## Management Response Template

**Project Title: *Improved coordination of the Río Conventions for Sustainable Development in Uruguay (ECCOSUR)***

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| **Terminal Evaluation recommendation 1.** **Project exit plan** Develop a detailed exit plan to guide future activities and next steps towards the implementation and synergies of Rio Conventions in the country.  |
| **Management response:[[1]](#footnote-1)** Fully Accept. ECCOSUR established an alliance between the government and civil society to implement GEF project jointly, through a Steering Committee made up of 11 public, private and civil society institutions. The foundations have been laid so that civil society and the Ministry of the Environment can continue working on an integrated and synergistic management of the Rio Conventions in Uruguay.  |
| **Key action(s)** | **Time frame** | **Responsible unit(s)** | **Tracking[[2]](#footnote-2)** |
| **Comments** | **Status[[3]](#footnote-3)** |
| * 1. The project has generated tools such as the Observatory of Conventions (www.oicr. Eccosur.org), a knowledge platform, which will continue to function beyond the project. Likewise, and as recommended in the final evaluation of the project, continuity will be given to the areas of coordination between the focal points of the Rio Conventions and continuity will be given to a simplified format of the Project Steering Committee, led by the Ministry of Environment.
 | March 2022 | Project Management Unit with support of all stakeholders  |  | Not initiated |
| 1.2 The possibility of presenting a project to the GEF 8 will be evaluated in order to support actions on the ground and coordination between the Focal Points of the Conventions to work jointly with local governments and civil society. It will seek to scale successful experiences taking advantage of the lessons learned in the implementation of this project. | 2022 | Ministry of Environment and civil society |  | Not initiated |

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| **Terminal Evaluation recommendation 2.** **Communicating project results** Develop a public communication strategy to disseminate the results and relevance of the project. It is recommended to develop a dissemination plan for all the tools developed by the project to ensure that future initiatives are based on the project results as input.  |
| **Management response:** Fully Accept.  |
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| 2.1 The Observatory of the Conventions (OICR) is a platform for communication and dissemination of the results of the project, including reports, research, and public activities. The Observatory will continue to operate within the framework of the Ministry of the Environment to disseminate information on the country's progress in complying with the obligations assumed within the framework of the Rio Conventions. | 2022  | Uruguayan Government (Ministry of Environment) with UNDP support for public dissemination  |  | Completed |
| 2.2. Within the framework of the project, the CSO CIEDUR has published 10 Bulletins, which have been published in the OICR and will be uploaded on the web pages of the Ministry of the Environment, UNDP Uruguay, Vida Silvestre Uruguay, CEUTA, ECOS AC and Aves Uruguay. | 2021 | Uruguayan Government and members of the Steering Committee |  | Completed |
| 2.3 A final publication is being drafted with the objectives, products, and main achievements of the project. | 2022 | Project Management Unit with support of all stakeholders  |  | Initiated |

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| **Terminal Evaluation recommendation 3.** **Resource mobilization** Develop a strategy for resource mobilization and financial sustainability. It is recommended to develop a project concept to promote the synergies of the Rio Conventions and the mobilization of resources for implementing them in Uruguay.  |
| **Management response**: Fully Accept. |
| **Key action(s)** | **Time frame** | **Responsible unit(s)** | **Tracking** |
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| 3.1. The possibility of developing a new project to be presented to GEF 8 with a governance approach that promotes the decentralization of the application of the Rio Conventions in the field will be evaluated. | 2022  | Steering Committee Members  |  | Not initiated |

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| **Terminal Evaluation recommendation 4.** **Gender** The role of women in natural resource management in Uruguay is critical. It is recommended to strengthen gender mainstreaming in Rio Conventions and other projects related to the Global Environmental Agreements in Uruguay.  |
| **Management response**: Fully accept. |
| **Key action(s)** | **Time** **frame** | **Responsible unit(s)** | **Tracking** |
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| 4.1. The Climate Change Directorate of the Ministry of the Environment has a gender and climate change strategy approved in 2019. At COP 25, the revision of the Lima work plan on gender and the plan of the Convention was approved. In accordance with this, Uruguay approved its national action plan in 2021. In 2022 it is planned to work with civil society organizations in training at the national level. In addition, gender and climate change workshops are being held for the formulation of the National Coastal Adaptation Plan and the identification of specific measures.  | 2022  | Uruguayan Government (Ministry of Environment) |  | Initiated |
| 4.2. Through the GEF PIMS 6252 Consolidating biodiversity and land conservation policies and actions as pillars of sustainable development project, the Biodiversity Directorate will hire a gender and participation expert who will work so that the project's actions incorporate the gender perspective. In addition, in the framework of the new biodiversity strategy, the recommendations of the gender action plan of the agreement will be considered. | 2022 - 2026 | Uruguayan Government (Ministry of Environment) |  | Not initiated |

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| ***Terminal Evaluation recommendation 5.*** **Monitor medium and long-term benefits of the project** Due to the lack of field visits to the target local communities in this evaluation, it would be interesting to carry out a post-evaluation study in the coming years to quantify and report on the medium and long-term impacts of the project and the sustainability of the achievements on the ground.  |
| ***Management response****:* Fully accept.  |
| ***Key action(s)*** | ***Time frame*** | ***Responsible unit(s)*** | ***Tracking*** |
| ***Comments*** | ***Status*** |
| 5.1. In the GEF 7 projects that are being implemented and in the next projects to be presented to GEF 8, monitoring, impact assessment and sustainability actions could be incorporated for some of the field projects that have been implemented by ECCOSUR. | 2023-2024  | Uruguayan Government (Ministry of Environment) |  | Not initiated |

1. Select one: Fully Accept, Partially Accept, Reject [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Status of implementation is tracked electronically in the Evaluation Resource Centre (ERC). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Select one: Not initiated, Initiated, Completed, Completed, No longer applicable [↑](#footnote-ref-3)