

July 10, 2018



Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.

Your Excellency, Dear Mr. Carsten Damsgaard,

Subject: Request for no-cost extension of the China-Ghana and China-Zambia South-South Cooperation on Renewable Energy Technology Transfer

Following the recommendations of the Global Steering Committee (GSC) that convened on July 9, 2018, we hereby submit our request for a no-cost extension of the two projects China-Ghana and China-Zambia South-South Cooperation on Renewable Energy Technology Transfer until December 31, 2019.

As informed by the implementing partners at the GSC meeting, the projects have achieved significant results and are on track to be a replicable modality for trilateral cooperation, as well as demonstration of technology transfer solutions for Africa's energy problem. The projects are overall around a 75% completion rate, but more time is needed to realize fully the results of the project as envisioned at design stage. As highlighted in the Annual Progress Reports of 2017, the projects experienced delays due to personnel turnover and procurement processes for the demonstration projects, as special guidelines for procurement had to be applied. Furthermore, a no-cost extension would allow the projects to work towards solutions for the overall financial situation, including identification of co-financing for key activities.

The trilateral project modality is a new approach to South-South Cooperation (SSC) and is proving to be a successful model. The national implementing partners in China, Ghana and Zambia are integrating key elements of cooperation beyond the project already, as they are developing new platforms for demand-driven South-South Cooperation. Both the implementing partners and UNDP consider these projects flagship projects for their modality, as the trilateral cooperation is adding value to traditional cooperation modalities, bringing together technical and implementation capacity transfer with a multilateral platform that is able to leverage comparative advantages of partners involved.

1/2

ATT: H.E Mr. Carsten Damsgaard
Ambassador of Denmark to China

United Nations Development Programme
联合国开发计划署

UNDP is very grateful for the supportive and constructive partnership with Denmark, and believe that the continued support of the Government of Denmark is key to the success of our joint engagement with China as it continues to expand its South-South/trilateral portfolio in the near future. We are looking forward to your continued support and positive response to our request. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have suggestions or further queries.

Please accept the assurance of our highest consideration.



*Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.*

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Agi Veres', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Agi Veres
Country Director