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1st October 2007

Ms. Monique Barbut
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility
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USA

Dear Ms. Barbut

RE: ENDORSEMENT OF THE GEF SGP STRATEGY FOR THE UTILIZATION OF RAF RESOURCES

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Kenya, I confirm that the above-mentioned RAF Utilization Strategy is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitment made by Kenya under the relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the CBD and UNFCCC focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the SGP RAF Strategy prepared with the support of NSC members, and Ms. Nancy Chege, GEF SGP National Coordinator – Kenya.

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The country has decided to allocate the sum of US\$ 1,000,000 of funds (USD 600,000 for Biodiversity conservation and USD 400,000 for Climate Change) under the GEF Resource allocation Framework (RAF) made available to Kenya in the entire duration of GEF-4 (2007-2010) to cover the implementation of the RAF Strategy of SGP Kenya and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

For the first half GEF-4, I understand that the GEF financing from the country RAF allocation requested under this Strategy to cover the SGP period from July 2007 to June 2008 is US\$300,000, and I hereby endorse the utilization of the amount of USD 170,000 for Biodiversity Conservation and USD 130,000 for Climate Change for this purpose.

Yours Sincerely,



**A. MUUSYA MWINZI (DR.)
DIRECTOR GENERAL
GEF OPERATIONAL FOCAL POINT**

CC Mr. Parkinson Ndonge, CBD focal pint
Ms. Emily Massawa, UNFCCC focal point
Dr. Delfin Ganapin, SGP Global Manager



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No. 607/WREA-DOE

Date: 18 July 2008

Dear Ms. Barbut,

Subject: Endorsement of RAF Fund for the implementation of Small Grants Programme in Lao P.D.R

According to the decision by GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) Steering Committee meeting in November 2006, and the Project Document for SGP Operational Phase IV, Lao P.D.R. will be one of the new countries to join GEF SGP. The Government of Lao P.D.R. warmly welcomes this decision, and confirms its strong commitment to launch this programme in Lao P.D.R. immediately, following SGP Operational Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures.

Under the RAF framework, Lao P.D.R. has an allocation of \$5.2 million in the biodiversity focal area. While the Government of Lao P.D.R. continues to work with GEF implementing and executing agencies to develop full-sized and medium-sized projects, the Government has decided to allocate the sum of \$600,000 from the RAF biodiversity focal area to launch the Small Grants Programme in our country during the rest of GEF-4 (2008-June 2010). According to SGP fund access criteria, a matching fund of \$600,000 from SGP core fund will be made available.

A country programme strategy, including the strategy to utilize the RAF fund, will be developed by a multi-sectoral National Steering Committee, in accordance with the Government's national priorities and the commitments made by Lao P.D.R. under the relevant global environmental conventions. I hereby endorse the utilization of the amount of \$600,000 of the RAF Fund from the biodiversity focal area by SGP- Lao P.D.R. during the second half of GEF-4 (2008-2010). I understand from GEF policy that this includes 10% implementation and execution fees. The Country Programme operating budget will be provided by SGP separately.

I take this opportunity to assure you the strong support of the Government to ensure the successful implementation of SGP in Lao P.D.R.

Yours sincerely,



Ms. Bounkham Vorachit
DDG of Environment Department
GEF Political Focal Point

To: **Ms. Monique Barbut**
CEO and Chairperson
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Copy to: Delfin Ganapin, SGP Global Manager



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Antananarivo, 20 September 2007

To: Ms. Monique Barbut
CEO and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility, GEF
Washington, USA

Subject: Endorsement of the GEF SGP Strategy for the Utilization of RAF Resources

Dear Ms. Barbut:

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Madagascar, I confirm that the above-mentioned RAF Utilization Strategy is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitment made by Madagascar under the relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the CBD focal point, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the SGP RAF Strategy prepared with the support of NSC members, and Vololoniaina RASOARIMANANA, GEF SGP National Coordinator – Madagascar

The country has decided to allocate the sum of US\$ 2 100 000 of funds under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) made available to Madagascar in the entire duration of GEF-4 (2007-2010) to cover the implementation of the RAF Strategy of SGP Madagascar and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

For the first half GEF-4, I understand that the GEF financing from the country RAF allocation requested under this Strategy to cover the SGP period from July 2007 to June 2008 is US\$ 500 000 and I hereby endorse the utilization of the amount of US \$ 500 000 from biodiversity focal area for this purpose.

Sincerely,

Tovondriaka RAKOTOBE
Secretary General
Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests

Copy to: CBD
SGP Global Manager



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Dear Ms. Barbut,

Endorsement of the GEF SGP RAF Strategy for the Utilization of GEF RAF Resources

In my capacity as the GEF Operational Focal Point for Malaysia, I confirm that the above-mentioned GEF SGP RAF Strategy for the Utilization of RAF Resources is in accordance with the Government's national priorities and the commitments made by Malaysia under the relevant global environmental conventions, which has also been discussed with the relevant stakeholders, including the CBD and UNFCCC focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

2. Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the GEF SGP Malaysia RAF Strategy, prepared with the support of NSC member(s), Government of Malaysia, appropriate stakeholders, and Dr. Martin Abraham, National Coordinator of GEF SGP Malaysia.

3. The country has already committed a total sum of US\$ 1.325 million of GEF RAF funds to GEF SGP Malaysia (US\$ 760,000 for the Biodiversity and US\$ 565,000 for the Climate Change GEF Focal Areas), under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) made available to Malaysia, for the entire duration of the GEF4 Phase (2007-2010), to cover the implementation of the GEF SGP Malaysia RAF Strategy, and its associated management services (10% of the GEF RAF funds committed to GEF SGP Malaysia).

