for POPs monitoring;
- c) Awareness on POPs by school teachers, school environmental clubs and the Institute of Curriculum Development improved;
- d) Implementation of BATs and BEPs taking into account the existing technologies and practices for management of u-POPs improved;
- e) Awareness on POPs by the media improved;
- f) Awareness raising to the vocational education sector on POPs including *u-POPs* improved;
- g) Development, awareness and adoption of alternatives to POP Pesticides with emphasis on non-chemical alternatives improved; and
- h) Information and data on POPs releases by the informal sector established.



## UNDER SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Date No. 22 st .4,2009

To:

The Director of the UNEP Division of GEF Coordination (UNEP/DGEF)
Mrs. Maryam Niamir-Fuller
P.O. Box 30552

P.O.Box 30552 00100 Nairobi, Kenya

Subject: Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Sudan, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Sudan under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the objectives and strategies of the above Program proposal and express our commitment to participate in this Program.

It is the understanding that I will provide endorsement for all relevant project concepts under the Program where the consent to the utilization of the resources for the projects will be clearly stated. We also understand that this is a joint UNEP/UNIDO cooperation program where the comparative advantages of the two agencies will be considered.

Sincerely.

Dr.El Fadil Ali Adam

Undersecretary for The Ministry of Environment and Physical Development

GEF Operational Focal Point

Copy to: Convention Focal Point for Stockholm Convention (POPs)





#### SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT

Ministry of Lands, Country Planning and the Environment 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Youyi Building Freetown, Sierra Leone. 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2009

Programme Officers-UNEP/UNIDO C/O Shekou Toure,
Conflict Resolution Manager
GEF Secretariat.

Subject: ENDORSEMENT FOR "CAPACITY STRENGTHENING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STOCKHOLM CONVENTION NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS (NIPs) IN AFRICAN LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs)" PROGRAMMATIC APPROACH.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Sierra Leone, I confirm that the above Program Proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Sierra Leone under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the objectives and strategies for the above Program proposal and express our commitment to participate in this program.

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Sincerely,

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Stephen S.J.Jusu

Director of Environment

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MINISTERE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT DE LA PROTECTION DE LA NATURE DES BASSINS DE RETENTION ET DES LACS ARTIFICIELS Dakar, le....Q.3. MAR. 2000

Direction de l'Environnement et des Établissements Classés

### LE DIRECTEUR

Subject: Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Senegal, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Senegal under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the objectives and strategies of the above Program proposal and express our commitment to participate in this Program.

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Sincerely

Ndiave Cheikh SVLLA
GEF Operational Focal Point
Director of Environment

And Protected Edifices

To: Mrs. Maryam Niamir-Fuller
The Director of the UNEP Division of GEF
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#### República Democrática



#### de S. Tomé e Príncipe

#### Ministério dos Recursos Naturais, Energia e Ambiente Direcção Geral do Ambiente

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TO: THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNEP DIVISION OF GEF COORDINATION

(UNEP/DGEF)

MRS. MARYAM NIAMIR-FULLER

P.O.BOX 30552

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DATE: 2009/04/10

Subject:

Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic

Approach.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for São Tomé & Principe, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by São Tomé & Principe under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the objectives and strategies of the above Program proposal and express our commitment to participate in this Program.

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#### REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

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To:

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The Director of the UNIDO Environmental Management Branch

(UNIDO/PTC/EMB) Mr. Heinz Leuenberger P.O.Box 300

A-1400 Vienna, Austria

Subject: Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Rwanda, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Rwanda under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

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Sincerely,

Dr Rose MUKANKOMEJE Director General of Rwanda **Environment Management** Authority (REMA)

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#### MINISTERE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT

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#### REPUBLIQUE DE GUINEE

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Conakry, le 1er avril 2009

LE POINT FOCAL

A

Madame Monique Barbut
Présidente Directrice Générale
Fonds pour l'environnement mondial
(FEM)
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Washington DC 20433, USA
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<u>Objet</u>: Endossement du projet de « Renforcement des capacités et d'Assistance technique pour la mise en œuvre des Plans nationaux de mise en œuvre de la Convention de Stockholm, dans les PMA africains »

Madame la Présidente Directrice Générale.

En ma qualité de Point Focal Opérationnel du FEM pour la République de Guinée, je confirme que la proposition de projet ci-dessus: (a) est conforme aux priorités nationales et à l'engagement de la République de Guinée vis-à-vis des conventions environnementales internationales pertinentes et (b) a été discutée avec les principales parties prenantes, y compris les points focaux des conventions environnementales couvertes par le FEM, conformément à la politique du FEM sur la participation publique.

