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**REPORT ON THE EXERCISE TO FORMULATE THE NATIONAL
PORTFOLIO OF PRIORITY PROJECTS IN CHAD TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN
THE CONTEXT OF THE SYSTEM FOR TRANSPARENT ALLOCATION OF
RESOURCES (STAR) OF THE FIFTH REPLENISHMENT OF THE GLOBAL
ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF-5)**

1. Introduction

In the context of the fifth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Trust Fund, the GEF operational focal point for Chad coordinated a national exercise to define national priorities for the utilization of GEF-5 resources allocated to Chad under the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR). This exercise consisted of providing Chad with a framework paper to serve as a foundation for programming GEF-5 resources through a process of consultation between different stakeholders (Government, development partners, civil society organizations, and others) involved in sustainable management of the environment.

To help ensure the exercise's success, the Ministry of Environment and Fisheries, acting on behalf of the Government of Chad, requested financial support from the GEF Secretariat, as provided by the new reforms adopted at the General Assembly held on May 24, 2010 in Uruguay. The amount of US \$28,600 was awarded to Chad for this exercise.

The main results of the activities carried out in this area are reported in summary form below.

2. Process Description

A committee was formed under the chairmanship of the Inspector General of the Ministry of Environment with the following members: Secretary General, Director General of the Agency for Domestic Energy and the Environment [*Agence pour l'Energie Domestique et l'Environnement* AEDE], the various technical focal points for which GEF is the financial mechanism, the GEF operational focal point, and a few Ministry officials.

The committee's mandate was to define the methodology for executing the NPFE process and to consult with the GEF Secretariat until the necessary funding was mobilized. Two obligatory stages were identified for this exercise: a consultancy on the implementation status of the conventions and a national workshop. The amount of US \$28,600 was awarded by the GEF Secretariat for this purpose.

A. Consultancy

Three national consultants were hired for this activity. They were charged with the following tasks:

- Perform an in-depth analysis of the implementation status of the various conventions since their ratification by Chad;
- Identify national priorities related to these different conventions, as well as the commitments to which Chad is bound;

- Identify all the decisions made at the various conferences and their implementation status at the national level;
- Identify project ideas related to the synergy among the three conventions;
- Identify priority project ideas related to the different conventions;
- Present the national portfolio of projects and programs, as well as the enabling GEF activities; and
- Present the results of their consultancy at the national workshop.

B. National Workshop

The workshop on the national exercise to formulate the portfolio of priority projects to be submitted to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) was held on April 10-11, 2012 at the National Museum of N'Djamena. Organized by the Ministry of Environment and Fisheries, through its General Secretariat, this workshop brought together more than 70 participants representing the following: deputies, relevant ministries, civil society organizations, the private sector, regional and subregional organizations, development partners, and various technical agencies.

The overall purpose was to provide Chad with a document on a portfolio of projects intended to serve as a foundation for programming GEF-5 resources through a participatory process between the Government's technical agencies and other stakeholders involved in managing the environment. More specifically, the purpose was to:

- Familiarize stakeholders with the GEF process and present to them the main environmental challenges facing Chad;
- Take stock of the environmental concerns of partners and create national synergy around common objectives (GEF, GEF implementing agencies, Government, the private sector, civil society, local communities);
- Promote partnership, synergy, and complementarity regarding the objectives identified in the GEF-5 projects, with a view to facilitating mobilization of their co-financing;
- Validate the national portfolio of GEF projects.

The opening ceremony was chaired by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Environment and Fisheries, Mr. Sandjima Dounia. The proceedings were co-led by Mr. Mouhyddine Mahamat Saleh, Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of the Environment, and Mr. Aboubakar Ourde, President of the NGO DARNA.

To bring participants up to date, the workshop included presentations on the following topics:

- General structure of GEF;
- GEF and the different international conventions;
- System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR);
- Strategic goals in the areas of biodiversity, international waters, POPs, climate change, and land degradation;
- Strategy and national action plan under the Great Green Wall initiative;
- GEF microfinance program;
- Pilot projects for sustainable rehabilitation of Lake Chad.
- Draft master plan and draft investment plan for the Lake Chad Basin Commission.