4. For the first half of the GEF4 Phase, I understand that the GEF financing from the GEF RAF allocation for Malaysia being requested, under the GEF SGP Malaysia RAF Strategy, over the period, July 2007-June 2008, is US\$ 662,500, and for which I hereby endorse the utilization of US\$ 380,000 for the Biodiversity and US\$ 282,500 for the Climate Change GEF Focal Areas respectively by GEF SGP Malaysia.

Sincerely,



DR. LIAN KOK FEI

Under Secretary

Conservation and Environmental Management Division

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Malaysia

And GEF Operational Focal Point

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GEF SGP Global Manager
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MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Government Centre, Port Louis, Mauritius

MY REF. : CF/50/100/40/21 V 13

Date : 28 September 2007

YOUR REF. :

Ms Monique Barbut
CEO and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility
1818 H Street, NW
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USA

Dear Ms. Barbut:

Endorsement of the GEF SGP Strategy for the Utilization of RAF Resources

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for the Republic of Mauritius, I confirm that the Country Strategy for Utilisation of Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) Funds, attached herewith, is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitment made by the country under the relevant global environmental conventions. The Country Strategy for Utilisation of RAF Funds has also been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the UNCBD focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the GEF SGP Country Strategy for Utilisation of RAF Funds prepared with the support of SGP National Steering Committee, the GEF SGP National Project Coordinator and her assistant.

The country has decided to allocate the sum of **US\$ 700,000** (from the US\$ 5.6 M country allocation for the Biodiversity focal area) under the GEF RAF made available to Mauritius in the entire duration of GEF-4 (2007-2010) to cover the implementation of the Country Strategy for Utilisation of RAF Funds in Mauritius and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

For the first half of GEF-4, I understand that the GEF financing under RAF for period from July 2007 to June 2008 to implement the Country Strategy is **US\$ 350,000**. I hereby endorse the utilization of the amount of **US\$ 350,000** under Biodiversity focal area for this purpose.

Sincerely

A. Mansoor
Financial Secretary
& GEF Operational Focal Point

Copy to: Mr Delfin Ganapin, Global Manager, GEF SGP



SUBSECRETARÍA DE HACIENDA Y CRÉDITO PÚBLICO
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Oficio 347.A.- 21

México, D.F. a 6 de septiembre de 2007.

SR. THIERRY LEMARESQUIER

Representante Residente en México
Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el
Desarrollo (PNUD)
Presidente Mazarik No. 29, Piso 8,
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Asunto: Endoso al "Programa de Pequeñas Donaciones"

En mi carácter de Punto Focal para México del Fondo para el Medio Ambiente Mundial (GEF, por sus siglas en inglés), me permito confirmar a Usted que el citado proyecto propuesto: (a) es acorde con las prioridades nacionales del gobierno y con los compromisos de México bajo las convenciones globales correspondientes; y (b) ha sido analizado por los interesados, conforme con las políticas del GEF sobre participación pública.

La implementación del citado proyecto se realizará con el Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD) como agencia implementadora. El financiamiento total requerido del GEF, del área focal Biodiversidad, es USD 2'200,000, el cual incluye USD 2'000,000 para la implementación del proyecto y USD 200,000 (10% de los gastos inherentes al proyecto) para la comisión por los servicios asociados al manejo del proyecto de la agencia implementadora. En ese sentido, en seguimiento al oficio 305.IV.-337 del 27 de octubre de 2006, el Gobierno de México no tiene inconveniente en la utilización de este monto del Marco de Asignación de Recursos del GEF-4 para México, en el área focal Biodiversidad.

Atentamente,
La Directora General Adjunta,

Claudia Grayeb Bayata

PNUD
07 SEP 2007
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Ccp Unidad de Asuntos Internacionales de Hacienda.- SHCP.- Presente.
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Dear Mrs. M. Barbut,

Subject: Endorsement of the Government RAF allocation of US \$ 300,000 to GEF SGP-Mongolia.

With reference to a letter of Minister of Nature and Environment of Mongolia, dated November 15th, 2006 on the Government allocation of GEF Resources Allocation Framework resources for biodiversity in GEF-4, and in my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Mongolia, I confirm herewith that US \$ 300,000 is allocated to GEF SGP in Mongolia for the second half of GEF-4.

I understand that the above mentioned amount includes US \$ 30,000 (10% of the total RAF allocation to SGP) in fees for management services associated with implementation of Mongolia's SGP RAF Strategy. I consent to the allocation of US \$ 300,000 to SGP Mongolia from the RAF resources made available to Mongolia in GEF-4 as well as to its utilization in the second half of GEF-4 under the GEF RAF to cover the implementation of the said Strategy and its associated management services.

Sincerely,

A.ENKHBAT
DIRECTOR-GENERAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
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GEF OPERATIONAL FOCAL POINT

Copy to: Dr. Delfin Ganapin, Global Manager, GEF SGP, delfin.ganapin@undp.org



02 Oct. 2007

Ms. Monique Barbut
CEO and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility, GEF
Washington, USA

Subject : Endorsement of the GEF SGP Strategy for the Utilization of RAF Resources

Dear Ms. Barbut

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for **Morocco**, I confirm that the above-mentioned RAF Utilization Strategy is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitment made by **Morocco** under the relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the **CBD and UNFCCC** focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the SGP RAF Strategy prepared with the support of **NSC member(s), government official and Ms Lamiss Naciri**, GEF SGP National Coordinator – **Morocco**.