En conséquence, j'ai le plaisir d'endosser les objectifs et stratégies du programme cidessus mentionné et exprimer notre engagement à participer à ce programme.

A cet égard, j'endosse toutes les propositions de projets relatifs à ce programme et pour lesquelles les allocations financières seront clairement indiquées.

Veuillez agréer, Madame la Présidente Directrice Générale, l'expression de ma considération distinguée

Nima Bah BARRY

Suvegarde de



#### REPUBLIQUE DU NIGER

11 MAI 2009

#### MINISTERE DE L'ECONOMIE ET DES FINANCES COMMISSARIAT CHARGE DU DEVELOPPEMENT DIRECTION GENERALE DES PROGRAMMES SECTORIELS POINT FOCAL OPERATIONNEL DU FEM

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A l'attention de :

Monsieur le Directeur Général de l'ONUDI, Vienne (Autriche)

<u>Objet</u>: Endossement du Programme "Renforcement des capacités et assistancs technique en Afrique pour la mise en oeuvre des Plans d'Actions Nationaux (NIPs) dans le cadre de la Convention de Stockholm sur les POPs " Programmatic Approach

Monsieur le Directeur Général,

En ma qualité de Point Focal Opérationnel du Fonds pour l'Environnement Mondial (FEM), j'ai l'honneur de vous annoncer que le programme cité en objet cadre parfaitement avec les priorités nationales et les engagements liant le Niger aux conventions de Stockholm, Basel, Rotterdam et Bamako sur les polluants organiques persistants (POPs) et qu'il a été présenté et discuté avec toutes les parties prenantes, conformément à la politique du FEM sur l'implication des acteurs.

A cet égard, j'endosse au nom du Gouvernement du Niger, l'adhésion de notre pays aux objectifs et stratégies d'intervention du Programme et exprime notre engagement à participer aux phases de préparation et de mise en œuvre opérationnelle dudit programme.

Si la présente demande est approuvée, les activités à mener au niveau national seront mise en œuvre par la Direction de la Protection des Végétaux, point focal de la convention sur les POPs avec l'appui stratégique et technique de l'ONUDI comme agence d'exécution du FEM pour le Niger.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Directeur Général, l'assurance de ma considération distinguée.

#### **Ampliations**:

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#### REPÚBLICA DE MOÇAMBIQUE MINISTÉRIO PARA A COORDENAÇÃO DA ACÇÃO AMBIENTAL DIRECÇÃO NACIONAL DE GESTÃO AMBIENTAL

Mozambique Date March 18, 2009

To: The Director of the UNEP Division of GEF Coordination (UNEP/DGEF)
Mrs. Maryam Niamir-Fuller
P.O.Box 30552
00100 Nairobi, Kenya

**Subject:** Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Mozambique, I confirm that the above Program proposal

• Is in accordance with the Government's National Priorities and the commitments made by Mozambique under the relevant Global Environmental Conventions and

• Has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the Global Environmental Convention Focal Points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the objectives and strategies of the above Program proposal and express our commitment to participate in this Program.

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Sincerely

Regerio Wamusse National Director

CC. Convention Focal Point for Stockholm Convention (POPs)

Joseph Gungunhana

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To the attention of The DGEF, UNEP Nairobi, Kenya

Subject: Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Mauritania, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Mauritania under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

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Sincerely,

Mohamed Yahya Ould Lafdal GEF Operational Focal Point, Mauritania

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### MINISTERE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET DE L'ASSAINISSEMENT

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SECRETARIAT TECHNIQUE PERMANENT DU CADRE INSTITUTIONNEL DE LA GESTION DES QUESTIONS ENVIRONNEMENTALES

Point Focal Opérationnel du FEM

Bamako, le 8 Avril 2009



Le Point Focal Opérationnel FEM

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Madame Maryam Niamir-Fuller, Director UNEP Division of GEF Coordination P.O. Box 30552, 00100 Nairobi Kenya Fax: + 254 20 762 4041

Nº HO /MEA/STP-CIGQE/PFO-FEM

Objet: Endossement du Projet «Mise en place de mesures de réduction et de prévention relatives aux rejets non intentionnels des POPs dans le secteur non informel »

Madame,

En ma qualité de Point Focal Opérationnel du FEM pour le Mali, je confirme que le projet cité en objet est conforme aux priorités nationales et les engagements faits par le Mali sous les conventions environnementales internationales appropriées. Conformément à la politique du FEM sur la participation publique, la proposition a été discutée avec les partenaires concernés, notamment la Direction Nationale de l'Assainissement et du Contrôle des Pollutions et des Nuisances et le Point focal de la Convention de, Stockholm sur les Polluants Organiques Persistants,

En conséquence, je suis heureux d'approuver la soumission dudit projet au FEM avec l'appui du PNUE. Si le projet est approuvé, il sera exécuté par la Direction Nationale de l'Assainissement et du Contrôle des Pollutions et des Nuisances.

