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PROJECT PROPOSAL: BENIN

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
Benin

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

(II) LATEST ARTICLE 7 DATA (ODP Tonnes)					Year: 2008
CFC: 5.2	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					5.2								5.2
CTC													0
Halons													0
Methyl Bromide													0
Others													0
TCA													0

(IV) PROJECT DATA			2008	2009	2010	Total
Montreal Protocol Consumption Limits		CFC	9.	9.	0.	
Maximum Allowable Consumption (ODP Tonnes)		CFC	7.9	4.	0.	
Project Costs (US\$)	UNEP	Project Costs	85,000.	65,000.		150,000.
		Support Costs	11,050.	8,450.		19,500.
	UNIDO	Project Costs	106,000.	69,000.		175,000.
		Support Costs	9,540.	6,210.		15,750.
Total Funds Approved in Principle (US\$)		Project Costs	191,000.	134,000.		325,000.
		Support Costs	20,590.	14,660.		35,250.
Total Funds Released by the ExCom (US\$)		Project Costs	191,000.	0.		191,000.
		Support Costs	20,590.	0.		20,590.
Total Funds Requested for Current Year (US\$)		Project Costs		134,000.		134,000.
		Support Costs		14,660.		14,660.

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

1. On behalf of the Government of Benin UNEP, as the lead implementing agency, has submitted to the 59th 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 and final tranche at a total cost of US \$65,000 plus agency support costs of US \$8,450 for UNEP and US \$69,000 plus agency support costs of US \$6,210 for UNIDO.

Background

2. The TPMP for Benin was approved in principle by the Executive Committee at its 55th Meeting at the amount of US \$325,000 plus agency support costs of US \$19,500 for UNEP and US \$15,750 for UNIDO to completely phase-out CFC consumption in the country by 2010. At the same meeting, the Executive Committee approved the first tranche of US \$85,000 plus agency support costs of US \$11,050 for UNEP and US \$9,540 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 July 2009 cover the completion of refrigeration training resulting in 28 trained trainers for refrigeration servicing and 14 trainers on the use of demonstration equipment for the training centres established by UNIDO. These trainers have in turn trained 200 refrigeration service technicians. One hydrocarbon (HC) charging station was also purchased. During this period, one training workshop for customs officers was completed resulting in 39 officers being trained. Dialogues and discussions continued to be held 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 being implemented by UNIDO. The purchase and delivery of equipment for three training centres were completed to enable the retrofit to hydrocarbon (HC) technologies. Toolkits for refrigeration service workshops were also purchased and these will be distributed in the next few months.

5. At the end of the second quarter of 2009, the project had a remaining balance of US \$39,808 out of the US \$191,000 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 Benin 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 as reported by the Government of Benin for Article 7 is 5.2 ODP tonnes. While this consumption is below the allowable level for this country, the Secretariat sought information from UNEP on how this can be brought to zero in 2010. UNEP assured the Secretariat of the Government's full commitment to meet zero consumption for the end of this year by fully implementing the sub-regional ODS regulations which strictly ban the imports of CFCs from December 2009. In addition to the activities in the TPMP, the Government has also initiated intensive awareness campaigns in order to ensure meeting this target.

8. The first tranche of the TPMP for Benin was approved in July 2008. The project has already achieved some progress in implementation as shown above, 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. The Secretariat sought clarification on the reasons why some components show a large disbursement yet report very little progress. UNEP as the lead agency responded that for the component implemented by UNIDO, equipment has already been ordered and this constituted a large part of the budget. It did clarify however that the full implementation of the activities will not take place until the last quarter of the year. The Secretariat requested UNEP to provide a detailed action plan for this component for better monitoring of results and outputs. UNIDO through UNEP provided a very brief action plan outlining the various activities under their component with specific deadlines for completion.

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 per cent, some 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 Benin 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 Benin with associated support costs at the funding level shown in the table below on the understanding that UNEP and UNIDO will submit a progress report on the implementation of the 2009-2010 annual programme to the 62nd Meeting of the Executive Committee:

	Project Title	Project Funding (US\$)	Support Cost (US\$)	Implementing Agency
(a)	Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche)	65,000	8,540	UNEP
(b)	Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche)	69,000	6,210	UNIDO

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