The country has decided to allocate the sum of **US\$ 800,000** of funds (**US\$ 400 000 allocated to Climate Change (CC) and US\$ 400 000 to Biodiversity (BD)**) under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) made available to **Morocco** in the entire duration of GEF-4 (2007-2010) to cover the implementation of the RAF Strategy of SGP **Morocco** and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

For the first half GEF-4, I understand that the GEF financing from the country RAF allocation requested under this Strategy to cover the SGP period from July 2007 to June 2008 is **US\$ 200,000**, and I hereby endorse the utilization of the amount of **US\$ 100 000** allocated to CC and **US\$ 100 000** to BD, for this purpose.

Sincerely,

Taha BALAFREJ
GEF Political and Operational Focal Point

Le Directeur du Partenariat de la
Communication et de la Coopération

Signé : Taha BALAFREJ

Copy to: Mr Boulejiouch Jaafar, CBD Focal Point
Mr Delphin Ganapin, SGP Global Manager



REPÚBLICA DE MOÇAMBIQUE

MINISTÉRIO PARA A COORDENAÇÃO DA ACÇÃO AMBIENTAL
DIRECÇÃO NACIONAL DE GESTÃO AMBIENTAL

To:

Ms. Monique Barbut

CEO and Chairperson

Global Environment Facility, GEF

Washington, USA

O/Ref. UULGD/DNGA/MICOA/07

Maputo September 27, 2007

Subject: **Endorsement of the GEF SGP Strategy for the Utilization of
RAF Resources**

Dear Ms. Barbut,

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for **Mozambique**, I confirm that the above-mentioned RAF Utilization Strategy is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitment made by **Mozambique** under the relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the **CBD** focal point, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the SGP RAF Strategy prepared with the support of **NSC members, government officials, CBD Focal Point, Myself, and Augusto Correia**, GEF SGP National Coordinator – **Mozambique**.

The country has decided to allocate the sum of US\$ **400,000** of funds to biodiversity focal area under GEF Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) made available to **Mozambique** in the entire duration of GEF-4 (2007-2010) to cover the implementation of the RAF Strategy of SGP **Mozambique** and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

For the first half GEF-4, I understand that the GEF financing from the country RAF allocation requested under this Strategy to cover the SGP period from July 2007 to June 2008 is US\$ 180,000, and I hereby endorse the utilization of this amount for the biodiversity focal area for this purpose.

Sincerely,



Polcarpo Nadjica

GEF Operational Focal Point

National Director for Environmental Management

Ministry for Coordination of Environmental Affairs – Mozambique

Copy to: **CBD**

Mr. Delfin Ganapin - SGP Global Manager



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Date: 26 September 2007

To: Ms. Monique Barbut
CEO and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility, GEF
Washington, USA

Subject: Endorsement of the GEF SGP Strategy for the Utilization of RAF Resources

Dear Ms. Barbut:

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Namibia, I confirm that the above-mentioned RAF Utilization Strategy is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitment made by Namibia under the relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the CBD and UNFCCC focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.


Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the SGP RAF Strategy prepared with the support of NSC members, government officials, other stakeholders, and Nickey L. //Gaseb, GEF SGP National Coordinator – Namibia.

The country has decided to allocate the sum of US\$ US\$500,000 from the biodiversity focal area during the first half of the GEF 4, pending decision on the amount to be allocated for the second half of GEF 4. The total sum of US\$ 500,000 for the first half and amount to be decided for the second half under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) made available to Namibia will cover the implementation of the RAF Strategy of SGP Namibia and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP) in the entire duration of GEF-4 (2007-2010).

For the first half GEF-4, I understand that the GEF financing from the country RAF allocation requested under this Strategy to cover the SGP period from July 2007 to

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June 2008 is US\$ 300,000, and I hereby endorse the utilization of the amount of US\$ 300,000 from biodiversity focal area for this purpose.

Sincerely,

07 OCT 2007
Mr. Teofilus Nghitila
GEF Operational Focal Point: Namibia
Director: Environmental Affairs
WINDHOEK / NAMIBIA

Cc: Delfin Ganapin, SGP Global Manager



Gobierno de Reconciliación
y Unidad Nacional

El Pueblo, Presidente!

Despacho de la Ministra

Managua, 11 de septiembre de 2007
Ref. DM-JAS-0165-09-07

Señora
MONIQUE BARBUT
Directora General y Presidente
Global Environment Facility, GEF
Washington, USA.

Referencia: Aprobación de la Estrategia PPD GEF para
la utilización de los Recursos RAF

Estimada Señora Barbut:

En mi calidad de Punto Focal Operacional del GEF para Nicaragua confirmo que la estrategia de utilización del RAF mencionada arriba esta en concordancia con las prioridades nacionales del Gobierno y el compromiso hecho por Nicaragua con las convenciones ambientales globales relevantes y ha sido discutida con los involucrados relevantes, incluyendo los puntos focales de CBD, en concordancia con las políticas del GEF en involucramiento político.

Por consiguiente, me place enviarte para aprobación la estrategia RAF del PPD preparada con el apoyo del Comité Directivo Nacional, Oficiales del Gobierno y William Jarquín, Coordinadora Nacional del PPD Nicaragua.

