Third Informal Consultation Meeting on Financial Support for Biennial Transparency Reports

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UNEP Economy Division
Building Capacities of Countries: - through EAs & CBIT PROJECTS

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**Latin America and the Caribbean**
- 10 countries
  - 3 CBITs, 1 BTR
  - Antigua and Barbuda
  - Bahamas
  - Dominica
  - Grenada
  - Guyana
  - St. Lucia
  - St. Kitts and Nevis
  - St. Vincent and The Grenadines
  - Suriname

**Africa**
- 43 countries
  - 24 CBITs, 4BTRs
  - Benin
  - Burkina Faso
  - Burundi
  - Cameroon
  - Chad
  - Cote d’Ivoire
  - Equatorial Guinea
  - Eswatini
  - Ghana
  - Kenya
  - Lesotho
  - Liberia
  - Malawi
  - Mali
  - Mauritania
  - Mauritius
  - Madagascar
  - Rwanda
  - Senegal
  - Sierra Leone
  - South Africa
  - Tanzania
  - Uganda
  - Zimbabwe

**Europe**
- 10 countries
  - 1 CBIT projects
    - Moldova
  - 1 Enabling Activities

**West Asia**
- 8 countries
  - 4 BTRs
  - Angola
  - Central Republic of Africa
  - Comoros
  - Republic of Congo
  - Djibouti
  - DRC
  - Eritrea
  - Gabon
  - Gambia
  - Guinea
  - Mozambique
  - Guinea-Bissau
  - Libya*** to be cancelled
  - Niger
  - Seychelles
  - Sao Tome and Principe
  - South Sudan
  - Somalia
  - Zambia

**Asia and Pacific**
- 22 countries
  - 9 CBITs, 3 BTRs
  - Afghanistan
  - Bhutan
  - Cambodia
  - Fiji
  - Lao PDR
  - Maldives
  - Mongolia
  - Myanmar* under suspension
  - Papua New Guinea
  - Kiribati
  - Korea DPR**** - suspended
  - Kyrgyzstan
  - Nauru
  - Nepal
  - Niue
  - Pakistan
  - Palau
  - Solomon Islands
  - Turkmenistan
  - Tuvalu
  - Uzbekistan
  - Vietnam

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Projections on BTR Submission in GEF 7

Approved (8 BTRs re: previous slide)

In preparation (appx. 24-30 BTRs)

- Expedited - stand-alone submissions (4 BTRs)
  - 4 BTRs (Moldova, Oman, Malaysia, Vietnam)
  - Expected implementation start date towards end of Yr. 2022

- Umbrella(s) submission for June, 2022 GEF Council consideration: - ongoing discussions with the GEF Sec
  - 20-26 BTRs

Total BTRs GEF 7: 32-38 BTRs
GEF 8 suggestions to expedite BTR submissions by Dec 2024 and beyond

Submission process

Modality 1

➢ Use the one-step EA submission (MSP)
  • Allow for the ceiling of the one-step EA submission to be raised to an MSP of 2 Mi
  • Allow for PPG resources using the recovery post-project approval modality that already exists for one-step MSPs
  • Allow for a very short and standardised template and simplified technical review from the GEF for the one-step EA submission
  • New BTR/NC requests can be submitted for funding before a country has submitted their reports to the UNFCCC, while the IA commit not to disburse funding until the previous report is submitted to the UNFCCC

Modality 2

➢ Use a one-step EA umbrella submission (FSP)
  • This can work if the we have very simplified inputs from countries, simplified technical review from the GEF, and the council defers approval to the GEF CEO, and hence it is not time-bound with council approval

Other issues to speed up the process

• Allow to bundle 2 BTRs/NC in one-step or umbrella EA submission
• Provide 5% Execution Support across the board to any EA project or an equivalent corporate grant
• Increase PMC from 10 to 13%
• Remove the audit costs from PMC
Other measures

• Agency internal efficiency
  Options being explored:
  • Single modular EA project document for all countries for the next UNEP MTS period (2022-2026) which countries can be added
  • Reduce number of internal reviews to one
  • Discussion on how to improve financial management through maybe external partner