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PROJECT PROPOSAL: NIGER

This document consists of the comments and recommendation of the Fund Secretariat on the following project proposal:

Phase-out

- Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche)

UNEP/UNIDO

PROJECT EVALUATION SHEET – MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS

Niger

(I) PROJECT TITLE	AGENCY
CFC phase out plan	UNEP, UNIDO

(II) LATEST ARTICLE 7 DATA (ODP Tonnes)					Year: 2008
CFC: 2.9	CTC: 0	Halons: 0	MB: 0	TCA: 0	

(III) LATEST COUNTRY PROGRAMME SECTORAL DATA (ODP Tonnes)											Year: 2008		
Substances	Aerosol	Foam	Halon	Refrigeration		Solvent	Process Agent	MDI	Lab Use	Methyl Bromide		Tobacco fluffing	Total Sector Consumption
				Manufacturing	Servicing					QPS	Non QPS		
CFC					2.9								2.9
CTC													0
Halons													0
Methyl Bromide													0
Others													0
TCA													0

(IV) PROJECT DATA			2008	2009	2010	Total
Montreal Protocol Consumption Limits		CFC	4.8	4.8	0.	
Maximum Allowable Consumption (ODP Tonnes)		CFC	4.8	4.8	0.	
Project Costs (US\$)	UNEP	Project Costs	81,000.	68,000.		149,000.
		Support Costs	10,530.	8,840.		19,370.
	UNIDO	Project Costs	131,000.	53,000.		184,000.
		Support Costs	11,790.	4,770.		16,560.
Total Funds Approved in Principle (US\$)		Project Costs	212,000.	121,000.		333,000.
		Support Costs	22,320.	13,610.		35,930.
Total Funds Released by the ExCom (US\$)		Project Costs	212,000.	0.		212,000.
		Support Costs	22,320.	0.		22,320.
Total Funds Requested for Current Year (US\$)		Project Costs		121,000.		121,000.
		Support Costs		13,610.		13,610.

(V) SECRETARIAT'S RECOMMENDATION:	BLANKET APPROVAL
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. On behalf of the Government of Niger UNEP, as the lead implementing agency, has submitted to the 58th Meeting of the Executive Committee a progress report on the implementation of the first work programme of the terminal phase-out management plan for CFCs (TPMP). UNEP has also submitted a request for funding for the second work programme at a total cost of US \$121,000, US \$68,000 plus agency support costs of US \$8,840 for UNEP and US \$53,000 plus agency support costs of US \$4,770 for UNIDO.

Background

2. The TPMP for Niger was approved in principle by the Executive Committee at its 54th Meeting at the amount of US \$333,000 plus agency support costs of US \$19,370 for UNEP and US \$16,560 for UNIDO, to completely phase-out CFC consumption in the country by 2009. At the same meeting, the Executive Committee approved the first tranche of US \$81,000 plus agency support costs of US \$10,530 for UNEP and US \$131,000 plus agency support costs of US \$11,790 for UNIDO for the implementation of the first work programme.

Progress report on the implementation of the first tranche of the TPMP

3. The main activities implemented since the approval of the TPMP up until April 2009 cover the completion of refrigeration training resulting in 30 trained technicians, including the purchase of one hydrocarbon (HC) charging station. Two additional workshops are planned for June 2009. This training component also led to the establishment of 12 technician associations in the country. During this period, one training workshops for customs officers was completed resulting in 44 officers being trained, and five refrigerant identifiers being distributed. The project also continued to hold dialogues and discussions with various stakeholders as well as some awareness raising activities.

4. The report provided an update on the status of the equipment support component as well as technical assistance for strengthening excellence centres which is implemented by UNIDO. While one hydrocarbon charging station had been purchased, the other toolkits that were to be supplied to technicians are still being ordered, and will be available only during the second quarter of 2009. The excellence centres have been identified and the toolkits for these centres will be delivered also by the second quarter of 2009.

5. At the end of the first quarter of 2009, the project had a remaining balance of US \$63,254 out of the US \$333,000 approved, which will be carried over into 2009-2010 to implement the remaining activities from the first tranche in addition to the amount requested for the second tranche.

Plan of action for the second tranche of the TPMP

6. The Government of Niger commits to implementing a number of activities under the second work programme of the TPMP. These include the completion of the remaining training for refrigeration technicians and customs officers and the full strengthening of a centre for excellence in refrigeration servicing that will lead to the implementation of the retrofit and equipment programme. During this tranche, the country will also continue to implement public awareness activities and information dissemination to stakeholders. The monitoring and management of these activities is also covered in the second tranche of the TPMP.

SECRETARIAT'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION

COMMENTS

7. The 2008 CFC consumption reported by the Government of Niger under Article 7 of the Protocol of 2.9 ODP tonnes was already below the level allowable of 4.8 ODP tonnes for that year.

8. The first tranche of the TPMP for Niger was approved in April 2008. In this short period, the project has already achieved some progress in implementation, and the remaining activities are in the process of being completed in order to ensure that the country meets its compliance obligations under the Montreal Protocol.

9. Following questions on the delays for the equipment component, UNEP as lead agency informed the Secretariat that 100 toolboxes and toolkits have been ordered, and the distribution of these will be done through the refrigeration associations established under the TPMP. Beneficiaries have already been identified. UNEP has also provided positive reports regarding the activities, and there is confidence that these will be implemented with very good co-ordination between both agencies working in the country. This is expected to continue into 2010. The CFC consumption in the country has remained below the maximum allowable level specified in the agreement. The Secretariat noted that this is the last tranche of the TPMP for CFC phase out.

10. The Secretariat also notes that this request is in line with decision 57/15 in that the disbursement from the first tranche is more than 20 percent, substantive progress in project implementation has been achieved, and CFC targets for the year have been met.

RECOMMENDATION

11. The Secretariat recommends that the Executive Committee:

- (a) Takes note of the progress report on the implementation of the first tranche of the terminal phase-out management plan (TPMP) in Niger for the year 2008; and
- (b) Approves the 2009-2010 annual implementation programme.

12. The Secretariat further recommends blanket approval of the second tranche for the TPMP for Niger with associated support costs at the funding level shown in the table below:

	Project Title	Project Funding (US\$)	Support Cost (US\$)	Implementing Agency
(a)	Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche)	68,000	8,840	UNEP
(b)	Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche)	53,000	4,770	UNIDO

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