Entiendo que el monto total de financiamiento GEF solicitado en esta estrategia es de \$400,000 que incluye \$40,000 (10% de la asignación total del RAF para el PPD) en honorarios para servicios de manejo asociados con la implementación de esta estrategia. Consiento a la asignación de \$400,000 de recursos RAF disponibles para Nicaragua en la fase operacional 4 bajo el marco de asignación de Recursos del GEF para cubrir la implementación de la Estrategia RAF del PPD GEF y sus servicios de manejo asociados.

Sin otro particular, aprovecho la ocasión para reiterarle mis sinceras muestras de consideración y estima.

Atentamente,

JUANA ARGENAL SANDOVAL
Ministra



Cc: Cro. Jacobo Charles Simeón, Vice Ministro
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23rd April 2008

Ms Monique Barbut
CEO and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility (GEF)
Washington DC, USA

24 APR 2008

M. Ozo

CONFIRMATION OF ALLOCATION OF RESOURCE ALLOCATION FRAMEWORK (RAF) TO GEF – SGP

Your Excellency,

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Nigeria, and in recognition of the GEF – Small Grants Programme (SGP) established in Nigeria, I am pleased to confirm that the Government of Nigeria has decided to allocate the sum of US\$800,000 under the GEF-RAF made available to Nigeria in the duration of the remaining half of GEF-4 (2008-2010).

This translates to US\$400,000 per year divided in annual allocations of US\$200,000 for biodiversity and climate change respectively. The funds will be used to cover the implementation of activities that will be detailed in SGP RAF strategy and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

The Government recognizes that SGP complements the implementation of its GEF priorities, contributes to the achievement of national priorities and the commitment made by Nigeria under the relevant global environmental conventions. The matter has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the Nigeria CBD and UNFCCC focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.

Mr. Ozo, Chidindu Eze, mni
Director /Operational Focal Point
For: Honourable Minister



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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
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ENERCON Building, G-5/2
ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

Joint Secretary (Development)

Islamabad, the 3rd November, 2007

Subject: ENDORSEMENT OF THE GEF SGP PAKISTAN STRATEGY FOR THE UTILIZATION OF RAF RESOURCES

Dear Ms. Barbut,


In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Pakistan. I confirm that the above-mentioned RAF Utilization Strategy is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitment made by Pakistan under the relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the CBD and/or UNFCCC focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

2. Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the SGP RAF Strategy prepared with the support of NSC members, UNDP CO, Ministry of Environment and Mr. Masood Lohar, National Coordinator, GEF SGP- Pakistan.
3. The country has decided to allocate the sum of US\$ 1.400 of funds (US\$ 0.400 Million for Biodiversity and US\$ 1.000 for Climate Change) under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) made available to Pakistan in the entire duration of GEF-4 (2006-2010) to cover the implementation of the RAF Strategy of SGP, Pakistan and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).
4. For the first half GEF-4, I understand that the GEF financing from the country RAF allocation requested under this Strategy to cover the SGP period from July 2007 to June 2008 is US\$ 550,000, and I hereby endorse the utilization of the amount of (US\$ 150,000 from Biodiversity and US\$ 400,000 from Climate Change) focal areas for this purpose.
5. The above endorsement is subject to the fulfilment of the following condition as given below (para 6).
6. The role of Ministry of Environment in GEF- Small Grant Programme needs to be highlighted. In this regard, we would like to recommend Secretary or Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment as Chairman of the National Steering Committee (NSC-SGP). As funds are supposed to be disbursed to the Small Grant Program out of Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) - Pakistan, Ministry of Environment must be engaged in the implementation of Small

Grant Programme at all stages, in order to achieve further efficient, effective and sustainable outcomes. The results shown by UNDP's heavy involvement, so far, leave much to be desired.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Sikander Hayat Maken)
Joint Secretary (Development) /
GEF Operational Focal Point

Ms. Monique Barbut
CEO and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility (GEF)
Washington, USA

Copy to:

P.S. to Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Islamabad.

P.S. to Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Islamabad.

Mr. Jawed Ali Khan, Director General (Environment), Ministry of Environment, Islamabad.

Mr. Delfin Ganapin, Global Manager, GEF SGP, New York

Mr. Masood Lohar, National Coordinator, GEF Small Grant Program, Islamabad



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Panamá, 01 de octubre de 2007
SAG-645-07

Señora
Monique Barbut
GEO and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility
Washington, D.C.

Estimada Señora:

Con el objetivo de confirmarles nuestra Estrategia como país para el uso de los Fondos RAF, me permito adjuntarle nuestra Nueva Propuesta de Cartera de Proyectos, que deseamos sean ejecutados por nuestra Institución.

Lo anterior se sustenta en un largo proceso de evaluación interna, con las diferentes instancias que tienen ingerencia en el tema, en donde se tomó como referencia, por un lado los 2 proyectos que no lograron la validación del Global Environment Facility (GEF) siendo éstos:

- Conservación y Uso Sostenible de Cultivos Nativos del Geotrópico y sus Parientes Silvestres
- Conservación de la Biodiversidad en México, Honduras y Panamá a través del manejo sostenible de los Bosques

debido a que no contaron con el endoso de los otros países participantes, ya que el proyecto estaba estructurado para ser ejecutado como un proyecto Regional y por otro lado también fueron tomados en consideración para reprogramar la Cartera de Proyectos: la Estrategia de Biodiversidad de Panamá, La Estrategia de Conservación para el Desarrollo Sostenible de la Autoridad Nacional del Ambiente y la Estrategia Nacional del Ambiente, entre otros documentos de relevancia.

