**GEF ID:** 10014  
**Country/Region:** Jamaica  
**Project Title:** Strengthening Jamaica’s Capacity to meet transparency requirements under the Paris Agreement  
**GEF Agency:** IADB  
**Type of Trust Fund:** Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency  
**GEF Focal Area(s):** Climate Change  
**GEF-6 Focal Area/LDCF/SCCF Objective(s):** CBIT-1;  
**Anticipated Financing PPG:** Project Grant: $1,300,000  
**Co-financing:** $159,000  
**Total Project Cost:** $1,459,000  
**PIF Approval:** Council Approval/Expected:  
**CEO Endorsement/Approval:** Expected Project Start Date:  
**Program Manager:** Milena Vasquez  
**Agency Contact Person:** gerard Alleng

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| **Project Consistency** | 1. Is the project aligned with the relevant GEF strategic objectives and results framework?  
                          | MGV, March 29, 2018: Yes, the project is aligned with the CBIT Programming Directions. |                                                                    |
|                       | 2. Is the project consistent with the recipient country’s national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions?  
| **Project Design**    | 3. Does the PIF sufficiently indicate the                                   | MGV, March 29, 2018: Please                                                        |                 |

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1 For BD projects: has the project explicitly articulated which Aichi Target(s) the project will help achieve and are SMART indicators identified, that will be used to track the project’s contribution toward achieving the Aichi Target(s)?
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<td>address comments below: a) One of the challenges raised is that there is no funding to support regular and continuous inventory preparation. How will this challenge be addressed through this project or outside of it to ensure sustainability? MGV, May 18, 2018: a) Comment cleared.</td>
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<td>4. Is the project designed with sound incremental reasoning?</td>
<td>MGV, March 29, 2018: A number of barriers and constraints to meeting the requirements of Article 13 are identified. Please address the following comments: a) Please make explicit reference to the capacity-building needs raised by the ICA process both in the baseline scenario and incremental reasoning (how they will be addressed by the project) sections. b) Please explain how the Outputs 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 are incremental to the assessments of institutional arrangements included as part of the TNC and 2BUR project. c) It is not clear if section 1.2.4 refers to existing plans and activities to build a transparency framework or to the CBIT proposal itself. Please</td>
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\(^2\) Need not apply to LDCF/SCCF projects.
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<td><strong>Are the components in Table B sound and sufficiently clear and</strong></td>
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<td>a) Output 1.1.1. How will the project institutionalize the National Transparency Working Group? Will it require a legal mandate?</td>
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<td>a) How will the Centralised National Climate Knowledge Platform be sustained after the project ends? b) Please clarify how the project will actually promote the use of information in the platform to inform decision-making (linkage between GHGs and other information with sectoral policy, etc). Also, clarify</td>
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<td>b) MOUs may be used and will take advantage of the existing focal point network. Comment cleared.</td>
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<td>c) Comment cleared. Existing arrangement have been clarified.</td>
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<td>d) Comment cleared for now. By CEO Endorsement we will expect to see a cleared vision for how exactly distributed ledger technology will be piloted in Jamaica with this project.</td>
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<td><strong>6. Are socio-economic aspects, including relevant gender elements, indigenous people, and CSOs considered?</strong></td>
<td><strong>MGV, March 29, 2018: The project will involve the participation of civil society and academia, including the Jamaica Environment Trust, the Caribbean Youth Environment Network and the University of the West Indies- Mona Campus (Climate Studies Group). The project takes into account gender equality, including by developing a gender responsive results based framework.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Availability of Resources</strong></td>
<td><strong>7. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):</strong></td>
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<td>8. Is the PIF being recommended for clearance and PPG (if additional amount beyond the norm) justified?</td>
<td>MGV, March 29, 2018: Please address comments above. In addition please fix the following on the PIF: - Table A cofinancing is only listed in the total row; please add above. - Table D under Country/Regional Global should say &quot;Jamaica&quot; not Headquarters - Please fill out Table F with the appropriate indicator under (6) for one country</td>
<td>MGV, May 18, 2018: All comments have been addressed and the below edits have been made. PM recommends CEO PIF Approval.</td>
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