**UN Management Response Template [GEF Terminal Evaluation Report UNDP Project “UNDP/GEF Project: Strengthening institutional and technical Macedonian capacities to enhance transparency in the framework of the Paris Agreement”]**

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| **Evaluation recommendation 1. Clarify the vision for the sustainability/post-project management of the Networks. In particular, call for meeting for the members of the CC professionals’ network to discuss the options. Support in feeding the national climate change website with relevant materials needs to be on the agenda, along with the regularly updated roster of those having access to MRV.** | | | | |
| Management response: **The recommendation is partially accepted.** | | | | |
| **Key action(s)** | **Time frame** | **Responsible unit(s)** | **Tracking\*** | |
| **Comments** | **Status** |
| 1.1 Names and professional affiliation of the members of the informal Neatwork of CC professionals shall be uploaded at the climate change web site, upon consultations and agreement with the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning. | May 2022 | UNDP Environment Portfolio;  MoEPP | The CC professionals’ network was not foreseen to be a formal roster of CC experts/professionals but rather an informal network of individuals that can exchange information and ideas among themselves even after the project is completed.  Establishment of a roster will require different process of selection of individuals to be included (the same as for the roster of vetted consultants/experts) of UNDP in IRH). | No longer applicable |
| **Evaluation recommendation 2. Organize a presentation for the Ministry of the Local Government, and the Association of the units of local self-government of the Republic of North Macedonia (ZELS), inviting also municipalities to present manuals that could be used in continued training of the municipalities and communal enterprises using the manuals produced by the Project, and discuss potential modalities.** | | | | |
| Management response: **The recommendation is partially accepted**. | | | | |
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| 2.1 Once again share the information about the available training materials with all municipalities, ZELS and the Ministry of Local Self-Government | April 2022 | UNDP Environment Portfolio;  MoEPP | All relevant training materials are uploaded at the climate change web site [www.klimatskipromeni.mk](http://www.klimatskipromeni.mk) | Completed. |
| 2.2 Organize a new round of trainings on gender and climate change for interested local governments | May 2022 | UNDP Environment Portfolio;  MoEPP | Training and mentoring programmes on gender and climate change have already been organized by the project, but the project will organize a new round of trainings/refresher for representatives of the local governments that did not have a chance to participate previously or are interested to learn more about the topic | ~~Initiated.~~  Completed.  There was a company engaged for the trainings and it has successfully delivered the trainings. |
| **Evaluation recommendation 3.** **Meeting with the Ministry of Information Society and Administration, to discuss the potential for engagement in continued training of the civil servants using the manuals produced by the project.** | | | | |
| Management response: **The recommendation is accepted.** | | | | |
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| 3.1 Organize a meeting with the Ministry of Information Society | May 2022 | UNDP Environment Portfolio;  MoEPP |  | ~~Initiated~~.  Completed.  Initial discussions were held with the Ministry of Information Society. However, this couldn’t be realized within the lifetime of the project due to other competing priorities of the ministry. Nevertheless discussions will be initiated as part of the Action Plan for Gender Seal of the Country Office. |
| **Evaluation recommendation 4.** **Review all the products by the project and identify the ways of the best targeted dissemination if there are gaps- to handover to the Communications department for action.** | | | | |
| Management response**: The recommendation is partially accepted.** | | | | |
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| 4.1 Share the key documents as appropriate, and as part of the other public awareness and knowledge sharing activities of the Environmental Portfolio | Apr 2022 | UNDP Environment Portfolio;  MoEPP | All project products are uploaded to the climate change web site [www.klimatskipromeni.mk](http://www.klimatskipromeni.mk)  which is the key source of information for climate change related information in the country.  Relevant documents were also presented at number of workshops and shared with the key stakeholders | Completed. |
| **Evaluation recommendation 5.** **If there is more funding, use it to:**  **a. operationalize the use of the MRV and enhance CC Mitigation/CC Adaptation/DRR/biodiversity links**  **b. Potentially turning some of the manuals into interactive self-learning tools (starting from the Guidebook on CBT)**  **c. Targeted dissemination of KM products (as part of the dissemination of UNDP EE portfolio products)**  **d. Expansion of the Climate investment portal with a link to existing investment projects**  **e. Expanding of the mentorship program for the municipalities and public communal enterprises putting it on a sustainable basis**  **f. Expanding of the training program on climate change for civil servants putting it on a sustainable basis**  **g. Provide training to MoEPP and other relevant ministries on the use of the improved data that will be available through MRV in policy making** | | | | |
| Management response: **The recommendation is partially accepted**. | | | | |
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| 5.1 c) Disseminate the key documents as appropriate, and as part of the other public awareness and knowledge sharing activities of the Environmental Portfolio | Mar – May 2022 | UNDP Environment Portfolio;  MoEPP | 1. MVR platform can be fully operationalized once the Law on Climate Action and the respective bylaws are adopted (most probably this will not happen by June 2022) 2. There is no sufficient timing to complete this before the end of the project 3. There is no systematized info on existing investment projects in the country and therefore, the NDC Platform (Climate Investment Protal) cannot be linked 4. There is no sufficient time to implement a mentorship program till the end of the projects 5. The same explanation as under a) | Initiated.   1. The new law is not adopted yet. 2. The key documents were disseminated through cc website klimatskipromeni.mk which is very much visited by all interested on cc in the country. 3. The situation has not changed however there are attempts for such a platform to be established within the DPM Cabinet for economic affairs 4. The project has been completed and this will be taken into consideration with a future follow-up projects; |

\*Status of implementation is tracked electronically in the Evaluation Resource Centre database (ERC).