Esta propuesta incluye la solicitud de validación de B/. 650,000.00 para el periodo OP 4, para desarrollar acciones con el Programa de Pequeñas Donaciones en Panamá; posteriormente estaremos enviando los mecanismos de ejecución de este Programa. Hemos designado como cifra inicial de la primera mitad del GEF 4 la suma de B/.200,000.00 (Periodo jul 07 jun 08).

Reciba usted, las muestras de mi más alta estima y consideración.

Atentamente,


EDUARDO REYES
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| Manejo Integrado de Humedales de Importancia Internacional en el Marco de las Zonas Marino Costeras | PNUMA | ARAP / RAMSAR | FP | ANAM | 0.02 | 1.88 | 1.90 |
| Integración de la Conservación de la Biodiversidad en los Sectores Productivos del Archipiélago Islas de las Perlas | PNUD | ARAP | FP | AMP/ANAM | 0.02 | 2.03 | 2.05 |
| Eliminación de Barreras Financieras a la Sostenibilidad del Sistema de Áreas Protegidas de Panamá | PNUD | MEF / TNC | MSP | ANAM | 0.02 | 1.20 | 1.22 |
| Creación de capacidades para una participación eficaz en el centro de Intercambio de Información sobre Seguridad de la Biotecnología (CIISB) | PNUMA | | | ANAM | | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Creación del Centro Nacional de Bioseguridad en Panamá | UNEP | Red Nacional de Bioseguridad | FP | ANAM | 0.02 | 1.07 | 1.09 |
| Construyendo capacidades y elevando la conciencia para el manejo de especies invasoras. | PNUMA | Red Nacional de Bioseguridad | | | | | |
| Programa de Pequeñas Donaciones | PNUD | | MSP | ANAM | 0.02 | 0.7 | 0.72 |
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22nd December 2008

Ms. Monique Barbut
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Ms. Barbut,

Subject: Endorsement of PNG's GEF Small Grants Programme RAF Strategy

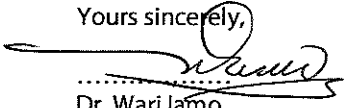
On behalf of the Government of Papua New Guinea (GoPNG) and as GEF Operational Focal Person, I am pleased to inform you of the government's endorsement of PNG's Small Grants Programme RAF Strategy. The RAF Strategy will benefit from GoPNG's GEF RAF4 biodiversity of allocation USD13.67m with USD1m committed to SGP PNG. The RAF Strategy has been designed to capture national priorities on biodiversity conservation as outlined in PNG's Medium Term Development Strategy (MTDS), National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan (NBSAP) and GoPNG Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) Strategic Direction.

This strategy was finalised through a stakeholder consultative process dating back to 2006 and recently endorsed at the SGP National Steering Committee. We believe the RAF will contribute to achievement of national actions focussing on community level interventions on strengthening network of protected areas, community-based marine conservation, sustainable forest management programs, integrated wetland ecosystems management and capacity building at local provincial levels with communities.

The GoPNG recognises the niche of SGP as an excellent mechanism to enhance local capacities to promote effective natural resource use practices which should ultimately contribute to the protection of global environmental benefits. With great appreciation of GEF providing the financial resources, we value the role of GEF SGP PNG and would also like to acknowledge the continuous support of UNDP PNG office.

We will fully support any procedural requirements to expedite the release of funds and look forward to your continued support.

Yours sincerely,


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Dr. Wari Iamo
Secretary

CC:

Dr. Jacqueline Badcock, Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme, PNG
Mr. Robert Aitsi, PNG Ambassador to the United Nations, New York

Mr. Delfin Ganapin, Global Manager, GEF SGP Central Programme Management Team, New York
Mr. Joseph Lelang, Secretary, Department of National Planning and Monitoring, PNG
Mr. Steven Narawen, National Coordinator, GEF Small Grants Programme, PNG



18th March, 2008

Ms. Monique Barbut
CEO and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility, GEF
Washington, USA

Subject: Endorsement of RAF Fund for the Implementation of SGP- Peru RAF Strategy during the Second Half of GEF-4

Dear Ms. Barbut:

I would like to take this opportunity as GEF Political Focal Point of Peru in order to confirm that the above-mentioned RAF Utilization Strategy is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitment made by Peru under the relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the CBD focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement. The RAF strategy has been endorsed by the Government of Peru.

To support the implementation of the SGP RAF Strategy, the Government of Peru has decided to allocate the sum of US\$ 1'600,000 of funds (\$2'400,000 for BD) under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) made available to Peru during the second half of GEF-4 (2008-2010) to cover the implementation of the RAF Strategy of SGP Peru and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

I hereby endorse the utilization of the amount of US \$ 1'600,000 for Biodiversity by SGP- Peru during the second half of GEF-4 (2008-2010).

I would be grateful if you could send a confirmation of receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Manuel Bernalés Alvarado
Presidente
Consejo Nacional del Ambiente
GEF Political Focal Point

Copy to: Delfin Ganapin, SGP Global Manager

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28 September 2007

MS. MONIQUE BARBUT
CEO and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility, GEF
Washington, USA

Subject: **Endorsement of the GEF SGP Strategy for the Utilization of RAF Resources**

Dear **Ms. Barbut**:


In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Philippines, I confirm that the above-mentioned RAF Utilization Strategy is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitment made by **Philippines** under the relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the **Convention of Bio Diversity (CBD) focal points**, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the SGP RAF Strategy prepared with the support of NSC members, government officials, civil society organizations (CSO), community-based organizations (CBOs), academe, private sectors, UNDP and Ms. Angelita B. Cunanan, GEF SGP National Coordinator - Philippines.

