

September 02, 2014.

Dear Mr. O'Malley,

Subject: Medium-Size Project, Dominica: Low Carbon Development Path: Promoting energy efficient lighting and solar photovoltaic technologies in streets, outdoor areas and public buildings in island communities nationwide—PIMS No. 4969 - ATLAS BU: BRB10 - Proposal No.: 00082467 - Project No.: 00091369.

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) / Programme Cooperation Budget (PCB) on behalf of UNDP, and to commence development of the main project. The Initiation Plan, which amounts to a total of USD 100,000, 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 <a href="http://intra.undp.org/gef">http://intra.undp.org/gef</a>.

## Next steps and mandatory GEF-specific requirements:

1. <u>Issuance of Authorized Spending Limit (ASL)</u>: To facilitate a quick start to the PPG/PCB, 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. Raul Alfaro Pelico, Regional Technical Advisor (RTA) in Panama.

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.

Mr. Stephen O'Malley Resident Representative UNDP Barbados Barbados

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- The final project document and annexes must be ready by June 11, 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.p df. 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.

Adriana Dinu

Yours sincerely

UNDP-GEF Executive Coordinator and

Director a.i.

Ms. Jessica Faieta, UN Assistant Secretary-General and Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean

Mrs. Lara Blanco, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Barbados and the OECS

Mr. Marcel Alers, Head, Energy, Infrastructure, Transport & Technology, UNDP-GEF

Mr. Raul Alfaro Pelico, UNDP/GEF Regional Technical Advisor, Panama City, Panama.

Mr. Ricky Wilson, Programme Manager, UNDP Barbados and the OECS

cc:

## **Annexes**

Annex 1

CEO approval letter for PIF



Nuoko Ishii CEO and Chairperson

June 12, 2014

Ms. Adriana Dinu GEF Executive Coordinator United Nations Development Programme One United Nations Plaza New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. 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:	5686	
Agency(ies):	UNDP	
Agency ID:	(יוגואיט) פאפן (יוגואיט)	
Focal Area:	Climate Change	
Project Type	Medium Size Project	
Country(ies);	Dominica	
Name of Project.	Low Carbon Development Path Promoting Energy Efficient Lighting and Solar Photovoltaic Technologies	
Indicative GEF Project Grant:	\$1,726,484	
Indicative Agency Fee:	\$164,016	
PPG Grant:	\$100,000	
PPG Agency Fee:	\$9,500	
Funding Source:	OFF Trust Fund	

This PIF and PPG approval is subject to the comments made by the GUT Secretariat in the intached project review document. It is also based on the understanding that the project is in conformity with GUT 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,

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Attachment Copy to: GEFSEC Project Review Document

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Annex 2: Project Cycle Management Services

Stage	Country Office <sup>1</sup>	UNDP/GEF at regional and global level
Project	Initiation Plan:	RTA and PA role:
Development		<ul> <li>Assist in preparation of UNDP Initiation Plan</li> <li>Technical support, backstopping and troubleshooting.</li> <li>Support discussions on management arrangements</li> <li>Facilitate issuance of DOA</li> </ul>

Key UNDP/GEF management performance indicators/targets for Project Development:

- 1. Time between PIF approval to CEO endorsement for each project:
  - 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 (or PAC for non GEF funded projects) to first disbursement for each project;
  - Target = 4 months or less

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As per UNDP POPP with additional SOF requirements where relevant. 304 East 45th Street, New York, New York 10017 USA, Tel: 1 212 906 5143, Fax 1 212 906 6998, www.undp.org4