

Management Response: Implementation Plan for Evaluation Recommendations

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Implementation Plan

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1	There is a critical need for an efficient and strategic platform to facilitate multi-stakeholder dialogue, coordination, and decision-making. This platform will enable other UN Agencies, international NGOs, and decentralized government institutions to align their efforts in an integrated manner, thereby generating a catalytic effect for positive project outcomes.	UNEP in collaboration with project partners should establish an effective multi-stakeholder platform for coordination and decision-making with the aim of achieving positive project outcomes.	Important	Project	UNEP, in collaboration with project partners.	Within six months of finalizing the recommendations implementation plan.	Accepted		Keep organizing a meeting of the APRI steering committee at least on a quarterly basis. One suggested target: two reports of APRI steering committee meeting formulated over a 6-month period

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2	The Ministry of Tourism (MoT) should actively promote ecotourism activities at the project sites, including Macaya National Park. Tourists should be encouraged to partake in field visits, including visits to cashew, cacao, castor, and honey processing units, to bolster the sales of cashew nuts, castor oil, chocolates, and honey for foreign exchange earnings. The MoT should also offer training programs for tourist guides and proficiency courses in French, Creole, and English to rural youth, including women, to stimulate self-employment.	The Ministry of Tourism (MoT) should make efforts to promote ecotourism activities at project sites and Macaya National Park.	Opportunity for improvement	Partners	Ministry of Tourism (MoT).	UNEP project staff should pass on the recommendation to the relevant third party in an effective or substantive manner, preferably within three months of finalizing the recommendations implementation plan.	Accepted		UNEP Haiti team will organize a meeting with the newly appointed Minister of Tourism, and pass on the recommendations. One suggested target: report from the dialogue with the Ministry of Tourism
3	Identifying long-term economic prospects beyond tourism.	Explore and promote nature-based opportunities for green job creation, beyond the scope of tourism, by engaging systematically with relevant partners. This approach broadens the focus beyond tourism, aligning with ongoing initiatives such as the "agroecology and green jobs" project in Grand' Anse. It ensures that economic opportunities are not solely reliant on tourism and can withstand fluctuations in the tourism sector.	Important	Partners	Relevant partners such as the International Labour Organization (ILO) and other relevant ministries.	UNEP project staff should pass on the recommendation to the relevant third party in an effective or substantive manner. Immediate action is needed to initiate discussions and partnerships, with ongoing efforts to explore and leverage nature-based opportunities.	Accepted		Substantial measures have already been taken. In addition, it is recommended that UNEP keeps working at three levels: UNCT Result Group 3 as part of supporting the Rapid Crisis Impact Assessment; Advocating for the interministerial taskforce on environmental economics as a vehicle to produce data and provide analytical support to the promotion of nature-based solutions at governmental level; and keeping promoting nature-based solutions in new project opportunities. Three suggested targets: RCIA encompasses

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									promotion of nature-based solutions; environmental economics taskforce TOR formulated; NBS central to a project concept note approved by the Adaptation Fund
4	The active involvement of women and individuals from marginalized groups, representing over 50% of the beneficiaries, was a significant achievement throughout the project. This inclusivity should be sustained in the subsequent phases of the project.	In future projects in Haiti, human rights and gender mainstreaming should be strengthened by involvement of women and marginalised groups through deliberate integration of gender-based empowerment and capacity building activities, in an effort to achieve gender equality.	Important	Project	UNEP in collaboration with project partners.	Future project planning and/or implementation of ongoing projects in Haiti	Accepted		The response is rather diffuse in a sense that (i) this is clearly elevated as a constant priority for the UNEP Haiti team, but (ii) the way it translates is different and tailored to each individual project concept, targeted beneficiaries, key activities (governance, livelihoods, restoration etc.). We are committed to continue with this endeavour. One suggested target: Report on engagement of woman in UNEP Haiti projects and activities formulated