The country has decided to allocate the sum of **US\$ 2,400,000** of funds **US\$ 21,000,000** from the **Biodiversity Conservation** area under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) made available to Philippines in the entire duration of GEF-4 (2007-2010) to cover the implementation of the RAF Strategy of SGP-Philippines and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

For the first half GEF-4, I understand that the GEF financing from the country RAF allocation requested under this Strategy to cover the SGP period from July 2007 to June 2008 is **US\$ 800,000** and I hereby endorse the utilization of the amount of **US\$ 800,000** from the Biodiversity Conservation area for this purpose.

Sincerely,


ATTY. ANALIZA R. TEH
GEF Operational Focal Point

Copy to: Director Theresa Mundita Lim, CBD Focal Point
Dr. Delfin Ganapin, Jr., SGP Global Manager



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27 of October 2008

To:

Ms. Monique BARBUT

Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility (GEF)
1818 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20433

Subject: Endorsement of the GEF SGP Romania RAF resources for the second half of GEF4

Dear Ms. Barbut,

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point I would like to confirm that Romania has agreed to commit a total of \$1.1 million of RAF funds for the Small Grants Program (SGP) Romania for the rest of GEF 4 (2008-2010) to cover the implementation of the RAF Strategy of SGP and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

The programming of funds for the SGP will be drawn from the Climate Change Focal Area out of the Romania GEF Resource Allocation.

I wish to express my appreciation for the fruitful and constructive cooperation between our institutions

Sincerely,
Maria Elena TEODORESCU
GEF Operational Focal Point
Head of Office

Copy to: Delfin Ganapin, GEF SGP Global Manager



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Date: Monday, 18 February, 2008

Ms. Monique Barbut
CEO and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility, GEF
Washington, USA

Dear Ms. Barbut,

Subject: Endorsement of RAF Funds for the Implementation of SGP- Seychelles RAF during GEF-4

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Seychelles, I confirm that the implementation of the SGP is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitment made by Seychelles under the relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the Seychelles Environment Management Plan Steering Committee (EMPS), the Liaison Unit for Non-governmental Organisations of Seychelles (LUNGOS), the Seychelles Chamber of Commerce (SCC) and the CBD, UNFCCC and UNCCD focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement. A RAF strategy is under development to be endorsed by the Government of Seychelles.

To support the implementation of the SGP RAF Strategy, the Government of Seychelles has decided to allocate the sum of US\$ 600,000 of funds under the Biodiversity focal area within the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) made available to Seychelles during the period of GEF-4 (2006-2010) to cover the implementation of the RAF Strategy of SGP Seychelles and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

I hereby endorse the utilization of the amount of USD 600,000 from the Biodiversity focal area by SGP- Seychelles during the second half of GEF-4 (July 2008-June 2010).

Yours sincerely,

Rolph A. Payet (Dr.)

Special Advisor to the President and GEF Operational Focal Point for Seychelles

Copy to: Chairman EMPS Steering Committee Members
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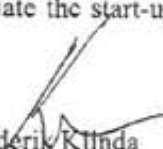
Subject: Slovakia's Application to participate in the UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme – reminder

Dear Mr. Ganapin,

as agreed during our discussions with Ms. Monique Barbut, CEO and Chairperson and you held during the last GEF Council meeting we have sent you on December 20th, 2007 (on your fax No. +1-212-906-6568) the Slovakia's Application to participate in the UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme, including relevant documentation (see enclosed letter with annexes). As up to now there has been no reaction from your side, I am concerned that this letter possibly did not reach you.

Therefore I would like again to express that Slovakia is ready to participate in the GEF Small Grants Programme. As already indicated in our letters of 17 April 2007 and 22 March 2007, Slovakia does not wish to use the SGP core funding for the Programme and its administration. We would like to fund the Programme and the fees of UNDP for project cycle management services associated with the Programme fully from the RAF allocation in the area of Climate Change, in the amount of 1,200,000 USD. Upon receiving your formal acceptance of the Slovak Republic in the SGP, we will, in consultation with you, update the workplan developed during the SGP appraisal mission in October 2006 and initiate the start-up of the Programme in Slovakia.

With Best regards,


Roderik Klinda
GEF GFP Slovakia

Attachments: Slovakia's Application to participate in the UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme from 20.12.2007 (.mail)
1x Report on SGP Appraisal Mission to Slovakia (email)
1x Paper on the Eligibility Criteria for participation in the GEF SGP (email)

Cc:

Ms. Monique Barbut, CEO and Chairperson, GEF Secretariat, Fax: (202) 522-3240/3245
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Ms M Barbut
CEO and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility
WASHINGTON DC
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Dear Ms Barbut

ENDORSEMENT OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF) SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME (SGP) STRATEGY FOR THE UTILISATION OF RESOURCES ALLOCATION FRAMEWORK (RAF) RESOURCES

In my capacity as GEF Focal Point for South Africa, I hereby confirm that the above-mentioned RAF Utilisation Strategy is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitment made by South Africa under relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the CBD and UNFCCC focal points in the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT).

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the SGP RAF Strategy prepared with the support of NSC members, DEAT officials, and Mr Vuyisile Zenani, GEF SGP National Coordinator – South Africa.

