Informal Consultation Meeting on Financial Support for Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs)

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Session 2: Potential options for Providing Support for the First BTR

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Key questions to explore

• How can the GEF sequence its support for countries’ final BURs and first BTRs?
• What are the resource implications for GEF-7 and beyond?
• What is the experience of existing support modalities and how can these be enhanced?
Existing support modalities for NCs and BURs

Up to $500,000 for NCs and $352,000 for BURs from set-aside resources

- **Expedited Enabling Activity**
  - Up to $2M processed under CEO expedited approval process
  - Request through a GEF Agency or through Direct Access modality
  - Stand-alone report or combined NC/BUR project

- **Non-expedited Enabling Activity**
  - Beyond $2M follows project cycle of full-sized projects
  - Countries can complement full-agreed costs with STAR allocation

- **Umbrella Programme**
  - Consolidates multiple country requests into a full-sized project using a standardized framework
  - Participating countries confirmed at CEO endorsement
Expedited vs. Full-sized (Non-expedited and Umbrella Programmes) Project Cycles

Expedited
- Request Submission
- GEF review
- Implementation
- CEO Approval
- Submission to UNFCCC

Full-sized
- Request Submission
- Technical Clearance
- GEF review
- Wait for next Work Program
- Project preparation
- Full-project Submission
- Council Approval
- GEF review
- CEO Endorsement
- Implementation
- Submission to UNFCCC

Note: Timelines not to scale

Total timeline averages 30-40 months

~2 months
Up to 8 months
~2 months
Choice of modalities for BURs

- **Non SIDS/LDCs** have utilized both expedited modalities: stand-alone or combined with NC
- **SIDS/LDCs** have been mostly supported by the umbrella programmes
- Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico and South Africa have chosen to complement full-agreed cost with STAR allocation
- These different modalities provide flexibility to countries and implementing agencies
### Objective 3: Foster enabling conditions for mainstreaming mitigation concerns into sustainable development strategies

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Potential resource implications of supporting BTRs in GEF-7

• GEF expected to continue supporting BURs and NCs, as well as respond to CBIT requests, with remaining set-aside resources.
  • According to latest information reported to the COP:
    • Up to 100 countries could request resources for a BUR ~$38 million
    • Up to 60 countries could request resources for a NC ~$33 million
  • CBIT resources are available to developing countries upon request.
    • To date, 62 countries have been supported and 12 countries have projects under review
    • Over 70 other countries eligible for CBIT support
Countries eligible for support for first BTR

154 non-Annex I Parties

147 Parties to the Paris Agreement

75 non-SIDS/LDCs

Shall submit first BTR by December 2024 latest

~$30-40 million

72 SIDS/LDCs

May submit at their discretion

~$30-40 million
Other factors to consider

• Sequencing of reports
  • 107 countries are preparing BURs (83 expected to be submitted through 2021)
  • 114 countries are preparing NCs (70 expected to be submitted through 2021)

• Administrative capacity of agencies
  • Supporting over 70 countries to prepare and submit their BTRs on time, and supporting SIDS and LDCs to prepare and submit at their discretion

• Responding to COP guidance related to improving efficiency of the process for providing support
  • Streamlining application processes, implementation plans and signing of grant agreements
  • Support multiple reports through single application within a replenishment period

• Resource availability
Potential options for support

We are aiming to offer support to all countries that must meet the December 2024 by the end of GEF-7 (June 2022)

• **Modality A – Stand-alone or bundled with NC**
  Support ~50 countries through stand-alone or bundled requests on a first-come, first-served basis using existing modalities in GEF-7.

• **Modality B – Umbrella Programme**
  Plan for an umbrella program for BTRs that supports a set number of countries for inclusion in the June/December 2021 Work Program. If additional countries want to join, the umbrella program could be expanded prior to July 2022 if there are enough resources.

• **Modality C – Amendment of existing EA**
  Provide top-up resources to GEF-7 BURs/NCs already under implementation and with expected submission dates after 2022, so they meet BTR requirements.

**Caveats to consider**

- What to do about ongoing BUR and NC support in GEF-7?
  May need to set a deadline for requests for support of last BURs (i.e. January 1, 2021) to focus resources and avoid duplication

- What to do about SIDS/LDCs?

- How to respond to guidance regarding multiple reports in GEF-7?