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**SUMMARY OF THE EXTENSIONS GRANTED
UNDER THE CANCELLATION POLICY**

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the most up to date summary of projects for which exceptions to the Project Cancellation Policy¹ have been requested and granted by the CEO. It is presented to Council outside the usual circulation deadlines to capture the most recent data in advance of the 60th GEF Council meeting.

2. The Project Cancellation Policy was approved by Council at its 55th Council Meeting in December 2018. The Policy includes provisions under which countries may formally request that the GEF CEO grant an exception to cancellation deadlines. These exceptions may only be granted in cases of extraordinary events or circumstances beyond the control of the parties (Agency, country), such as war, flood, earthquake or epidemic, or similar circumstances which prevent them from adhering to the business standards established in the Policy.

3. The Policy stipulates that the CEO communicate any exception decision to the Council for information and post the information on the GEF website.

BACKGROUND

4. The Project Cancellation Policy was formulated to align incentives for timely project preparation and more specifically to dis-incentivize excessive delays between PIF approval and CEO-endorsement/approval of projects.

5. The COVID-19 crisis, however, impacted the preparation of some projects, from early 2020 to date, in some cases causing delays in project preparation. As a result, in active consultation within the Partnership, the GEF implemented a series of measures to increase flexibility and avoid the risk of cancellation. These actions have been developed to mitigate COVID-19 risks and ensure efficient and effective design and implementation of GEF resources.

6. The first action was a blanket extension of six months to two important deadlines specified in the Cancellation Policy: (i) the 8 and 12 month deadline² for *submission* of CEO Approval/Endorsement requests; and (ii) the 12 and 18 month deadline³ for final CEO Approval/Endorsement. This extension was provided for all stand-alone projects and child projects under Programs for which PIFs/PFDs were approved from the beginning of GEF-7 to June 3, 2020.

7. The second action was described in the Council document *'The Impact of COVID-19 on GEF Project Preparation and Implementation: Overview of Responses from Across the GEF Partnership'* (GEF/C.59.11) for Council consideration at its 59th meeting in December 2020. That document reported on information received through surveys of Agencies, consultations

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² Depending on project type. 8 month deadline applicable to Medium-Sized Projects. 12 month deadline applicable to Full-Sized Projects.

³ 12 month deadline applicable to Medium-Sized Projects. 18 month deadline applicable to Full-Sized Projects.

with countries and discussions at the Fall 2020 Agency retreat. The document also summarized the measures Agencies and Countries had introduced to address the challenges encountered during the pandemic.

8. In this context, the Council approved an exceptional and time-bound authority for the GEF CEO to grant longer extensions to the Project Cancellation Policy, for a total of up to 24 months and for all projects types, effective from December 11, 2020 (approval date of the Summary of the Chair - *GEF/C.59/Summary*) through the final day of the June 2021 GEF Council meeting (i.e. June 18, 2021).⁴

9. During this reporting period, 46 Requests for Extension invoking the force majeure provision of the Project Cancellation Policy due to the COVID-19 pandemic have been received by the Secretariat. All such requests have been granted by the GEF CEO, under the provisions of the Policy and Council decisions referenced herein; as a result, no projects have been automatically cancelled under the terms of the Policy. Table 1 below provides a list of projects for which such exceptions have been granted.

⁴ GEF/C.59/Summary, para 86.

