

**UNDP Management Response Template
EVALUATION REPORT**

**Strengthening National Capacities of Suriname for the Elaboration of the National REDD+ Strategy
and the Design of its Implementation Framework Phase I and II**

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Overall comments: The Terminal Evaluation reaffirms assessment per latest Annual Progress Report to the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF). that the REDD+ project overall realized more than satisfactory performance, that it laid the foundation for Suriname Monitoring, Reporting and Verification system for compliance as well as market mechanism. Directly contributed to preparation of Suriname Forest Reference Emission Level and indirectly supported Suriname second Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). The national capacity for REDD+ implementation although substantially improved to facilitate REDD+ implementation has gaps in areas of human and institutional systems and sustainability build in to sustain investments.

Evaluation Recommendation 1: At the highest level of the Government, actions are undertaken to develop a Green Development Vision and Action Plan to keep the Forest Cover at 93% and hence obtain considerable REDD+ Funding. This requires a strategic long-term development plan that refrains from large scale deforestation for cattle ranching, oil palm or other development programs except in the deforested areas of the coastal zone.				
Management Response: Agreed.				
Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking*	
			Status	Comments
1. The UNDP Suriname Country Programme Document (CPD) 2022-2026 includes action towards supporting Suriname maintaining High Forest and Low Deforestation status as key part to achieving SDG targets including SDG 13, 15 targets.	July 2022 – Dec 2022	UNDP		.
2. Regularly at project and portfolio level engage government counterparts such as Ministries of BIBIS, ROM and GBB and key institutes such as NIMOS (or	July 2022 – Dec 2022	UNDP and NIMOS		

when by Environmental law identified successor National Environmental Authority NMA is operationalized), Plan bureau and SBB on Low Carbon, Climate Resilient Development strategy				
3. Strategically at Sr management level in CO and in Regional Bureau for Latin American and Caribbean (RBLAC) this is integrated in discussions with the Government of Suriname development path.	July 2022 – Dec 2022	UNDP and ROM		
Evaluation Recommendation 2: Green Development and Climate Change funding gets a special place at the highest political level, which is the Cabinet of the President, or at a Special Ministry for Development Planning, LUP, Climate, Environment and Forests, given the uniqueness of the country and its potential.				
Management Response: Accepted and key actions same as for Recommendation 1 and will jointly be implemented, the key actions are as such identified.				
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Evaluation Recommendation 3: Long term Planning of Development (MOP) is coupled with Spatial Planning (Land use planning - LUP or Ruimtelijke Ordening in Dutch) at a National Scale (entire country). This will minimize ad hoc development, provide clarity on				

concessions (logging/mining), protected areas and land rights.				
Management Response: Accepted.				
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1. Engage Government of Suriname counterparts (GoS) such as Ministries of ROM and GBB and key institutes such as NIMOS, Plan bureau and SBB through ongoing projects such as the Amazon Sustainable Landscape 2 on strengthening LUP framework	July 2022 – June 2023	UNDP		
2. Explore additional programmatic opportunities in support of LULC monitoring and broader Spatial/Land Use Planning capacity of GoS counterparts	April 2022 – Dec 2022	UNDP and ROM		
Evaluation Recommendation 4: The relationship between the Government and the ITP organizations is strengthened by supporting their legitimate organizations and build ITP capacity beyond this project.				
Management Response: Accepted.				
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1. UNDP ongoing interventions includes support to ITP on Free Prior and Informed (FPIC), including drafting of FPIC protocols.	July 2022 – Dec 2022	UNDP	Status	Comments
2. Finalize discussion with ITP organizations on National ITP led event with government counterparts to discuss FPIC protocols	July 2022 – Dec 2022	UNDP		
Evaluation Recommendation 5: The Government of Suriname invests in work on Land Rights as a Cornerstone for future development (and spatial development) of the Interior with full respect of FPIC and in agreement with the ITPs.				
Management Response: Accepted				
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1. Continued advocacy for Human rights based approached	Sept 2022 – June 2023	UNDP		


2. Continued self-determined engagement of ITP within CPD programme implementation, during different stages of design, implement and evaluation	Sept 2022 – June 2023	UNDP		
3. Information sharing with national partners on UNDP Social and Environmental Standards	Sept 2022 – June 2023	UNDP		
Evaluation Recommendation 6: The Government invests more in Climate Finance expertise, especially REDD+ Finance expertise, and allies with similar countries such as Guyana, Gabon and with international efforts such as the Coalition for Rainforest Nations (CfRN) and the Forest for Life Partnership, in order to share information and submit joint proposals for funding.				
Management Response: Agreed.				
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1. At portfolio level discuss with Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment how the role of REDD+ as part of increased Climate Financing for Suriname in general and any specific role for the Coalition for Rainforest Nations (CfRN)	Sept 2022 – June 2023	UNDP		
2. Discuss specific support for information sharing, advocacy and proposal design towards Climate finance, integrated as part of Suriname SDG JP Component 1	July 2022 – June 2023	UNDP		
Recommendation 7: NMA gets the correct funding and correct staffing, following the approved Environment Act with a mandate that is limited to the needs of the law: application of a strict Environmental Framework for Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA's) and Environmental Management Plans (including REDD+ Projects), as well as pollution regulation and control. Carbon Finance expertise (and carbon credits coupled with NDC) should be placed at a higher level than NMA.				
Management Response: Accepted.				
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1. Ongoing with UNDP through ongoing projects providing support to operationalization of the NMA as cornerstone for the Environmental and Social Management Framework for REDD+ specifically and Environmental Management in general.	July 2022 – Dec 2022	UNDP and NIMOS		
2. Continue discussions with NIMOS and subsequently NMA on additional support to sustainable operations and seek funding for implementation	July 2022 – Dec 2022	UNDP, NIMOS, and ROM		
Evaluation Recommendation 8: The Government further strengthens the MRV capacity built up during this REDD+ Readiness project within the NFMS Unit at SBB. Internal capacity for MRV is now built in Suriname and should not get lost: it is one of the most important needed tools for any payment of carbon credits in the future, so maintenance is key. It is equally recommended that the Gonini geoportal be further developed as a national tool for transparency in concession allocation, and as a starting point for a coherent national land use planning process that goes beyond the mandate of SBB.				
Management Response: Accepted				
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1. Ongoing efforts and embedding of FCMU of SBB and strengthening of EPIO office at NIMOS and future NMA under various initiatives of UNDP to complement other support for e.g. through IADB	July 2022 – Dec 2022	UNDP, NIMOS, and ROM		
2. Forestry sector is part of the Sustainable Financing roadmap under the SDG JP Component 1, with FAO forest financing assessment document prepared and UNDP will ensure coordination	July 2022 – Dec 2022	UNDP and ROM		
Evaluation Recommendation 9: UNDP, IDB and other donors go beyond short term project investments but invest in a long-term support to the Government of Suriname for designing a Green Development Vision coupled with maintaining 93% Forest Cover.				

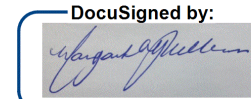
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1.Ongoing, UNDP as part of UN and GoS partnership on SDG JP component 1 are engaged on Sustainable Financing roadmap with identified priority sectors are forestry and ASGM as key drivers of deforestation.	July 2022– Dec 2022	UNDP and ROM		
2 Support completion and implementation of Roadmap, including monitoring and review.	July 2022– June 2023	UNDP/UN agencies and ROM		

* The implementation status is tracked in the ERC.

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