The country has decided to allocate the sum of US\$ 1.5 million of funds (allocated equally from South Africa's biodiversity and climate change focal area) under the GEF RAF made available to South Africa in the entire duration of GEF-4 (2007-2010). The US\$ 1.5 million will cover the implementation of the RAF Strategy of South Africa's SGP and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

For the first half GEF-4, I understand that the GEF financing from the country RAF allocation requested to cover the SGP period from July 2007 to June 2008 is US\$ 500, 000.

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I therefore, endorse the utilisation of the amount of US\$ 250, 000 from the Climate Change and US\$ 250,000 from the Biodiversity focal area, for this purpose.

Yours sincerely

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Ms Pam Yako
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE: 1/11/2007



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Date 12/09/2007

Ms. Monique Barbut,
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson,
Global Environmental Facility,
GEF Secretariat, 1818H Street, NW,
Washington D.C. 20433,
USA.

Endorsement of the GEF SGP Strategy for the Utilization of RAF Resources

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Sri Lanka I confirm that the above mentioned Resource Allocation Framework (RAF Utilization Strategy) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitment made by Sri Lanka under the relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the CBD focal point, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the SGP RAF Strategy prepared by UNDP, Sri Lanka on behalf of GEF/SGP programme in Sri Lanka.

I understand that the total GF financing requested under this Strategy is US\$ 1,200,000/= which includes US\$ 120,000/= (10% of the total RAF allocation to SGP) in fees for management services associated with implementation of this Strategy. I consent to the allocation of the US\$ 1,200,000/= of RAF resources made available to Sri Lanka in GEF-4 under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework to cover the implementation of the GEF SGP RAF Strategy and its associated management services.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

M.A.R.D. Jayathilake
Secretary,
Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources
GEF Operational Focal Point,
Government of Sri Lanka

Cc: 1. Mr. Delfin Ganapin, SGP Global Manager, GEF-SGP, UNDP, New York
2. Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Director, CBD Secretariat, Montreal Canada.

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Syrian Arab Republic
Ministry of Local Administration and Environment

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Date: 30-September-2007

To: Ms. Monique Barbut
CEO and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility, GEF
Washington, USA

Subject: Endorsement of the GEF SGP Strategy for the Utilization of RAF Resources

Dear Ms. Barbut:


In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for the Syrian Arab Republic. I confirm that the above-mentioned RAF Utilization Strategy is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitment made by Syrian Arab Republic under the relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the UNFCCC focal point Eng. Haitham Nashawati , in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the SGP RAF Strategy prepared with the support of Eng. Imad Hassoun Deputy Minister of LAE / GEF OFF, Dr. Akram Issa Darwish former NSC member, and Mr. Firas Shuman GEF SGP National Coordinator – Syria.

The country has decided to allocate the sum of US\$ 400,000 of funds four hundred thousands US dollars (from Climate change focal area) under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) made available to Syrian Arab Republic in the entire duration of GEF-4 (2007-2010) to cover the implementation of the RAF Strategy of SGP Syria and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

For the first half GEF-4, I understand that the GEF financing from the country RAF allocation requested under this Strategy to cover the SGP period from July 2007 to June 2008 is US\$ 125,000, and I hereby endorse the utilization of the amount of one hundred and twenty five thousand US dollars from climate change focal area for this purpose.

Sincerely,


Imad Hassoun
Deputy Minister of Local administration and Environment
GEF O.F.P.



Cc:
Eng. Haitham Nashawati UNFCCC Focal point
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14th February 2008

Ms. Monique Barbut,
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Washington, DC

**RE: ENDORSEMENT OF RAF FUND FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SGP- TANZANIA
RAF STRATEGY DURING THE SECOND HALF OF GEF-4**

Reference is made to the above captioned subject.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Tanzania, I confirm that the above-mentioned RAF Utilization Strategy is in accordance with the Government's national priorities and the commitment made by Tanzania under the relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the CBD and UNFCCC focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement. The RAF strategy has been endorsed by the Government of Tanzania.

To support the implementation of the SGP RAF Strategy, the Government of Tanzania has decided to allocate the sum of US\$ 300,000 of funds from the Biodiversity focal area under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) made available to Tanzania during the second half of GEF-4 (2008-2010) to cover the implementation of the RAF Strategy of SGP Tanzania and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

I hereby endorse the utilization of the amount of US\$ 300,000 from the Biodiversity focal area by SGP- Tanzania during the second half of GEF-4 (2008-2010).

I thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Yours Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ruth H. Mollé in black ink.

Ruth H. Mollé
PERMANENT SECRETARY

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25 November B.E. 2551 (2008)

Dear Ms. Barbut,

**Subject: Endorsement of the GEF SGP Strategy for the Utilization of
RAF Resources**

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Thailand, I confirm that the above-mentioned Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) Utilization Strategy is in line with the government's national priorities and the commitment made by Thailand under the relevant global environmental conventions. In accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement, the said strategy has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the CBD and UNFCCC focal points.