Table 1. Projects that have requested extension

ID	Title	Country	Agency	Focal Area	Type	Original Deadline	New Deadline	Parent ID
10742	Funafuti Water and Sanitation Project	Tuvalu	ADB	Climate Change	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	30-Nov-22	10173
10745	Greater Port Vila Urban Resilience Project	Vanuatu	ADB	Climate Change	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	30-Nov-21	10173
10218	AFLDC-2 Scaling-up Investment and Technology Transfer to Facilitate Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm and Minamata Conventions in African LDCs	Regional	AFDB	Chemicals and Waste	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	13-Jun-22	-
10199	Improving Water Availability in The Gambia's Rural and Peri-Urban Communities for Domestic and Agricultural Use	Gambia	AFDB	Climate Change	Full-sized Project	13-Jun-21	31-Dec-21	-
10203	Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity and Resilience of Communities in Uganda's watersheds	Uganda	AFDB	Climate Change	Full-sized Project	13-Jun-21	31-Dec-21	-
10232	Reducing deforestation from palm oil and cocoa value chains	Liberia	CI	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	29-Jul-22	10201
10181	IKAN Adapt: Strengthening the adaptive capacity, resilience and biodiversity conservation ability of fisheries and aquaculture-dependent livelihoods in Timor-Leste	Timor Leste	FAO	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Project	13-Jun-21	30-Sep-21	-
10195	CSIDS-SOILCARE Phase1: Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) multicountry soil management initiative for Integrated Landscape Restoration and climate-resilient food systems	Regional	FAO	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Project	13-Jun-21	31-Oct-21	-
10245	Integrated Sustainable Landscape Management in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam	Viet Nam	FAO	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	30-Sep-21	10201
10247	Scaling up Cocoa-based Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration / Transformative Innovations in Côte d'Ivoire (SCOLUR-CI)	Cote d'Ivoire	FAO	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	13-Aug-21	10201
10188	BIOREACH: Biodiversity Conservation and Agroecological Land Restoration in Productive Landscapes of Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidad & Tobago	FAO	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Project	13-Jun-21	30-Sep-21	-
10186	Climate Change Adaptation in Forest and Agricultural Mosaic Landscapes	Zambia	FAO	Climate Change	Full-sized Project	13-Jun-21	30-Sep-21	-

10258	ISLANDS-Caribbean Incubator Facility	Regional	IADB	Chemicals and Waste	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	13-Aug-21	10185
10179	Mainstreaming Sustainable Land Management (SLM) for Large-Scale Impact in the Grazing Lands of Limpopo and Northern Cape provinces in South Africa	South Africa	IUCN	Land Degradation	Full-sized Project	13-Jun-21	15-Sep-21	-
10079	Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in the Philippines	Philippines	UNDP	Biodiversity	Full-sized Project	13-Jun-21	29-Oct-21	-
10172	Towards the Transboundary Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) of the Sixaola River Basin shared by Costa Rica and Panama	Regional	UNDP	International Waters	Full-sized Project	13-Jun-21	13-Sep-21	-
10174	Enhancing Adaptive Capacity of communities by up-scaling best practices and adopting an integrated approach in Ethiopia	Ethiopia	UNDP	Climate Change	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	12-Dec-21	-
10194	Capacity-building for establishing an Integrated and Enhanced Transparency Framework for Climate actions and support measures	India	UNDP	Climate Change	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	13-Dec-21	-
10202	Strengthening national capacity to manage industrial POPs within the framework of national and international guidelines on chemical substances and hazardous waste management	Colombia	UNDP	Chemicals and Waste	Full-sized Project	13-Jun-21	13-Dec-21	-
10238	Strengthening Sustainability in Commodity and Food-Crop Value Chains, Land Restoration and Land Use Governance through Integrated Landscape Management for Multiple Benefits in Indonesia	Indonesia	UNDP	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	30-Sep-21	10201
10239	Establishing System for Sustainable Integrated Land-use Planning Across New Britain Island in Papua New Guinea	Papua New Guinea	UNDP	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	30-Sep-21	10201
10243	Preventing forest loss, promoting restoration and integrating sustainability into Ethiopia's coffee supply chains and food systems	Ethiopia	UNDP	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	12-Dec-21	10201
10252	Strengthening management of protected and productive landscapes in the Surinamese Amazon	Suriname	UNDP	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	30-Sep-21	10198

