

Draft Terminal Evaluation Report of the UNDP/GEF Project:
 “Removal of Barriers to Solar PV Power Generation in Mauritius, Rodrigues and the Outer Islands”

Annex 6: Assessment of the Recommendations of the Mid-Term Evaluation

MTE Recommendation	Status	TE Comments
<u>1) Time Extension till end of 2016 to complete project</u>	Done	As compensation for the delay of about two and half years at the project start, the extension of 1 year has proved to be too short to satisfactorily complete all activities. While most of the activities have been completed, several of the project outputs were not achieved by the revised end of the project in December 2016. This includes the solar mapping and the publication of knowledge products which are to be completed latest by December 2017.
<u>2) Recruitment of a full time Project Assistant, to provide support to accelerate implementation of the project</u>	Done	A project assistant was recruited but due to space restrictions at CEB, the assistant was stationed at UNDP offices.
<u>3) Easier environmental clearance procedures for solar PV plant projects</u>	Done	CEB/MEPU has adopted the proposed Preliminary Environmental Review instead of a full EIA for MSDG projects.
<u>4) Initiate activities related to outreach and communication</u>	Almost completed	Under Outcome 5, ppamphlets on benefits of solar energy were distributed during the inauguration of the 3 PV plants in Rodrigues in Nov 2015, and during the commissioning and connection of the 10KWp solar plant at the Queen Victoria Hospital in Rodrigues in early March 2017. Promotional items (bags, pens, mugs) have been procured and being distributed at various workshops. A Knowledge Management Workshop to share the Terminal Evaluation findings and fundamentals of KM was held on 3 March 2017. Cover for promotional booklets in English and French to raise awareness on solar PV energy has been commissioned; this activity is expected to be completed by May 2017.
<u>5) Follow up activities for acceptance of recommendation of consultants for regulations</u>	Done	The removal of 15% VAT on PV imports has been effected during second half of 2016. The SSDG approval process has been streamlined and being handled under a one-stop-shop basis within CEB.
<u>6) Monitor and report of co-financing</u>	Done	The project management team has provided financial information concerning co-financing

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<u>7) Organize Capacity building for private sector and financial personnel</u>	Done	Capacity building workshop conducted by consultant from Mercados AF from 21-25 September 2015. This workshop covers both financial and technical aspects of solar PV installations.
<u>8) Technical training for grid connectivity at higher voltage</u>	Done	Capacity building workshop conducted by consultant from Mercados AF from 21-25 September 2015. This workshop covers both financial and technical aspects of solar PV installations.
9) Solar Resource Mapping	Underway	MOU signed between CEB and University of Mauritius, the latter will monitor, operate and maintain the 13 pyranometers to be installed in CEB buildings throughout Mauritius (10), Rodrigues (2) and Agalega (1). Software has already been completed, pyranometers delivered at the end of February 2017, and installation work already started. The pyranometers for Rodrigues will be installed in March 2017, and for Agalega in June 2017 depending on ship schedule. Solar mapping is expected to be operational during second half of 2017, and latest by December 2017.
<u>10) Explore Green Climate Fund to provide fiscal incentives to future PV installations</u>	Done	GCF has approved a funding level of US\$28.21 million of a 2-phase project proposal from Mauritius entitled “Accelerating the transformational shift to a low-carbon economy in the Republic of Mauritius”. The project document to be signed between Government of Mauritius and UNDP is under preparation at the time of the evaluation mission.