



## MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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**Subject: No objection letter to the CEPF Ecosystem Profile for the Eastern Afromontane Biodiversity Hotspot**

Dear Ms. Hickey,

As the Global Environment Facility Operational Focal Point for Mauritius, we have had consultations with necessary stakeholders and they are agreeable to the implementation to the CEPF Ecosystem Profile and investment strategy which is in line with our commitments under the Convention on Biological Diversity. I am, therefore, pleased to give my no objection to the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund Ecosystem Profile related to Mauritius and the provision of grants to organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein.

We understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (Conservation International, l'Agence Française de Développement, the European Union, GEF, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation, and the World Bank) has committed funding to this CEPF initiative, totaling USD 7.5 million. In addition, the CEPF initiative will have no bearing, in any way, on the GEF country allocations for Mauritius and its implementation will not necessitate any co-financing from the Government of Mauritius.

We also request the CEPF to put a monitoring mechanism in place to ensure transparency, accountability and fruitful implementation of the projects. Moreover, we should be grateful if you could kindly inform this Ministry of the amount of funding disbursed to each agency as identified in the Ecosystem profile, especially Government agencies.

Sincerely,

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**Financial Secretary & GEF Operational Focal Point**