

Management Response: Implementation Plan for Evaluation Recommendations

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Implementation Plan

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1	The project final report stated that an evaluation report on the status of the CTCU would be submitted by April 2025. Given the challenges CCMD is facing in operationalising the CTCU, but also the efforts it has made through seconding staff and officially requesting new staff, it would benefit both the IA and the EA to evaluate the status of the CTCU and	Develop an evaluation report on the status of the Climate Transparency and Compliance Unit (CTCU)	Critical	Partners	EA/CCMD	Jun-25	Accepted		This recommendation is addressed to the CCMD of the Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife. The UNEP GEF Climate Mitigation Unit team will write to the CCMD to remind them about this recommendation and to ask for an update. The UNEP GEF Climate Mitigation

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	outline and delineate where the risks lie and where support might be needed. This should include the maintenance of the GHGIMS and the OTP.								Unit will then follow up with the CCMD 3 months later to assess the progress on implementing this recommendation.
2	The GHGIMS and OTP, as well as tools and templates need to be fully put to the test. In addition, learning by doing is the most powerful way to capacitate the team and stakeholders in climate reporting (transparently). The BTR1 team did not use the tools because they were strapped for time and reverted to what was comfortable. The team is more prepared now and the inception meeting for the BTR2 has already taken place. While the evaluator has already been informed that this will be done, it is important to highlight this as a recommendation given the findings of the evaluation.	Implement the use of CBIT tools in the development of the BTR2/NC5	Critical	Partners	EA/BTR2 team at CCMD	12 months	Accepted		This recommendation is addressed to the CCMD of the Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife. The UNEP GEF Climate Mitigation Unit team will convey it to the CCMD in writing (by email), for consideration as they develop the BTR2/NC5. The UNEP GEF Climate Mitigation Unit will then follow up with the CCMD in 6 months and in 12 months to assess the progress on implementing this recommendation.
3	This is a best practice case study that would benefit both Zimbabwe and other countries implementing similar projects and wanting build capacity and ownership at the same time, as well as strengthen networks. It was also an important process to lift those young women experts in the field through access to networks and leadership opportunities.	Write up TWG process for NDC tracking as a lesson learnt/case study for possible replication, particularly focusing on how gender and youth through this model can be empowered	Important	Partners	CCMD	12 months	Accepted		This recommendation is addressed to the CCMD of the Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife. The UNEP GEF Climate Mitigation Unit team will convey it to the CCMD in writing (by email), for future consideration. The UNEP GEF Climate Mitigation Unit will then follow up with the CCMD in 6 months and in 12 months to assess the

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4	In the case of Zimbabwe, where the Auditor General process works if specifics are shared in advance and addressing comments is limited, UNEP should provide advance and specific requirement list for audits when working with Zimbabwe	In case of future GEF projects in Zimbabwe, give clear advance notice on requirements for audits and other UNEP reporting procedures	Opportunity for improvement	Project	UNEP CCM Unit/CC Division	12 months	Accepted		In the event that the country engages into a CBIT 2 project, the UNEP Climate Mitigation Unit team will provide clear guidance to the Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife on the requirements for annual financial audits and other reporting procedures.
5	Zimbabwe is well-placed to apply for CBIT Phase 2 funding, and already has strategically outlined, through the project, priority areas to focus and/or elaborate on. The build on the momentum, it is important to host a meeting as soon as possible to co-develop a concept for CBIT-2. Due to GEF-8 cycle "set aside" funds being nearly exhausted, it would be a preferred option to create a concept for the GEF-9 replenishment cycle.	Conduct a write -shop for concept for CBIT Phase 2	Critical	Project	EA and IA	6 months (this may be extended - GEF-9 cycle starts in July 2026	Accepted		In the event that the country expresses interest for a CBIT 2 project, the UNEP Climate Mitigation Unit team and the Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife will organize a virtual workshop / meeting to prepare a concept note / PIF for the CBIT 2 project.