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SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ON THE
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NOTE: This document is a compilation of comments submitted to the Secretariat by Council members concerning the project proposals presented in the LDCE/SCCF Work Program approved by the Council in November 2013.

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CLIMATE CHANGE

1. Antigua and Barbuda: Building climate Resilience through Innovative Financing Mechanisms for Climate Change Adaptation - UNEP (GEF ID = 5523)

✓ **USA Comments**

- The United States welcomes this project concept. We appreciate the proposal's targeted focus on designing innovative financing mechanisms and enhancing technical and institutional capacity in order to scale up domestic financial support for climate change adaptation interventions. Given that Antigua and Barbuda already has a well-established financial services sector, this project is well positioned to build off of existing institutional frameworks to develop a range of mechanisms to finance both community level ecosystem-based adaptation interventions and commercially viable adaptation interventions.
- With a view toward further strengthening this PIF we request UNEP, as it prepares the full project document, to provide more information on how the various project components are linked, especially Components 2 and 3. Building in linkages between project components from the beginning will ensure that the various lessons learned and best practices from each Component's activities will inform implementation across all project areas.
- The United States strongly recommends that UNEP consider and address the scientific and technical challenges, omissions and opportunities identified by the STAP in its review of the PIF as it prepares the draft final project document for CEO endorsement, particularly the recommendation in paragraph 3 of the STAP review to further elucidate the communities most vulnerable to climate change impacts and how the proposed measures will increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change.
- In addition, we expect that UNEP, in development of the full project proposal, will clarify how it will:
 - Communicate results, lessons learned and best practices identified throughout the project to the various stakeholders both during and after the project; and
 - Engage local stakeholders, including community-based organizations and women in both the design and implementation of the program.

2. **Myanmar: Adapting Community Forestry landscapes and associated community livelihoods to a changing climate, in particular an increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events – UNEP (GEF ID 5567)**

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