N.B. The workshop adopted the following approach, which consisted of leaving adoption of the consultant report on the implementation status of Rio generation conventions to the Secretary General of the Ministry of Environment, through a 30-day process.

Three working groups were formed around specific GEF themes:

- Climate change and international waters;
- Land degradation and persistent organic pollutants;
- Biodiversity and biosafety.

Each group was charged—based on the strategies and action plans of the various conventions, as well as the general and sectoral policy papers and their action plans—with identifying and prioritizing project ideas that could be implemented under the Great Green Wall and Lake Chad programs.

a. Sahel and West Africa program in support of the Great Green Wall initiative (US\$4 million under STAR, implementing agency: World Bank)

The activities listed below should be implemented within the context of the land and water sustainable management project:

- Reclamation of degraded lands, anti-erosion controls, village-level land management;

- Development of water supply infrastructure, mobilization and monitoring of water resources;
- Promotion of new and renewable energies for income-generating activities;
- Installation of socioeconomic infrastructure;
- Stakeholder information, education, and communication;
- Promotion and dissemination of local knowledge;
- Capacity building for farmer organizations and structures.

Adaptation activities related to the National Adaptation Programme of Action on Climate Change (NAPA) will also be carried out under the Sahel and West Africa program in support of the Great Green Wall initiative (US \$5 million from the PMA fund), through the following priority projects:

1. Mobilization of surface waters for agriculture and livestock feed (US\$1 million);
 2. Crop diversification and intensification in the Sudanian and Sahelian zones (US\$1 million);
 3. Improvement of information, education, and communication concerning adaptation to climate change (US\$1 million);
 4. Construction of soil protection and conservation structures for the development of agricultural activities (US\$1 million);
 5. Livestock feed bank (US\$1 million).
- b. Lake Chad (US \$2.1 million under STAR, implementing agency: African Development Bank)***

The activities listed below should be implemented within the context of the regional program to conserve the water resources and natural resources of Lake Chad:

1. Improvement of Chari/Logone water conditions;
2. Improvement of the surface and ground water observation network in the Lake Chad basin;
3. Lake Chad reforestation;
4. Information, education, and communication targeting local populations;

5. Efforts to control waterborne diseases, epidemics, and infectious diseases in the Lake Chad basin;
6. Conservation of the Kouri breed;
7. Efforts to ensure the sustainability of aquaculture and fish farming resources;
8. Improvement and protection of the basin from erosion and sand buildup in the northern and eastern parts of Lake Chad;
9. Promotion of local knowledge about conservation.

c. Project to improve earthen brick production techniques and climate-appropriate housing (US\$0.73 million under STAR and \$5 million from the PMA fund, implementing agency: United Nations Environment Program)

The priority NAPA-related projects are listed below:

1. Improvement of information, education, and communication concerning adaptation to climate change (US\$1 million);
2. Construction of soil protection and conservation structures for the development of agricultural and income-generating activities (US\$3 million);
3. Reduction of the vulnerability of populations to climate risks / climate-related risk management and adaptation to climate change (US\$1 million).

d. Project on adaptation to climate change in rural communities (US\$5 million from the PMA fund, implementing agency: United Nations Development Program) within the NAPA framework:

1. Improvement and dissemination of crop schedules (US\$1 million);
2. Construction of soil protection and conservation structures for the development of agricultural and income-generating activities (US\$1.6 million);
3. Improvement of intercommunity pasturelands (US\$1 million);
4. Improvement of the quality of seasonal forecasting of rainfall and surface water runoff and inclusion of same in the vulnerability monitoring strategy (US\$1.4 million).

N.B. Additional financing is expected from the European Union for Priorities number 8 and number 10 of the National Adaptation Program of Action on Climate Change, concerning climate change monitoring and management respectively.

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