

## **DOCUMENT II**

# **CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF PROJECTS IN MEXICO'S PORTFOLIO TO BE FINANCED BY THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FUND (GEF) FOR THE PERIOD 2011-2014**

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## **A. BIODIVERSITY FOCAL AREA**

General **criteria** for project selection in the focal area: **biodiversity**

### **CRITERION 1. Direct (measurable) environmental and socioeconomic contribution.**

#### *Environmental*

1. What is the contribution to the increase in size of the area for conservation, management, and sustainable use?
2. What is the benefit in conservation of species, genes, and ecosystems?
3. Application of scientific/technical knowledge for making appropriate and timely decisions.

#### *Socioeconomic*

1. Measurable benefits for local communities in economic and social terms, including:
  - a. Creation of new green jobs and improved quality of life in communities where the project is carried out.
  - b. Economic benefits for the local communities.
  - c. Conservation of environmental services, to be included in the Program of Payment for Environmental Services.
2. Conservation and promotion of traditional knowledge compatible with conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.
3. Direct involvement of interest groups and local communities.

### **CRITERION 2. Institutional impact at the national level in strengthening technical and managerial capacities for planning and execution of short- and medium-term activities.**

1. Promotion of medium- and long-term proposals with training of staff for their management and execution.
2. Strengthening of coordination and interaction of various stakeholders in the federal government.
3. Promotion of proposals that enhance capacity building in the entities involved, contribute to the development of local capacities for application of the principles of the respective conventions on biological diversity and climate change, and insofar as possible include thematic approaches of climate change (vulnerability and adaptation).

### **CRITERION 3. Concurrent resources and participation of different agencies and partners in a single project.**

1. Interdisciplinary approach.
2. Involvement in two or more focal areas or programs of the GEF.
3. Participation of various federal government agencies.
4. Attraction of resources from other sources (e.g., the green fund for climate change projects, funds from other implementing agencies, etc.).
5. Participation of other sectors, such as corporations or investors.

## **B. FOCAL AREA ON LAND DEGRADATION (DESERTIFICATION AND DEFORESTATION)**

General **criteria** for project selection in the focal area: **land degradation** (desertification and deforestation)

### **CRITERION 1. Direct (measurable) environmental and socioeconomic contribution.**

#### *Environmental*

1. Contribution to increasing the area of sustainable land management practices.
2. Contribution to increasing the area of land carbon sinks.
3. Contribution to the provision of agro-ecosystemic services.
4. Impact of the reduction of emissions in the land use sector, change of land use and forestry, including increase in the capture and storage of carbon in land sinks. Benefits on conservation of farmland and forestland.
5. Number of producers who convert to or adopt productive activities related to conservation and sustainable use.
6. Promotes planning for integrated water basin management.

#### *Socioeconomic*

1. Generation of income sources and maintenance of subsistence means for local communities.
2. Conservation and promotion of traditional knowledge compatible with conservation and sustainable use of land and forests.
3. Strengthening of local governance schemes.
4. Direct involvement of interest groups and local communities with inclusiveness and gender and ethnic equity.

### **CRITERION 2. Institutional impact at the national level in strengthening technical and managerial capacities for planning and execution of short- and medium-term activities.**

1. Promotion of medium- and long-term proposals with training of staff for the management and execution of those proposals.
2. Strengthening of coordination and interaction of various official stakeholders at the three levels of government.
3. Promotion of proposals that enhance capacity building in the entities involved and contribute to the development of local capacities for application of the principles of the respective conventions on biological diversity, climate change, and the fight against desertification.

### **CRITERION 3. Concurrent resources and participation of different agencies and partners in a single project.**

1. Interdisciplinary approach.
2. Involvement in two or more focal areas or programs of the GEF.
3. Participation of various public agencies at the three levels of government.
4. Attraction of resources from other sources (e.g., the green fund for climate change projects, funds from other implementing agencies, etc.).

5. Participation of other sectors, such as corporations or investors.

## **C. FOCAL AREA ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

General **criteria** for project selection in the focal area: **climate change**

### **CRITERION 1. Direct (measurable) environmental and socioeconomic contribution.**

1. That they include local actions to reactivate the regional economy, create jobs in the communities, benefit consumers, and improve the country's competitiveness and sustainable development.
2. That they stimulate measures to promote synergies between mitigation and adaptation.
3. That they demonstrate a contribution to expanding the scope of the national and regional targets for reducing emissions.
4. That they maximize the efficiency in the use of energy to reduce energy consumption and promote the de-carbonization of the Mexican economy.
5. That they encourage mitigation actions that are more viable for inclusion in the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) or voluntary carbon markets.
6. Region-based projects (atmospheric basins) and institutional priorities.
7. That contribute to increasing the conservation area.

### **CRITERION 2. Institutional impact at the national level in strengthening technical and managerial capacities for planning and execution of short- and medium-term activities.**

1. That stimulate the participation and coordinated work of the various agencies of government and society to develop national, sectoral, and institutional capacities in the area of climate change.
2. Promotion of short-, medium-, and long-term proposals with training of relevant stakeholders for their management and execution.

### **CRITERION 3. Concurrent resources and participation of different agencies and partners in a single project.**

1. That they have a demonstrable effect on the achievement of multiple objectives that lead to sustainable human development and offer additional benefits (co-benefits) besides the climate ones, such as: energy and food security; public health improvements; cleaner, more efficient, and more competitive production processes; improvement of air quality; conservation of natural resources; and reduction of barriers in the private sector for investment in the development and implementation of clean technologies.
2. Involvement in two or more focal areas or programs of the GEF.
3. That they consider the concurrence and active participation of various stakeholders.
4. That they stimulate additional resources and favor the transfer of low-carbon-emission technologies.

## **D. INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT/REDD+**

General **criteria** for project selection in the **Program for Sustainable Forest Management/REDD+**.

### **CRITERION 1. Direct (measurable) environmental and socioeconomic contribution.**

#### *Environmental*

1. Contribution to increasing the area of forest devoted to conservation and/or sustainable management.
2. Contribution to increasing the area of land carbon sinks and their carbon stocks.
3. Contribution to the provision of environmental services.
4. Impact on the reduction of emissions in the LULUCF sector.
5. Number of producers/tracts that adopt best practices for sustainable forest management and/or conservation of forest resources.

#### *Socioeconomic*

1. Generation of income sources and maintenance of subsistence means for local communities.
2. Conservation and promotion of traditional knowledge compatible with conservation and sustainable use of land and forests.
3. Strengthening of local governance schemes.
4. Direct involvement of interest groups and local communities with inclusiveness and gender and ethnic equity.

### **CRITERION 2. Institutional impact at the national level in strengthening technical and managerial capacities for planning and execution of short- and medium-term activities.**

1. Promotion of medium- and long-term proposals with training of staff for their management and execution.
2. Strengthening of coordination and interaction of various official stakeholders at the three levels of government.
3. Promotion of proposals that enhance capacity building in the entities involved and contribute to the development of local capacities for application of the principles of the respective conventions on biological diversity, climate change, and the fight against desertification.

### **CRITERION 3. Concurrent resources and participation of different agencies and partners in a single project.**

1. Interdisciplinary approach.
2. Involvement in two or more focal areas or programs of the GEF.
3. Participation of various public agencies at the three levels of government.
4. Attraction of resources from other sources (e.g., the green fund for climate change projects, funds from other implementing agencies, etc.).
5. Participation of other sectors, such as corporations or investors.