



### Approved Decision

Decision:

Dear GCAP Sub-Committee members,

We are writing regarding the document entitled, *Zambezi Regional: Investment Plan Preparation Grant (IPPG) (NPC)*, submitted for your review and approval.

The time period provided for submission of any objections to the decision has now expired. No objections were received. We are, therefore, pleased to inform you that the following decision is now approved:

**The GCAP Sub-Committee, having reviewed the document entitled, Zambezi Regional: Investment Plan Preparation Grant (IPPG) (NPC), approves the document.**

### Decision Information

Approved Decision Date:

12/14/2023

Decision Name:

Zambezi Regional: Investment Plan Preparation Grant (IPPG) (NPC)

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### Revised Decision

Decision:

Dear GCAP Sub-Committee members,

Based on remarks made and modifications suggested in the comments section of this approval request, the proposed decision text has been modified.

The GCAP Sub-Committee is requested to approve the following revised decision:

**The GCAP Sub-Committee, having reviewed the request submitted by the Government of Zambia, as the lead country of the Zambezi Regional proposal, and the African Development Bank (AfDB), notes the exceptional request for additional funding for this regional Investment Plan and approves USD 1,000,000 as an Investment Plan Preparation Grant (IPPG) to support the development of the Zambezi Regional Investment Plan under the Nature, People and Climate (NPC) Program.**

**The GCAP Sub-Committee further notes that this exceptional IPPG amount should not create a precedent for other NPC IPPG allocations.**

### Decision Information

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### Proposed Decision

Dear GCAP Sub-Committee members,

As you may recall, in October 2022, the GCAP Sub-Committee reviewed the *Nature, People and Climate (NPC) Program Independent Expert Group Report* and agreed that the countries selected to develop an investment plan under the NPC Program can receive up to USD 500,000 as an Investment Plan Preparation Grant (IPPG) to enable them to take a leadership role in working with the MDBs to develop the Plan.

The NPC Zambezi Regional IP, as a regional group comprised of five countries [Zambia (lead), Namibia, Madagascar, Mali and Tanzania], is requesting an IPPG of **USD 1,000,000**, instead of the 500,000 that was allocated per country.

The Zambezi Regional IP preparation process will involve extensive stakeholder consultations, including at least 12 inclusive consultation workshops (e.g., two gender-responsive regional workshops, two gender-responsive stakeholder consultation workshops per county), and extensive diagnostics assessment to produce inclusive decentralized country-level reports. Considering the planned technical activities, the standard country CIF IPPG amount of USD 500,000 will not be adequate to carry out the initiatives indicated above.

Following the Initial Zambezi Scoping Mission in July, the partners signing the Aide Memoire agreed that a request be made to the GCAP Sub-Committee to increase the IPPG budget for this regional IP to USD 1,000,000. The Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ), which is the lead country for the Zambezi Region IP, will work in close collaboration with the Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM), a major regional river basin organization based in Zimbabwe. The administrative arrangements to facilitate the provision of the IPPG would follow AfDB procedures, which has been designated lead MDB by the GRZ.

The Government of the Republic of Zambia, as lead country, and the African Development Bank (AfDB) are submitting the attached Investment Plan Preparation Grant (IPPG) request for your review and approval.

The GCAP Sub-Committee is requested to approve the following decision:

**The GCAP Sub-Committee, having reviewed the request submitted by the Government of Zambia, as the lead country of the Zambezi Regional proposal, and the African Development Bank (AfDB), notes the exceptional request for additional funding for this regional IP and approves USD 1,000,000 as an Investment Plan Preparation Grant (IPPG) to support the development of the Zambezi Regional Investment Plan under the Nature, People and Climate (NPC) Program.**

### Decision Information

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