Accordingly, our country has endorsed the GEF SGP RAF Strategy prepared with the support of government officials, concerned agencies and GEF SGP National Coordinator. I am pleased to allocate the sum of US\$ 600,000 of funds (US\$ 600,000 from climate change focal area) under the GEF RAF made available to Thailand in the second half period of GEF-4 (2009-2010) to cover the implementation of the RAF Strategy of SGP Thailand and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

Please be assured of our ongoing cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Saksit Tridech
Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

Encl : SGP Country Strategy (2009-2010)

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To: Ms. Monique BARBUT
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Washington, USA

Subject: Endorsement of the GEF SGP Strategy for the Utilization of RAF Resources

Dear Ms. BARBUT

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Turkey, I confirm that the above-mentioned RAF Utilization Strategy is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitment made by Turkey under the relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the CBD and/or UNFCCC focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the SGP RAF Strategy prepared with the support of NSC members, government official, and Z. Bilgi BULUŞ, GEF SGP National Coordinator - TURKEY.

The country has decided to allocate the sum of US\$ 1,200,000 of funds (US\$600,000 from Biodiversity and US\$600,000 from Climate Change focal areas) under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) made available to Turkey in the entire duration of GEF-4 (2007-2010) to cover the implementation of the RAF Strategy of SGP Turkey and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

For the second half GEF-4, I understand that the GEF financing from the country RAF allocation requested under this Strategy to cover the SGP period from July 2009 to June 2010 is US\$ 800,000, and I hereby endorse the utilization of the amount of (US\$ 400,000 from Biodiversity and US\$ 400,000 from Climate Change focal areas) for this purpose.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Hasan Z. SARIKAYA
GEF Operational Focal Point for Turkey
Undersecretary
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Copy to: CBD and UNFCCC Secretariats
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27th September 2007

Ms. Monique Barbut
CEO and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility, GEF
Washington, USA

Dear Ms. Barbut,

**ENDORSEMENT OF THE GEF SGP UGANDA STRATEGY FOR THE UTILIZATION OF
RAF RESOURCES**

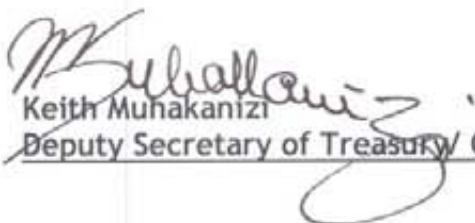
In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Uganda. I confirm that the above-mentioned RAF Utilization Strategy is in accordance with the government's national priorities, and the commitment made by Uganda under the relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the [CBD and UNFCCC] focal points of Uganda, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the SGP RAF strategy prepared with the support of NSC members, government officials, CBD and UNFFCC focal points and Abu-baker Wandera, GEF SGP National Coordinator - Uganda.

The country allocated the sum of US\$820,000 of funds in total of which (*US\$620,000 from Climatic Change focal area and US\$200,000 from Biodiversity focal area*) under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) made available to Uganda in the entire duration of GEF-4 (2007-2010) to cover the implementation of the RAF strategy of SGP Uganda and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

For the first half GEF-4, I understand that the GEF financing from the country RAF allocation requested under this strategy to cover the SGP period from July 2007 to June 2008 is US\$ US\$300,000, and I hereby endorse the utilization of the amount of US\$300,000 for the Climatic change focal area for this purpose and any future subsequent disbursement up to the approved amount (US\$820,000).

Sincerely,


Keith Muhakanizi

Deputy Secretary of Treasury / GEF Operational Focal Point

c.c. Mr. Akiki Magezi
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October 19, 2007


Mr. Sergey Myagkov
Deputy Director, NIGMI
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Tashkent 70052
Republic of Uzbekistan

Dear Mr. Myagkov:

We acknowledge your letter to program \$600,000 for the Small Grants Program out of the GEF Resource Allocation (RAF) for climate change focal area. This letter is being copied to the SGP office at UNDP who will confirm your proposed allocation and review your strategy on how to utilize the RAF money in accordance with the relevant focal area priorities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monique Barbut", written in a cursive style.

 Monique Barbut
CEO and Chairperson

cc: Mr. Delfin Ganapin, SGP Global Coordinator, UNDP

Ms.
MONIQUE BARBUT
CEO and Chairperson
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I am pleased to inform you, as the GEF Operational Focal National Point of Venezuela, I confirm that the above-mentioned RAF Utilization Strategy is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitment made by our country under the relevant global environmental conventions and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the focal points of Convention of Biological Diversity and Convention of Climate Change, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement. The RAF strategy has been endorsed by the Government of Venezuela.

To support the implementation of the SGP RAF Strategy, the our Government has decided to allocate the sum of US\$ 1.500.000,00 (of funds of biodiversity US \$ 500.000,00 and US \$ 1.000.000,00 of climate change) under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) made available to Venezuela during the second half of GEF-4 (2008-2010) to cover the implementation of the RAF Strategy of SGP of Venezuela and its associated management services (10% of the RAF allocation to SGP).

I hereby endorse the utilization of the amount of 1.500.000,00 by SGP- Venezuela during the second half of GEF-4 (2008-2010).

We look forward to cooperating with you on this matter.


LISSET HERNANDEZ
Directora General

Oficina de Gestión y Cooperación Internacional
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31st August, 2007

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Subject: Endorsement of the GEF SGP Strategy for the Utilization of RAF Resources.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Vietnam, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Vietnam under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above strategy proposal with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Further, I request the UNDP to provide a copy of the project document before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is \$950,000, inclusive of Agency fee (10%) to the UNDP for project cycle management services associated with implementation of this Strategy.

I consent to the utilization of the following indicative allocations available to Vietnam in GEF-4 under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework to cover the implementation of the GEF SGP RAF Strategy as well as its associated management services.

Climate Change: \$450,000

Biodiversity: \$500,000



Dr. Nguyen Van Tai

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