

First Executive Board Meeting

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AGENDA ITEM 10.3.3: Proposed Global Environment Facility (GEF) – 7th Replenishment Cycle – Islands Programme Framework Document (PFD)

Purpose

1. To inform the Executive Board of the Pacific GEF Constituency Initiative to develop a SIDS Islands programme for funding through the Chemical and Waste focal area of the Global Environment Facility 7th replenishment.
2. To seek the Executive Board's endorsement of the Secretariat's continued technical support to the Pacific GEF Constituency through the development of a PFD as a key element in progressing the Pacific's pathway to a pollution free Pacific as adopted through the framework of the Cleaner Pacific 2025.

Background:

3. The needs and challenges facing SIDS in the Chemicals and Waste focal area are unique. Geographical isolation and separation, reliance on imported goods and a lack of waste management infrastructure make for a complex picture requiring the development of a specific set of interventions and solutions tailored to the needs of the countries and region.
4. Despite waste management being a key environmental issue for the region, the Pacific region has only benefitted from one regional Full Sized Project under the former Persistent Organic Pollutants (now Chemicals and Waste) Focal Area. The project (GEF Pacific Alliance for Sustainability – GEF ID 4066) was approved in the GEF 4 cycle. It is implemented by UN Environment and FAO, and executed by SPREP. It is nearing completion and many valuable lessons have been learnt and solid foundations developed through this project.
5. To continue this work, UN Environment has been working with SPREP to develop GEF7 programme. During a preliminary consultation phase at SPREP with ten of the target Pacific Island countries in March 2018, participants agreed on the need for such a programme and for the distribution of a concept note for the Pacific Constituency meeting at Da Nang, Vietnam.

6. The Secretariat subsequently partnered with UN Environment to develop and distribute a concept paper for the Pacific Constituency as requested based on a programmatic, regional approach. The new programme, to be developed for submission for approval as early as possible in the GEF7 cycle, is to ensure that the SIDS secure the necessary funding to implement a set of high impact actions across the Pacific, Caribbean and AIMS regions. The Pacific Constituency at Vietnam approved the development of a PFD for a Pacific Child Project.

Pacific Child Project:

7. Child Projects for each region will be developed under the Programme Framework Document.
8. For the Pacific Child Project, four components have been proposed: three regional, and one national focusing on delivery of results in key priority areas at local level. These are:
 - a. **Knowledge management and awareness/communications**, (enhancing chemicals and waste data management and knowledge management).
 - b. Strengthening **policy frameworks**, (establishing effective chemicals and waste regulations, and complimentary economic instruments).
 - c. **Technology transfer and promotion of best practice**, (including concrete activities to address national priorities)
 - d. **Institutional capacity building** will work to strengthen Pacific island country education institutions at secondary, tertiary and vocational level.
9. The following table shows the national priorities that were defined during the March 2018 consultation: where plastic and microplastics was identified as a cross-cutting priority for all Pacific island countries.

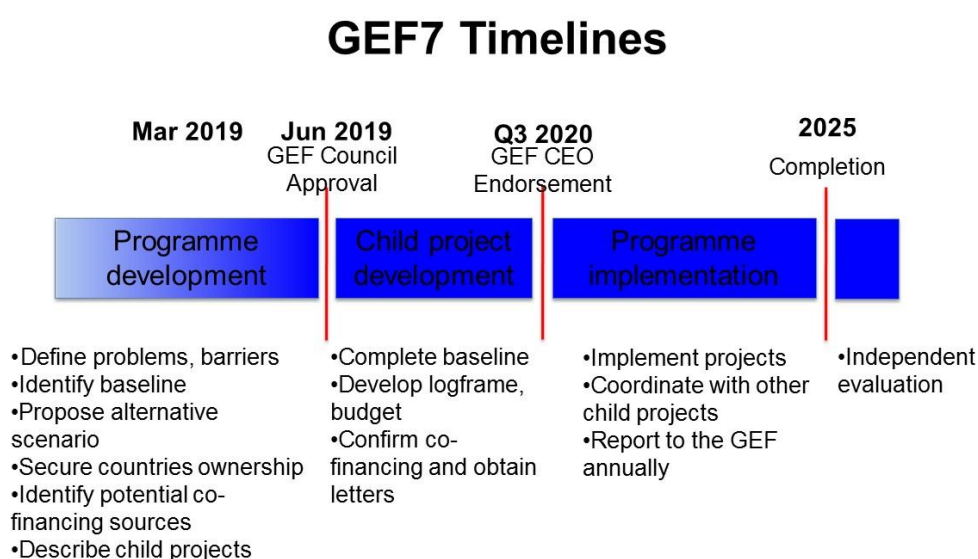
All PICs	Plastics and microplastics
Cook Islands	E-waste- scaling up to include other recyclables
FSM	Removal, treatment, taxes – used oil, e-waste
Fiji	Residual Solid Waste – landfilling
Kiribati	Used Oil, Plastics
Niue	Landfilling
PNG	Persistent Organic Pollutants (Mercury)
Tuvalu	Residual Solid Waste – landfilling
Tonga	Mercury
Samoa	Residual Solid Waste – landfilling
Solomon Islands	E-waste

* Priorities for Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, and Vanuatu, yet to be defined.

10. The GEF intervention will be incremental in nature, complementing the outputs and activities of the other donor-funded initiatives. Opportunities include the potential for work on land fill regeneration, waste management infrastructure, and establishment of national recycling. The project will provide the necessary coordination and target long term, post-project sustainability.

11. In order to have the design ready for submission to the second Work Programme of GEF7 (May 2019) will require the following deadlines being met:
- By September 2018 - Completion of the Project Framework Document including consulting with Caribbean and Indian Ocean SIDS;
 - By the end of December 2018 - Endorsement of the Framework Document (via prerequisite OFP Endorsement Letters);
 - PFD plus outline child projects for each region will then be submitted for review by the GEF SEC and GEF Council members;
 - May 2019 - Project Framework Document considered by GEF Council;
 - By September 2020 – Project Preparation Phase (details of the specific Child Projects to be confirmed - it is anticipated that the Pacific Region child project would be fully developed and submitted for CEO Endorsement within the usual 12 – 18 month period common for most FSPs); and

Diagram 1: GEF7 Timelines for development through to completion.



Recommendation

12. The Executive Board is invited to:
- **note** the Pacific GEF Constituency Initiative to develop a SIDS Islands programme for funding through the Chemical and Waste focal area of the Global Environment Facility 7th replenishment;
 - **endorse** the Secretariat's continued technical support to the Pacific GEF Constituency through the development of a Programme Framework Document (PFD) as a key element in progressing the Pacific's pathway to a pollution free Pacific as adopted through the framework of the Cleaner Pacific 2025; and
 - **encourage** collaboration with all relevant partners, especially the PICs and UN Environment in the development of the Programme Framework Document and Pacific Child Project for submission to the GEF council for funding consideration under the GEF7 funding cycle.