



December 5, 2014

Dear Ms. Amaral,

Subject: Medium-Size Project, Algeria: Developing a national strategy and legal and institutional framework on access to genetic resources and related benefit sharing and traditional knowledge in line with the CBD and its Nagoya Protocol in Algeria – PIMS No. 5311 – ATLAS BU: DZA10 – Proposal No.: 00081384 - Project No.: 00090673

I am pleased to delegate to you as the UNDP Resident Representative the authority to sign the Initiation Plan for the above-mentioned Project Preparation Grant (PPG) on behalf of UNDP, and to commence development of the main project. The Initiation Plan, which amounts to a total of \$60,000 has received its final approval in accordance with the established GEF procedures (CEO approval letter attached for ease of reference).

I am also pleased to provide a summary of the next steps in the process and to outline, for your easy reference, the mandatory GEF-specific project financial and results management requirements. In addition, a number of Advisory Notes have been prepared to support the implementation of Initiation Plans and UNDP supported GEF funded projects. These can be found in the UNDP-GEF Programming Manual at <http://intra.undp.org/gef>.

Next steps and mandatory GEF-specific requirements:

1. ***Issuance of Authorized Spending Limit (ASL):*** To facilitate a quick start to the PPG, once the Initiation Plan is signed, please kindly ensure that the Atlas-generated *Annual Work Plan (AWP)* based on the *Total Budget and Annual Work Plan* in the attached document, along with a copy of the signed cover page, is sent to Mr. Yves de Soye, Regional Technical Advisor (RTA) in Istanbul.

Any proposed budget revisions should be forwarded to the UNDP RTA together with a clear explanation of the changes proposed as any significant changes require review and approval. In addition, please note that UNDPGEF is not in a position to increase the project budget above the amount already approved by the GEF Council. Therefore, any over-expenditure on this project would have to be absorbed by other Country Office resources.

2. ***GEF-specific project management requirements:***

- Any changes with respect to the objectives of the initiation plan will have to be discussed with and approved by the RTA, as they will have to be reported to the GEF.

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Resident Representative
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The final project document and annexes must be ready by 21 May 2015 as outlined in the Initiation Plan. The RTA will advise you of the expected timeline for submission of the final project document for the purpose of internal UNDP clearance prior to submission to the GEF Secretariat.

- All efforts should be made to completely commit the GEF PPG resources by the time the project document is submitted to the GEF for CEO endorsement. A report on the use of the PPG resources is included in Annex C of the GEF CEO Endorsement template.
- If the PPG activities and resources have not been fully completed/committed by CEO endorsement, the same reporting table must be submitted with the first project implementation report (APR/PIR) due one year after project document signature.
- This preparatory phase must be operationally completed in Atlas once the main project is endorsed by the GEF CEO. Financial closure should follow within 12 months, but preferably within the same calendar year.
- In order to accord proper acknowledgement to the GEF for providing funding, full compliance is needed with the GEF's Communication and Visibility Guidelines (the "GEF Guidelines"). The GEF Guidelines can be accessed at: http://www.thegef.org/gef/sites/thegef.org/files/documents/C.40.08_Branding_the_GEF%20final_0.pdf. Full compliance is also required with UNDP's branding guidelines. These can be accessed at <http://intra.undp.org/coa/branding.shtml>, and specific guidelines on UNDP logo use can be accessed at: <http://intra.undp.org/branding/useOfLogo.html>.

In concluding, I would like to assure you of UNDP-GEF's and my personal commitment to a successful implementation of the Initiation Plan. The RTA is at your disposal for advice and technical support. Should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Adriana Dinu
UNDP-GEF Executive Coordinator

cc: Ms. Sima Sami Bahous, Assistant Administrator and Bureau Director RBAS
Mr. Yves de Soye, UNDP-GEF Regional Technical Advisor, Istanbul, Turkey

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Annexes

Annex 1 CEO approval letter for PIF



Naoko Ishii
CEO and Chairperson

May 21, 2014

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Dear Ms. Dinu:

I am pleased to inform you that I have approved the medium-sized project concept detailed below. I have also approved your request for project preparation grant.