Je vous prie de croire, Madame, à l'assurance de ma considération distinguée.

Le Point Focal Opérationnel

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24th June 2009

The Director of the UNEP Division of GEF Coordination (UNEP/DGEF) Mrs. Maryam Niamar-Fuller P. O. Box 30552 00100 Nairobi, Kenya

Cc: Convention Focal Point for Stockholm Convention (POPs)

Dear Madam

Subject: Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal point for Malawi, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the Government's national priorities and the commitments made by Malawi under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the objectives and strategies of the above Program proposal and express our commitment to participate in this Program.

It is the understanding that I will provide endorsement for all relevant project concepts under the program where the consent to the utilization of the resources for the projects will be clearly stated. I also understand that this is a joint UNEP/UNIDO cooperation program where the comparative advantages of the two agencies will be considered.

Dr. A. M. Kamperewera

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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DIRECTION DE DEVELOPPEMENT DU RFLEXE ENVIRONNEMENTAL Antananarivo, le

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THE GENERAL SECRETARY, OPERATIONAL FOCAL POINT GEF

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THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNEP DIVISION OF GEF COORDINATION (UNEP/DGEF) MRS. MARYAM NIAMIR-FULLER

P.O.BOX 30552

00100 NAIROBI, KENYA

N° 189 /09/MEFT/SG/DGEEF/DDRE

<u>SUBJECT:</u> Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Madagascar, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Madagascar under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

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It is the understanding that I will provide endorsement for all relevant project concepts under the Program where the consent to the utilization of the resources for the projects will be clearly stated. We also understand that this is a joint UNEP/UNIDO cooperation program where the comparative advantages of the two agencies will be considered.

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March 6, 2009

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: The Director of the UNEP Division of GEF Coordination (UNEP/DGEF)

Mrs. Maryam Niamir-Fuller

P.O. Box 30552

00100 Nairobi, Kenya

SUBJECT: Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPS) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Liberia, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Liberia under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the objectives and strategies of the above Program proposal and express our commitment to participate in this Program.

It is the understanding that I will provide endorsement for all relevant project concepts under the Program where the consent to the utilization of the resources for the projects will be clearly stated. We also understand that this is a joint UNEP/UNIDO cooperation program where the comparative advantages of the two agencies will be considered.

Sincerely yours,

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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### Secretaria de Estado do Ambiente e Desenvolvimento Durável Direcção Geral do Ambiente

18 May 2009

To: the Director of the UNEP Division of GEF Coordination (UNEP/DGEF)
Mrs. Maryam Niamir-Fuller
P.O.Box 30552
00100 Nairobi, Kenya

**Subject:** Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for **Guinea-Bissau**, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by **Guinea-Bissau** under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the objectives and strategies of the above Program proposal and express our commitment to participate in this Program.

It is the understanding that I will provide endorsement for all relevant project concepts under the Program where the consent to the utilization of the resources for the projects will be clearly stated. We also understand that this is a joint UNEP/UNIDO cooperation program where the comparative advantages of the two agencies will be considered.

Sincerely,

Tomás GOMES BARBOSA
Guinea-Bissau GEF National Focal Point
General Director of Environment

C.C: Secretary of State of Environment, GEF Political Focal Point National Focal Point of Stockholm Convention





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18th March 2009

Dr. Maryam Niamir Fuller Director UNEP/DGEF P.O. 30552 Nairobi, KENYA

Fax: +43 1 26026 6855

Subject:

Endorsement Letter for Capacity Strengthening and Technical

Assistance for the Implementation of NIPs in LDCs - Programmatic

Approach

In my capacity as the GEF Operational Focal Point for The Gambia, I hereby confirm that the above-mentioned project proposal is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by The Gambia under the relevant global environmental conventions, and that the project has been discussed with relevant national stakeholders, including the Focal Points of global environmental conventions, in accordance with GEF's policies on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above-mentioned project proposal with the joint cooperation of **UNEP and UNIDO**, taking into account the comparative advantages of each organization. If approved, the proposal will be implemented at the national level by the National Environment Agency (NEA).

