

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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

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I. PIF Information

GEFSEC PROJECT ID: 3942

COUNTRY(IES): REGIONAL AFRICA: LESOTHO, MADAGASCAR, MOZAMBIQUE, UR TANZANIA, ZAMBIA

PROJECT TITLE: CAPACITY STRENGTHENING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STOCKHOLM CONVENTION NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS (NIPs) IN AFRICAN LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs) OF THE SADC¹ SUBREGION

GEF AGENCY(IES): UNEP, UNIDO

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNER(S): REGIONAL STOCKHOLM AND BASEL CONVENTION CENTERS; REGIONAL, SUB-REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CENTRES FOR CAPACITY BUILDING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND CLEANER PRODUCTION

GEF FOCAL AREA (S): Persistent Organic Pollutants

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

NAME OF PARENT PROGRAM/UMBRELLA PROJECT: CAPACITY STRENGTHENING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STOCKHOLM CONVENTION NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS (NIPs) IN AFRICAN LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs) AND SMALL ISLANDS DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS)

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

2. STAP supports this regional project building capacity for NIP implementation in countries of the SADC Subregion. STAP reiterates its comments provided earlier to the Programme Framework Document (PFD #3994), which are applicable to the present PIF:
 - STAP recommends extending support for legislative and regulatory frameworks (Components 1 and 2) beyond POPs to other toxic chemicals where feasible;
 - Project proponents are advised to consult the STAP's guidance on synergies and trade-offs between energy conservation and release of unintentionally produced POPs² when developing and implementing Components 3 and 4 of the project.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
1. Consent	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. Minor revision required.	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. Major revision required	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.

¹ SADC: Southern African Development Community

² Technical report of the study is available on the STAP's front webpage at: <http://stapgef.unep.org/>