

Third Informal Consultation Meeting on Financial Support for Biennial Transparency Reports

24 February 2022

Building Capacities of Countries: - through EAs & CBIT PROJECTS

UNEP's Current Portfolio: - 84 countries, 37 have requested for CBIT resources & 8 for BTR funding

Latin America and the Caribbean

10 countries

3 CBITs, 1 BTR

Antigua and Barbuda
Bahamas
Haiti

Dominica
Grenada
Guyana
St. Lucia
St. Kitts and Nevis
St. Vincent and The Grenadines
Suriname

10 Enabling Activities

Africa

43 countries

24 CBITs, 4BTRs

Benin	Malawi
Burkina Faso	Mali
Burundi	Mauritania
Cameroon	Mauritius
Chad	Madagascar
Cote d'Ivoire	Rwanda
Equatorial Guinea	Senegal
Eswatini	Sierra Leone
Ghana	South Africa
Kenya	Tanzania
Lesotho	Uganda
Liberia	Zimbabwe

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

43 Enabling Activities

Europe

1 country

Moldova
1 Enabling Activities

West Asia

8 countries

1 CBIT projects

Azerbaijan

Bahrain
Iraq
Oman
Kuwait
Qatar
Yemen
Saudi Arabia

8 Enabling Activities

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

22 Enabling Activities

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