I will consent to the utilization of the resources made available where all the relevant concepts under/the programme are clearly stated.

Morrodou B. Sarr

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
GEF Council Member
GEF National Focal Point

Cc. The Secretary General, Office of The President, State House, Banjul The Permanent Secretary, DOS FEN State House, Banjul



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The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY

Mrs. Maryam Niamir-Fuller
Director of the UNEP Division of GEF Coordination (UNEP/DGEF)
P.O.Box 30552
00100 Nairobi, Kenya

**Subject:** Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point and the Focal Point for the Stockholm Convention for the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, I confirm that the above Programme proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Ethiopia under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the objectives and strategies of the above Programme proposal and express our commitment to participate in its implementation.

It is our understanding that I will provide endorsement for all relevant project concepts under the Programme where the consent to the utilization of the resources for the projects will be clearly stated. We also understand that this is a joint UNEP/UNIDO cooperation programme where the comparative advantages of the two agencies will be considered.

Sincerely,

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Director General

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MINISTERE DE L'HABITAT, DE L'URBANISME, DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET DE L'AMENAGEMENT DU TERRITOIRE

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LE SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL

Nº 102 109/SG Djibouti, le 7 MARS 2009

> the Director of the UNEP Division of GEF Coordination (UNEP/DGEF) To:

Mrs. Maryam Niamir-Fuller

P.O.Box 30552

00100 Nairobi, Kenya

Subject: Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Djibouti, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Djibouti under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the objectives and strategies of the above Program proposal and express our commitment to participate in this Program.

It is the understanding that I will provide endorsement for all relevant project concepts under the Program where the consent to the utilization of the resources for the projects will be clearly stated. We also understand that this is a joint UNEP/UNIDO cooperation program where the comparative advantages of the two agencies will be considered.

> Sincerely, Aboubaker Doualé Waiss **GEF Operational Focal Point**

> > douale@yahoo.fr

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N°\_\_02\_/MEFCPE/DIRCAB/PFO/FEM/GEF-2009



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Bangui, le 02 Mars 2009

To: The Director of UNEP Division for « Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for the Central African Republic, I confirm that the above project proposal: (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by the Central African Republic under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the objectives and strategies of above Program proposal and express our commitment to participate in this Program.

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Sincerely,

Gustave DOUNGOUBE

Chargé de Mission en Matière

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## REPUBLICA DE CABO VERDE MINISTÉRIO DO AMBIENTE DO DESENVOLVIMENTO RURAL E DOS RECURSOS MARINHOS

To: UNEP

Praia, April 29, 2009

Subject: Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach.

In my capacity as GEF Political Focal Point for Cape Verde, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Cape Verde under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

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Carlos Sousa Monteuro,
Political Focal Point
Adviser, Minister of Environment,
Rural Development and marines Resources

Sincerely

Copy to:

• Mrs. Monique Barbut GEF CEO

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Ministère de l'Eau, de l'Environnement, de l'Aménagement du Territoire et de l'Urbanisme

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To: Mohamed Eisa

UNIDO - UNEP Program on LDCs

Subject: Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for BURUNDI, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by BURUNDI under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

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Sincerely,

#### NDABIRORERE Salvator

GEF Operational Focal Point Ministry of Water, Environment, Eane,

management and City Planning Advisor

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- Minister of Water, Environment, Land Management and City Planning
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Ouagadougou, le 2 4 APR 2009

N° MECV/PFO/FEM

Point Focal Opérationnel du Fonds pour l'Environnement Mondial (FEM) - BURKINA FASO

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**UNIDO** 

<u>Subject</u>: Endorsement for « Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LCDs) » Programmatic Approach..

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Burkina Faso, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Burkina Faso under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy involvement.

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Sincerely,

Alain Edouard TRAORE

Conseiller des Affaires Etrangères

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#### MINISTERE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET DE LA PROTECTION DE LA NATURE

#### LE POINT FOCAL OPERATIONEL DU FEM

Cotonou, le 2 8 MAR 2009

N° 009 /MEPN/PFO-FEM/SA

To: the Director of the UNEP Division of GEF Coordination (UNEP/DGEF)

Mrs. Maryam Niamir-Fuller

P.O.Box 30552 00100 Nairobi, Kenya

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**Subject:** Endorsement for "Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" Programmatic Approach.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for BENIN, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by BENIN under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

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Delphin AIDII

GEF Operational Focal Point General Secretary of Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection

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