

**National Communications –Provision of Financial and  
Technical Support**

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for this opportunity to make this intervention on agenda item 4c –Provision of Financial and Technical Support.

The GEF recognizes the importance of providing support to countries to fulfill their convention obligations. As such we have set aside resources in GEF 6 so that countries will not have to use their STAR national allocations in order to complete their national communications and biennial update reports.

The document FCCC/SBI/2014/INF.22, provides updated information on the status of national communications and biennial update reports.

Mr. Chairman, since the completion of this report, the following countries have had projects approved to prepare biennial update reports: Botswana, Nigeria, Chile, Egypt, Jordan, Papua New Guinea, and Trinidad and Tobago. At the last GEF Council

meeting in late October, a project for 35 SIDS and LDCs was also approved for these countries to complete their BURs. Over eighty countries would have accessed set-aside resources to prepare their BURs. We think that good progress has been made here.

Mr. Chairman to assist with additional capacity building and technical support, we have the Global Support Program for National Communications and Biennial update reports that GEF is financing, through UNDP and UNEP. This Global Support Program will also provide technical support to countries preparing intended nationally determined contributions for the 2015 agreement.

We understand that some additional countries are in the process of preparing project proposals for national communications and biennial update reports. Please note that you can combine work relevant to preparing the intended nationally determined contributions in one project proposal package with the national

communications and /or biennial update report. We encourage countries to apply, and if there are any questions GEF secretariat and GEF agency staff will be here during the entire COP to provide you with all of the clarifications and technical assistance that is required.

Mr. Chairman, we would like to reassure parties that the GEF will continue to provide resources as a priority for these convention obligations. We recognize the high importance of these activities for this process and the key role they play in enhancing capacities in countries and providing the technical data and information for future climate investments.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

