Access modalities to GEF funding from Implementing Agencies - UNDP

GEF Support for BTR Financing and Access Modalities - Asia & the Pacific
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UNDP Portfolio BTR and BTR/NC projects
Access modalities for countries

Following 3 modalities under INFORMATION NOTE ON THE UPDATE OF THE COST STRUCTURE FOR THE FINANCING OF BIENNIAL TRANSPARENCY REPORTS FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRY PARTIES TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT

- two BTRs and one NC (as applicable) as part of the same enabling activity project
  - $BTR1+BTR2/NCx$
  - $BTR1/NCx+BTR2$

- Up to 1,233,000 USD from GEF set-aside ($600,000 for standalone BTR + $633,000 for combined BTR/NC)
  + Additional resources can be accessed from country System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) allocations

- Expedited 1 step approval process for CC EAs projects (below USD 2 million), can be submitted on rolling basis
  or
- 2 steps approval process for CC EAs projects (above USD 2 million), follow GEF Work program schedule

- Top-up modality for BTR1:
  (available from January 1, 2023, onwards)

- Ongoing NC/BUR project with duration up to/beyond Dec 2024
  + Up to USD 250,000 from GEF set-aside

- Expedited 1 step approval process for CC EAs projects (below USD 2 million), can be submitted on rolling basis
Overview of the process for EA projects

1. Government request to UNDP CO
2. Capacity Assessment process
   - UNDP CO
   - Implementing Partner
3. Project Proposal development
   - EA request, ProDoc with mandatory annexes, GEF OFP Endorsement letter, GEF checklist for audit risk review, SESP, GAAP, etc., as applicable
4. UNDP Internal clearance/Submission to the GEF Sec
5. Review and approval process by the GEF Sec
   - + 4 weeks circulation to the Council
6. DoA clearance
7. ProDoc signature/Start date of project implementation
   - First Disbursement, Inception Workshop, Annual status survey, Submission to the UNFCCC, End of project report, Operational and Financial Closure
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