10260	Strengthening the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory of the Republic of Mauritius to Improve Climate Reporting and Transparency	Mauritius	UNDP	Climate Change	Medium-sized Project	4-Apr-21	4-Jun-21	-
10261	ISLANDS - Indian Ocean Child Project	Regional	UNDP	Chemicals and Waste	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	13-Dec-21	10185
10308	Strengthening the Capacity of Institutions in Indonesia to comply with the Transparency Requirements of the Paris Agreement (CBIT)	Indonesia	UNDP	Climate Change	Medium-sized Project	22-Apr-21	21-Jul-21	-
10318	Strengthening National Institutions in Haiti to meet the Transparency Requirements of the Paris Agreement	Haiti	UNDP	Climate Change	Medium-sized Project	22-Apr-21	30-Aug-21	-
10425	Reducing Community Carbon Footprint by a Circular Economy Approach in the Republic of Serbia	Serbia	UNDP	Multi Focal Area	Medium-sized Project	21-Jul-21	21-Sep-21	-
10443	Enhancing the Energy Management System to Scale up Energy Efficiency Investments in Public Buildings in Serbia	Serbia	UNDP	Climate Change	Medium-sized Project	9-Jun-21	9-Sep-21	-
10650	Conservation and sustainable management of wetlands with focus on high-nature value areas in the Prut River basin	Moldova	UNDP	Multi Focal Area	Medium-sized Project	1-Oct-21	2-Apr-22	-
10729	Transforming Forest Landscape Governance in the Lower Ogooué - Lower Nyanga Landscape Corridor	Gabon	UNDP	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	13-Jun-22	10208
10479	Sudan's Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency Project	Sudan	UNDP	Climate Change	Medium-sized Project	1-Jul-21	1-Jan-22	-
10355	Strengthen Viet Nam's capacities to manage data flows and report information adequately to fulfill the enhanced transparency framework of the Paris Agreement requirements	Viet Nam	UNDP	Climate Change	Medium-sized Project	18-Jun-21	17-Dec-21	-
10304	Integrating Landscape Considerations in Wildlife Conservation, with Emphasis on Jaguars	Ecuador	UNDP	Biodiversity	Medium-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	10-Sep-21	10200
10100	Scaling up local adaptation and climate-risk informed planning for resilient livelihoods	Mozambique	UNDP	Climate Change	Full-sized Project	20-Jun-19	20-Sep-21	-
10430	Resilience for Peace & Stability, Food and Water Security Innovation Grant Program	Global	UNDP	Climate Change	Medium-sized Project	6-Aug-20	31-Dec-21	-

10374	GEF IW:LEARN 5: Supporting Portfolio Coordination Within and Beyond the International Waters Focal Area, particularly in Small Island Developing States, Through Knowledge Sharing, Information Management, Partnership Building and Programmatic Guidance Services	Global	UNDP	International Waters	Full-sized Project	19-Dec-21	19-Aug-21	-
10237	Integrated Landscape Management of Heart of Borneo Landscapes in Sabah and Sarawak	Malaysia	UNDP	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	12-Jun-23	10201
10307	Deforestation Free Commodity Supply Chains in the Peruvian Amazon	Peru	UNDP/FAO/IFAD	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	12-Aug-21	10201
10275	Support the Shift to Electric Mobility in Madagascar	Madagascar	UNEP	Climate Change	Medium-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	12-Jun-23	10114
10278	Support the Shift to Electric Mobility in Burundi	Burundi	UNEP	Climate Change	Medium-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	12-Jun-23	10114
10298	Integrated Community - Based Conservation of Peatlands Ecosystems and Promotion of Ecotourism in Lac Télé Landscape of Republic of Congo – ICOBACPE /PELATEL	Congo	UNEP	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	30-Dec-21	10208
10268	Inclusive Sustainable Rice Landscapes in Thailand ¹	Thailand	UNEP	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	12-Dec-21	10201
10287	Integrated management of Cameroon's forest landscapes in the Congo Basin	Cameroon	WWF-US	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	13-Dec-21	10208
10262	Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration in Tanzania's Forest Landscapes	Tanzania	WWF-US	Multi Focal Area	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	12-Dec-21	10201
10288	Securing a Living Amazon through Landscape Connectivity in Central Guyana	Guyana	WWF-US	Biodiversity	Full-sized Child Project	13-Jun-21	11-Jun-22	10198

¹ Request of extension for project ID 10268 is under review