Decision Sought:	Project Identification Form (PIF) and Project Preparation Grant (PPG) Approval
GEFSEC ID:	5808
Agency(ies):	UNDP
Agency ID:	5311 (UNDP)
Focal Area:	Biodiversity
Project Type:	Medium Size Project
Country(ies):	Algeria
Name of Project:	Developing a National Strategy and Legal and Institutional Framework on Access to Genetic Resources and Related Benefit Sharing and Traditional Knowledge in Line with the CBD and Its Nagoya Protocol in Algeria
Indicative GEF Project Grant:	\$1,940,000
Indicative Agency Fee:	\$184,300
PPG Grant:	\$60,000
PPG Agency Fee:	\$5,700
Funding Source:	GEF Trust Fund

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This PIF and PPG approval is subject to the comments made by the GEF Secretariat in the attached project review document. It is also based on the understanding that the project is in conformity with GEF focal areas strategies and in line with GEF policies and procedures. Please submit your final medium-sized project document for my approval no later than 12 months after PIF approval.

Sincerely,



Naoko Ishii
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Attachment: GEFSEC Project Review Document
Copy to: Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee

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Annex 2: UNDP Project Cycle Management Services

Stage	Country Office ¹	UNDP/GEF at regional and global level
Identification, Sourcing/Screening of Ideas, and Due Diligence	Identify project ideas as part of country programme/CPAP and UNDAF/CCA.	RTA role: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical input to CCA/UNDAFs and CPAPs where appropriate. • Input on policy alignment between projects and programmes. • Provide information on substantive issues and specialized funding opportunities (SOFs). • Policy advisory services including identifying, accessing, combining and sequencing financing. • Verify potential eligibility of identified idea.
	Assist proponent to formulate project idea / prepare project idea paper (e.g. GEF PIF/PPG), and ensuring it is aligned with country outcomes and UNDP Strategic Plan key results, and included in Country Office Integrated Work Plan in the ERBM Platform.	RTA role: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and development. • Provide up-front guidance. • Sourcing of technical expertise. • Verification of technical reports and project conceptualization. • Guidance on SOF expectations and requirements. • Undertake pre-screening of potential environmental and social opportunities and risks. • Training and capacity building for the Environmental Officers at the Country Offices, as part of annual Regional Community of Practice meeting or during the RTA's mission(s) in the country.
	<i>Appraisal:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and appraise project idea. • Undertake capacity assessments of implementing partner as per UNDP POPP. • Monitor project cycle milestones. 	RTA and PTA role <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide detailed screening against technical, financial, and risk criteria. • Determine likely eligibility against identified SOF.
	<i>Partners:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist proponent to identify and negotiate with relevant partners, cofinanciers, etc 	RTA role: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in identifying technical partners. • Validate partner technical abilities.
	<i>Obtain clearances:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government, UNDP, Implementing Partner, LPAC, cofinanciers, etc. 	RTA and PTA role: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain SOF clearances.
Project Development	<i>Initiation Plan:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination, management and financial oversight of UNDP Initiation Plan • Discuss management arrangements 	RTA and PA role: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in preparation of UNDP Initiation Plan • Technical support, backstopping and troubleshooting. • Support discussions on management arrangements • Facilitate issuance of DOA

¹ As per UNDP POPP with additional SOF requirements where relevant.

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Stage	Country Office ¹	UNDP/GEF at regional and global level
	<p><i>Project Document:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support project development, assist proponent to identify and negotiate with relevant partners, cofinanciers, etc. • Undertake environmental and social screening of project before PAC. Ensure Environmental and Social Screening Procedure (ESSP) documentation is signed by the Resident Representative or Chair of PAC meeting and attached as Annex to the Project Document. • Review, appraise, finalize Project Document. • Negotiate and obtain clearances and signatures – Government, UNDP, Implementing Partner, cofinanciers, etc. Coordinate LPAC and document meeting decisions. • Respond to information requests, arrange revisions etc. • Prepare operational and financial reports on development stage as needed. 	<p>RTA role:</p> <p>Sourcing of technical expertise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification of technical reports and project conceptualization. • Guidance on SOF expectations and requirements. • Negotiate and obtain clearances by SOF • Respond to information requests, arrange revisions etc. • Quality assurance and due diligence.
<p><i>Key UNDP/GEF management performance indicators/targets for Project Development:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Time between PIF approval to CEO endorsement for each project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target for GEF trust fund project: FSP = 18 months or less, MSP 12 months or less. • Target for LDCF and SCCF FSP/MSP = 12 months or less. 2. Time between CEO endorsement to project document signature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target = 4 months or less 		
<p>Project Oversight</p>	<p><i>Management Oversight and support</i></p>	<p><i>Technical and SOF Oversight and support</i></p>
	<p><i>Project Launch/Inception Workshop</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation and coordination. • Participate in Inception Workshop 	<p>RTA role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical support in preparing TOR and verifying expertise for technical positions. • Participate in recruitment process for Chief Technical Advisor and/or Project Manager, if RTA elects to do so. • Verification of technical validity / match with SOF expectations of inception report. • Participate in Inception Workshop
	<p><i>Management arrangements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate consolidation of the Project Management Unit, where relevant. • Facilitate and support Project Board meetings as outlined in project document and agreed with UNDP RTA. • Provide project assurance role if specified in project document. • Ensure completion of timesheets as required. 	<p>RTA role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical input and support to TOR development. Troubleshooting support. • Support in sourcing of potentially suitable candidates and subsequent review of CVs/recruitment process.
	<p><i>Annual Work Plan:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuance of AWP. • Monitor implementation of the annual work plan and timetable. 	<p>RTA and PA role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory services as required • Review AWP, and clear for ASL where relevant.

