

PROJECT CONCEPTS – DESIGNING A PIF

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Summary

- Main Elements in the PIF
- PIF approval process and common hurdles and opportunities
- Collaboration with Agencies during PIF design
- Differences in PIF design according to implementation strategy

Main Elements in the PIF - concept framework (Part I)

- **Objective:** should capture key elements of project (theme, geographic scope, sector, etc.)
- **Components** – groups of activities
 - By topic or theme: Knowledge, science, Early warning, disaster management
 - By outcome/objective: Technical capacity strengthened, Policies updated
- Useful to limit substantive components to 3 or 4
- **Outcomes:** short-term and medium-term effects of an intervention's outputs
- **Output:** immediate result of an activity; products, capital goods and services which result from a development intervention
 - Example: dynamic cropping calendars

Main Elements in the PIF - justification (Part II)

- Provide a summary of key climate change vulnerabilities to be addressed
 - NAPA and National communications
- Highlight anthropogenic factors that are potentially exacerbating the problem
- Explain additional activities needed to reduce vulnerabilities
- Summarize baseline information (policies, plans, programmes)

Main Elements in the PIF - Justification

- Highlight opportunities for synergies and coordination
 - Other GEF projects
 - Activities under other MEAs
 - Major national programmes
- Additional cost reasoning
 - costs associated with meeting additional adaptation needs imposed on the country by the effects of climate change
- Useful to describe what would happen without the project (baseline, status quo, business as usual)
- Describe activities by component

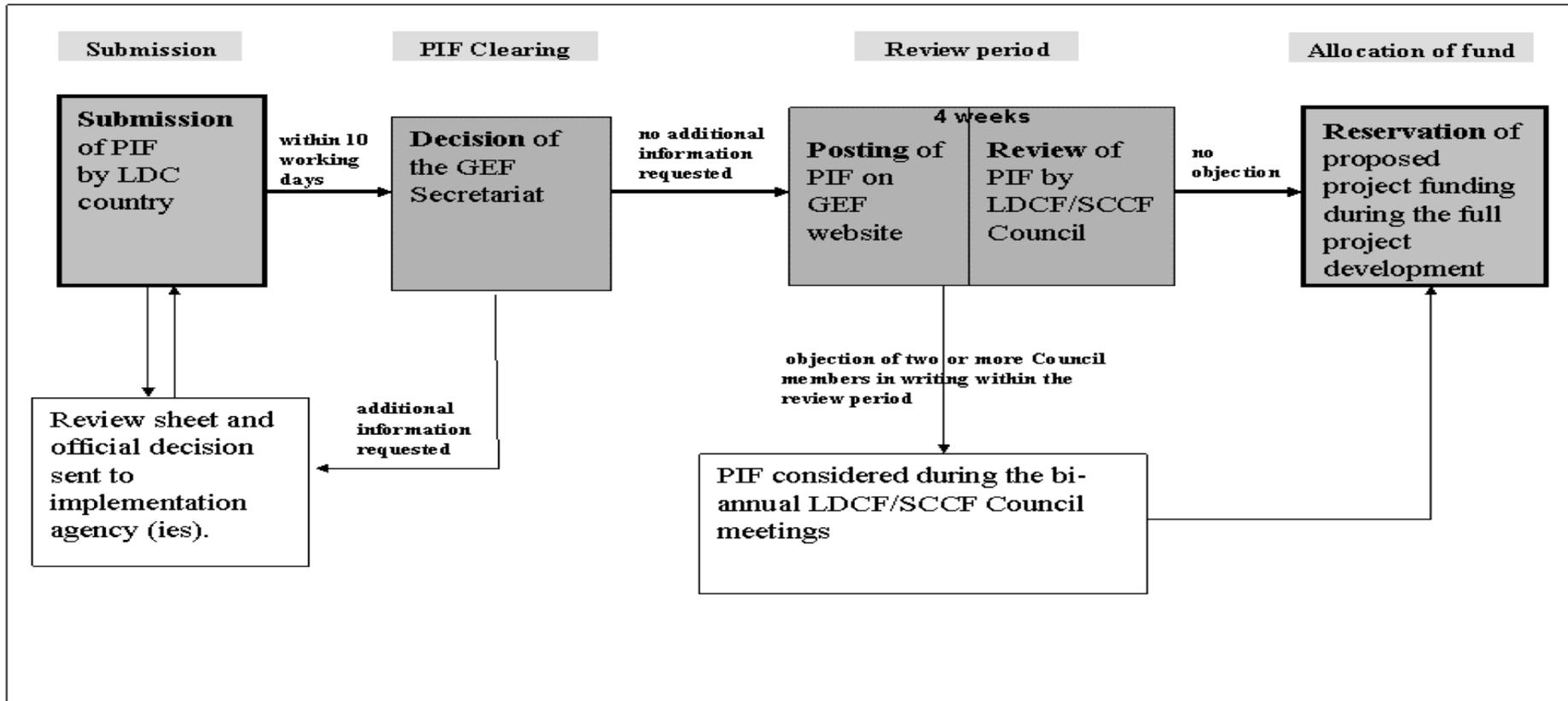
Main Elements in the PIF - Costing activities

- At PIF stage, only estimates are required
- Useful to begin by costing activities before grouping costs by outcome and component
- Cost effectiveness: demonstrate that activities were weighed according to costs and benefits

Activity	Cost	output	outcomes
a	50	1	X
b	50	2	
c		3	
d		4	Y
e			
f		5	
g		6	Z
		7	
total			

PIF approval process

PIF PROCEDURES AND PROCESSING



PIF approval process

- Review and Approval criteria
 - Technical
 - Policy conformity
 - Institutional set-up (incl. Agency comparative advantage)
 - Financial

Collaboration with Agencies

- Technical assistance in defining project concepts
- Assistance in drafting PIF elements
- Submission and revision of PIF

- Agencies' internal review process

Defining additional information gaps

- Technical feasibility of activities
 - E.g. managed aquifer recharge
- Stronger assessment of baseline
 - Capacity assessments
- Opportunities for partnerships and coordination
 - Confirmation of co-financing
 - Stakeholder consultations
- Institutional and management arrangements
- Financial arrangements
 - Detailed costs of activities and valuation of baseline