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## **Note to the file**

### **On opening of a new award for Small Grants Programme**

The Small Grant Programme (SGP) is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) as a corporate programme, implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) within the GEF partnership, and executed by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).

SGP is present in Albania since 1998 with 176 projects for a total of \$1,949,694 and performs activities in biodiversity conservation, abatement of climate change, protection of international waters, prevention of land degradation and elimination of persistent organic pollutants.

The JEC in the last meeting held on 21 April 2011 approved the allocation of \$150,000 (one hundred fifty thousand USD) for SGP Albania. The above mentioned allocation of One UN Coherence funds will be implemented by UNDP in cooperation with SGP Albania through Direct Implementation Modality.

This note to file justifies the opening of a new award for SGP without a full project document to simplify the project management process in line with CPD/CPAP based on:

- Outcome 2.1 of the current CPAP 'Policies developed and implemented that support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals';
- Result 5.1.4 of the One UN Annual Work Plan 'Level of civil society support and participation in mainstreaming environment increased, e.g., through enhanced community participation in environmental decision-making and monitoring'.

The programming area and the work of SGP in Albania are articulated in both above mentioned documents

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