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Subject: Authorization for Activity: Mauritania Country Total Budget and Work Plan, under UNDP-GEF "Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support (GBF-EAS)", GL Unit: UNDP1, Atlas Dept: B0354, Project No: 00146100, Output No: 00133309, PIMS+ ID: 6717

Dear Mr. Ndiaye,

We are pleased to authorize the spending limit to your office for the implementation of the UNDP-GEF Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support (GBF-EAS) global project, in compliance with UNDP rules and regulations, policies and procedures and the GEF policies. This authorization is effective immediately, and there is no need for separate authorization for Atlas transactions from our UNDP NCE-VF Headquarters (HQ).

Mauritania is part of the GBF-EAS, a global project overseen by UNDP's global Ecosystems and Biodiversity team in HQ, and directly implemented (DIM) through selected participating countries. UNDP Mauritania will receive a total country allocation of USD 263,115 for the implementation of activities as per the approved Country Total Budget Work Plan as in the ProDoc and with the Atlas Output No.00133309. This total allocation includes the amount of USD14,000 for Direct Project Costs (DPC) under the Project Management Cost (PMC) component. The total allocation, DPC, and PMC amounts are capped, thus any over-expenditure in the total amount or DPC/PMC must be covered by the Country Office from non-GEF resources.

At national level, and following extensive consultations, your Country Office (CO) will be responsible for:

- Liaising with key government counterparts (Ministries or Departments of Finance, Environment, Planning, etc.) to ensure adequate hosting of the Initiative and establish a coordination mechanism that counts with Country Office representation and participation;
- Liaising with and facilitating reporting to the GBF-EAS global team;
- Providing direct project support on ensuring national GBF-EAS deliverables and operational processes;
- Secure and review submissions by the national team of the required technical reports. Reports should be in English and certified by the CO Focal Point and sent to the GBF-EAS Project Manager.
- Prepare the required financial reports. Reports should be in English and certified by the CO Focal Point and sent to the GBF-EAS Project Manager.

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Mr. Mansour Ndiaye
Resident Representative
UNDP Mauritania

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FOR EXPENDITURE: Kindly ensure that expenditures are charged as per the Chart of Account below and in line with the approved Annual Work Plan (AWP):

Outcomes	Oper Unit	Fund	Dept. ID.	PC B.U.	Output/ Project ID	Activity	Impl Agent	Donor	Amount (USD)
Component 1	H70	62000	B0354	UNDP1	00133309	ACTIVITY 1	001981	10003	66,015
Component 2	H70	62000	B0354	UNDP1	00133309	ACTIVITY 2	001981	10003	35,900
Component 3	H70	62000	B0354	UNDP1	00133309	ACTIVITY 3	001981	10003	85,100
Component 4	H70	62000	B0354	UNDP1	00133309	ACTIVITY 4	001981	10003	62,100
PMC	H70	62000	B0354	UNDP1	00133309	ACTIVITY 5	001981	10003	14,000
TOTAL									**263,115**

As this is a global DIM project, the expenditure of the allocated amount at the CO level should also be carried out using DIM procedures. Multi-year AWPs should be submitted to the GBF-EAS Project Manager for clearance and RTA approval. Project Budget approvals are not delegated to CO. Relevant supporting documentation should be maintained by your office as per the rules and regulations of UNDP and the donor and made available in case of future audits. Documentation should also be presented upon the request of the UNDP Environmental Finance Unit.

This authorization is valid until the expected date of operational closure.

Thank you for your support and looking forward to our continued collaboration,

Sincerely,

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Annex 1: 2022-2024 Country TBWP for UNDP Mauritania for the GBF-EAS Project

Atlas Activity (GEF Component)	ATLAS Budget Account Description	Amount Year 2022 (USD)	Amount Year 2023 (USD)	Amount Year 2024 (USD)	Total (USD)
Component 1. RAPID REVIEW OF NBSAP FOR ALIGNMENT WITH THE POST-2020 GBF	International Consultant	-	-		-
	Consultant National	4,500	3,000		7,500
	Travel	1,500	1,000		2,500
	Contractual services - Companies	2,700	2,000		4,700
	Supplies	1,315	-		1,315
	Training, workshop, conference	25,000	25,000		50,000
	Total 1	35,015	31,000	-	66,015
Component 2. ASSESSMENT OF MONITORING SYSTEMS	International Consultant	-	-		-
	Consultant National	6,000	-		6,000
	Travel	1,100	-		1,100
	Contractual services - Companies	2,500	-		2,500
	Supplies	1,300	-		1,300
	Training, workshop, conference	25,000	-		25,000
	Total 2	35,900	-	-	35,900
Component 3. POLICY AND INSTITUTIONAL ALIGNMENT AND REVIEW FOR COHERENCE WITH THE GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK	International Consultant	21,000	-		21,000
	Consultant National	6,000	3,000		9,000
	Travel	4,000	1,000		5,000
	Contractual services - Companies	2,500	-		2,500
	Supplies	1,300	1,300		2,600
	Training, workshop, conference	25,000	20,000		45,000
	Total 3	59,800	25,300	-	85,100
Component 4. BIODIVERSITY FINANCE ACTIVITIES	International Consultant	28,000	-		28,000
	Consultant National	-	-		-
	Travel	5,300	-		5,300
	Contractual services - Companies	2,500	-		2,500
	Supplies	1,300	-		1,300
	Training, workshop, conference	25,000	-		25,000
	Total 4	62,100	-	-	62,100
Sub total technical components		192,815	56,300	-	249,115
PROJECT MANAGEMENT COST	Services to projects CO staff	8,000	6,000		14,000
	Total PMC	8,000	6,000	-	14,000
		200,815	**62,300**	**-**	**263,115**