

# Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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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:** 5322

**PROJECT DURATION :** 5

**COUNTRIES :** Regional (Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia)

**PROJECT TITLE:** Promotion of BAT and BEP to Reduce uPOPs Releases from Waste Open Burning in the Participating African Countries of COMESA-SADC Subregions

**GEF AGENCIES:** UNIDO

**OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS:** Ministry of Environment, Wildlife and Tourism (Botswana), Environmental Protection Authority (Ethiopia), Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Culture (Lesotho), Ministry of Environment and Forests (Madagascar), Ministry for Coordination of Environmental Affairs (Mozambique), Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Physical Development (Sudan), Swaziland Environment Authority (Swaziland), Vice President's Office-Division of Environment (Tanzania), National Environment Management Authority (Uganda) and Zambia Environmental Management Agency (Zambia)

**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: "To achieve sustainable release reduction of unintentionally produced POPs (uPOPs) in the open burning sector of participating African countries of SADC sub-region through introduction of best available techniques and best environmental practices (BAT/BEP) measures at selected priority demonstration sites."

The PIF does a good job of assessing baseline, identifying gaps and outlining appropriate actions to address the gaps in uPOPs management. Apart from this, the project points out links to climate mitigation and adaptation as well as the potential for proposed interventions to also address mercury, particulate and GHG emissions. The STAP supports the proposed development of indicators, particularly as attention will be paid to economical and social impacts as well. A well written PIF.

STAP's comments:

a) There could be exchange of experiences or even intermittent exchange with the uPOPs related activities of the UNDP implemented project "uPOPs Reduction and Mainstreaming of Sound Chemicals Management in Kenya" (GEF ID 5361), which is a part of this February 2014 Intercessional Work Programme.

STAP advisory response	Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed
1. <b>Consent</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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>

<b>2. Minor revision required.</b>	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) GEF Agency should discuss the issues with STAP to clarify them and possible solutions.</li> <li>(ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the GEF Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP's recommended actions.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Major revision required</b>	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP concerns.</li> </ul>