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Terms of Reference for the Evaluation of the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency’s global programme, 2014 – 2018

1. **Background**

In 2014, Sida approved the project application of the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (Swedish EPA) for the Global Programmet. The Global Programme focuses on sustainable natural resource management.

The use of natural resources and ecosystem services is in many developing and transition countries not sustainable. Natural resources have a tendency to be over-exploited and their value is not properly accounted for in the market. The consequences of unsustainable usage of natural resources and ecosystem services have major impacts, not only on the environment and the major earth systems as climate regulation and biodiversity, but also for human societies and development.

The aim of the programme is to contribute towards a sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystem services in participating transition and development countries. The programme wants to strengthen institutional capacities of government agencies as well as the UN system. This will benefit all human beings and particularly the least well-off who often are more depending on natural resources and ecosystem services for their living.

The Global Programme is carried out by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) and the Sustainable United Nations (SUN), the World Bank and the Environment for Development Centres. The programme runs from 2014-09-01 until 2018-06-30.

The programme which is built on the experiences from the Swedish EPA’s previous Global Programme; and the experience, infrastructure and global network of the partner organisations, consists of four different sub-programmes:

1. *Environmental Governance for Sustainable Natural Resource Management,* in collaboration with UNDP
2. *Partnership for an environmentally sustainable One UN*, in collaboration with UNEP and Sustainable UN
3. *Ecosystem services assessment for development,* in collaboration with Environment for Development Centres and the World Bank
4. *Capacity development of staff at Swedish EPA.*
5. **Purpose and scope of the evaluation**
6. **Methodology**

The proposed methodologies should be a combination of a desk study and analysis of the project documentation, materials and deliverables as well as meeting with the project leaders at Swedish EPA. Interviews with relevant key actors at the partner organisations should be carried out.

All costs associated with the execution of the review (travel, reimbursable, translation costs, other) shall be covered from the Review budget. The Swedish EPA strives towards travelfree meeting. Therefore, the evaluation of the Global Programme should be mainly carried out without travelling and interviews should be carried out with help of Skype and other video conference methods.

1. **Time schedule and reporting**