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	<p><i>Financial management:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct budget revisions, verify expenditures, advance funds, issue combined delivery reports, and ensure no over-expenditure of budget. • Ensure necessary audits. 	<p>RTA, PA and Finance Unit roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of ASLs, based on cleared AWP • Return of unspent funds to donor • Monitor projects to ensure activities funded by donor comply with agreements and project document • Oversight and monitoring to ensure financial transparency and clear reporting to the donor
	<p><i>Results Management:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment: link project output to CPAP Outcome in project tree in Atlas, link CPAP outcome in project tree to UNDP Strategic Key Result Area as outlined in project document during UNDP work planning Gender: In ATLAS, rate each output on a scale of 0-3 for gender relevance. • UNDP monitoring requirements: Monitor progress on quarterly basis in IWP, and monitor risks in Atlas. • Submit annual APR/PIR report. • Arrange mid-term review: prepare TOR, hire personnel, plan and facilitate mission / meetings / debriefing, circulate draft and final reports. • Submit GEF Focal Area Tracking Tool completed by Project Team to mid-term review team. • Ensure tracking of committed and actual co financing as part of mid-term review. • Ensure translation of mid-term review into English. • Prepare management response to mid-term review. • Annual site visits – at least one site visit per year, report to be circulated no later than 2 weeks after visit completion. 	<p>RTA role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory services as required. • Quality assurance. • Project visits – technical support visit during life of Project as required.

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	<p><i>Evaluation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate project terminal evaluation into CO evaluation plan. Identify synergies with country outcome evaluations. • Arrange terminal evaluation: prepare TOR, hire personnel, plan and facilitate mission / meetings / debriefing, circulate draft and final reports. • Submit GEF Focal Area Tracking Tool completed by Project Team to evaluation team. • Ensure tracking of committed and actual co financing as part of terminal evaluation. • Ensure translation of terminal evaluation into English. • Prepare management response to terminal evaluation and post both terminal evaluation report and management response in UNDP ERC. • Facilitate and participate in other UNDP and GEF evaluations as necessary. 	<p>RTA, PA, RKS roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical support and analysis. • Quality assurance. • Compilation of lessons and consolidation of learning. • Dissemination of technical findings. • Participate as necessary in other SOF evaluations.
	<p><i>Project Closure:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final budget revision and financial closure (within 12 months after operational completion). • Final reports as required by donor and/or UNDP-GEF. 	<p>RTA, PA role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory services as required. • Technical input. • Quality assurance.
<p><i>Key UNDP GEF management performance indicators/targets for Project Oversight:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each project aligned with country outcomes and UNDP Strategic Plan key results, and included in Country Office Integrated Work Plan in the ERBM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target = 100% 2. Quality rating of annual APR/PIRs: Once completed and submitted, the quality of each project APR/PIR is rated by an external reviewer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target = Rating of Satisfactory or above 3. Quality rating of Terminal Evaluation report: Once completed, the quality of the terminal evaluation report is rated by the UNDP Evaluation Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target = Rating of Satisfactory or above 4. Quality of results achieved by project as noted in terminal evaluation: the independent evaluator assigns an overall rating to the outcome achieved by the project and this rating is validated by the UNDP Evaluation Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target = Satisfactory or above 		