UNDP Management Response

Project Title: Capacity Building for Mainstreaming MEA Objectives into Inter- Ministerial Structures and Mechanisms of the Fiji Government

Project PIMS: 4727

Terminal Evaluation Completion Date: 17 March 2021.

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| **Evaluation Recommendation 1: Ensure legislation and policies are effectively revised addressing MEAs obligations.** |
| **Management Response:****Agreed and this is noted. The recommendation that legislation and policies are effectively revised addressing the MEAs obligation will be present to Government at the final project board meeting.** |
| **Key Action(s)** | **Time Frame** | **Responsible Unit(s)** | **Tracking\*** |
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| * At the final project board meeting the recommendation that legislation and policies are effectively revised to address the MEAs obligation will be present to Government.
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| **Evaluation Recommendation 2:**  **Finalize the guidelines for sustainable financing mechanisms.** |
| **Management Response:** **Even though the guidelines for sustainable financing mechanisms was not part of this project’s output, this recommendation will be presented to the board member at the final project board meeting.** |
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| * At the final project board meeting the recommendation of a sustainable financing mechanisms will be presented.
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| **Evaluation Recommendation 3: Conduct a meeting of MEA high level staff to discuss combined reporting, monitoring and how it can be managed in the future.** |
| **Management Response:** **Agreed and this is noted. At the final project board meeting the recommendation to conduct a meeting of MEA high level staff for discussions on the management of combined reporting and monitoring in the future.** |
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| * At the final project board meeting the recommendation to conduct a meeting of MEA high level staff for discussions on the management of combined reporting and monitoring in the future will be presented.
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| **Evaluation Recommendation 4: The role of women in the management of natural resources in Fiji is critical. It is recommended to strengthen gender mainstreaming into all Rio Conventions and other MEAs related projects in Fiji.** |
| **Management Response:****Agreed and this is noted. At the final project board meeting the recommendation to strengthen gender mainstreaming into all Rio Conventions and other MEAs related projects in Fiji will be presented, considering the role of women in the management of natural resources in Fiji is critical.** |
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| * At the final project board meeting the recommendation to strengthen gender mainstreaming into all Rio Conventions and other MEAs related projects will be presented.
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| **Evaluation Recommendation 5: Having successfully mainstreamed the Rio Conventions into the policy and planning frameworks, it is important to realize that these gains remain fragile and will need to be supported, expanded and adapted for some time to come. The work to enhancing the capacity of relevant policy and institutional stakeholders to enable environmental indicator to monitor and assist with compliance to the three Rio Conventions and other MEAs in Fiji has just begun through this Project. It still at the early stages hence other UNDP and Government of Fiji initiatives and projects should continue working on the upgrading of the national capacity, the infrastructure, and project’s deliverables produced to ensure that the Country will build on the Project’s Objective and results.** |
| **Management Response:** * **Agreed and this is noted. At the final project board meeting the recommendation to continue working on the upgrading of the national capacity, the infrastructure, and project’s deliverables produced to ensure that the country will build on the project’s objective and results will be presented.**
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| **Evaluation Recommendation 6: Mainstreaming Rio Convention in decision-making process capacity presently has limitations to meet the actual needs at the Country level. It is recommended to continue working on the upgrading of the national capacity in order to meet the needed demand created under the project.**  |
| **Management Response:** **Agreed and this is noted. At the final project board meeting the recommendation to continue working on the upgrading of the national capacity in order to meet the needed demand created under the project will be presented.** |
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| * At the final project board meeting the recommendation to continue working on the upgrading of the national capacity in order to meet the needed demand created under the project will be presented.
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| **Evaluation Recommendation 7: The project does not have an Exit Strategy. To enhance project sustainability an exit strategy needs be created to inform participating stakeholders and beneficiaries of project closure and develops a comprehensive strategy to achieve the long-term goal. It is recommended that the project identified a roadmap for the way forward focusing on the critical milestones to be met in the future. This roadmap should also include the key achievements supported by the project. It would also help MoWE to keep this priority on its agenda for the years to come.** |
| **Management Response:****Agreed and this is noted. At the final project board meeting the recommendation for Government to identify for road map on the way forward focusing on the critical milestones to be met in the future will be presented.** |
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| * At the final project board meeting the recommendation for Government to identify for road map on the way forward focusing on the critical milestones to be met in the future will be presented.
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| **Evaluation Recommendation 8:** **It is recommended that the project should organize a Terminal Meeting/Workshop inviting all known stakeholders and others who may have an interest in the project’s products, services and other benefits. At the Workshop, the DoE could outline the gains made by the project and seek an expression of interest from specific stakeholders for taking over and sustaining each gain.** |
| **Management Response:****The recommendation will be presented at the final project board meeting for Government to organize a workshop for stakeholders and others who may have an interest in the project’s products, services and other benefits.** |
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| * At the final project board meeting the recommendation for Government to organize a workshop for stakeholders and others who may have an interest in the project’s products, services and other benefits will be presented.
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| **Evaluation Recommendation 9: Continue engaging stakeholders and supporting enhanced interagency communication at the national level. One of the successful results of the project was the forging of relationships between focal points as well as stakeholders** |
| **Management Response:** **The recommendation will be presented at the final project board meeting for Government to continue engaging stakeholders and supporting enhanced inter-agency communication at the national level.** |
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| * The recommendation will be presented at the final project board meeting for Government to continue engaging stakeholders and supporting enhanced inter-agency communication at the national level.
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| **Evaluation Recommendation 10: Promote a consistent approach from Rio Conventions (and MEAs generally) in their reporting and implementing process.** |
| **Management Response:** **Agreed and this is noted. At the final project board meeting the recommendation to promote a consistent approach from Rio Conventions (and MEAs generally) in their reporting and implementing process will be presented.** |
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| * At the final project board meeting the recommendation to promote a consistent approach from Rio Conventions (and MEAs generally) in their reporting and implementing process will be presented.
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| **Evaluation Recommendation 11:**  **Continuously strengthen capacity building interventions, particularly with local stakeholders** |
| **Management Response:****Agreed and this is noted. At the final project board meeting the recommendation to continuously strengthen capacity building interventions, particularly with local stakeholders will be presented.** |
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| * At the final project board meeting the recommendation to continuously strengthen capacity building interventions, particularly with local stakeholders will be presented.
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