

UNDP Mauritius CO Management Response For the Terminal Evaluation of the UNDP supported GEF funded Removal of Barriers to Energy Efficiency and Conservation in Buildings - Date: March 2015

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Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 1: The completion of project outcomes through the current UNDP Tender for Consultancy Services to Assist the Energy Efficiency Management Office in Energy Audit Management and to Develop an Energy Efficiency Building Code Compliance Scheme and a focus on staffing, training and guidance for the Energy Efficiency Management Office (EEMO)

Management Response: This action will be undertaken and completed by end 2015.

Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking	
			Comments	Status
- Training of Energy Auditors under the Energy Audit Management consultancy - Development of additional software for Energy Auditing.	2015	UNDP, EEMO	Ongoing	On track
- Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 2: Enhancement of municipalities' capacities to enforce the Building Control Act and inclusion of an architect within the local authorities to advise on, and be responsible for, building energy matters. There is also a need to ensure that there are enforceable penalties that are sufficiently severe to act as a deterrent and that it is not possible to by-pass the regulations.				
Management Response: Such training and definition of penalties will be undertaken under the purview of the ongoing tender for Energy Audit Scheme				
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- Ensure that the issue of staffing and penalties are included in the new regulations to be drafted by the consultant for the Building Code Compliance Scheme - Enhancement of municipalities capacities will be carried out through the same ongoing tender for energy audits	2015	UNDP, EEMO	Tender being evaluated	On track

Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 3: Investment in the long-term development of energy efficiency professionals				
Management Response: The Country Office will consider the submission of energy efficiency projects to the GEF based on actual requests of the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities.				
Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking	
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Preparation of project concept to the GEF in view of the 2015 NPFE.	2015	UNDP, EEMO	Preparation is ongoing but ultimate decision will rest with OFP.	
- Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 4: Clearer, written, assignment of roles, responsibilities and authorities at the project start would help to avoid such situations and the resulting delays. It should be noted that the decision to have project managers recruited by the Government was applicable to all projects, not specifically the UNDP-implemented, GEF-financed project Management Response: The management arrangements were clear in the project document. However, the attitude of the Ministry of Finance changed at a specific point in time owing to their desire to see more ownership of the projects by the Parent ministries. The requirement for project managers to be within government was applicable to all UNDP-implemented GEF projects, not other agencies' projects.				
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Letters of Agreement are now required before the signature of the project document.	ongoing	UNDP		