

### Outcome 1

The national processes for NAPs and NAMAs have commenced in various countries (e.g. Belize, Dominica, Grenada, and Jamaica) through a number of processes. It is expected that the consultations will continue into early 2016 and will be supported by the Country Offices and later by the Project Manager when they begin their tenure. Some of these are advancing positively, with some country partners having already identified sectors and technical partners to which they wish to direct the JCCCP resources for the completion or implementation of NAPs and NAMAs e.g. Belize has identified waste to energy and transportation for NAMAs and has requested support for these, the former of which is being led by CCCCC; Grenada has indicated the desire to use resources to implement activities under the NAP currently being developed by GIZ.

### Outcome 2

The publishing of the RFQ for the baseline assessment has been delayed, however the TOR is expected to be finalised for publishing by 12 October. Conversations have been undertaken with a number of the country offices regarding the content and the logistical considerations of undertaking the baseline assessments. Much of the discussion has focussed on streamlining the procurement process and the best methods of issuing the contracts for the consultant. The procurement process will be undertaken by the UNDP Barbados and the OECS country office and contracts will be issued dependent on the outcome of the application process, anticipated by the end of November.

The country summaries coming out of the preliminary review undertaken by the by the UNDP Sub-regional Office in Barbados (SRO) were circulated to key partners in all of the beneficiary countries for their input by 24 September. Once received these summaries will be finalised and appended to the TOR for the baseline assessment to provide context to potential proponents for the development of their proposals. Also, a core set of common indicators for which data must be gathered in each country to measure the success of the project needs to be clearly articulated.

### Outcome 3

Substantive action has not yet started under this outcome.

### Project management

The recruitment process for the Project Manager is in its final stages. The written assessments have been completed and the interviews for the position were completed on 30 September. The position is expected to be filled by November.

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The recruitment of the two Technical Specialist is also underway. The shortlisted candidate have undertaken their written examination and interviews for the post are expected to be conducted in the next two weeks.

COs have been delegated the task of recruiting the National Focal Points (NFPs) for their respective countries. The interviews of candidates have been completed for Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. It should be noted that given the role of the National Focal Point in the project and the country key country representatives were invited to sit on the interview panel and were able to take part in the selection process. Short lists for Dominica and Saint Lucia are expected to be completed in the coming week. Suriname, Guyana and Jamaica have all launched their recruitment processes and expect to finalise these processes in the coming weeks.

Additional revisions to the budget have been made given the delays being encountered under the project, reducing the last estimated projection from 1.6 million to \$607,000 for 2015. This will need to be reviewed by the Project Board once it convenes. A 2015 AWP has been submitted and approved for Jamaica and the resources are being prepared for transfer to the CO. Draft work plans submitted are to be revised by Guyana and Suriname.

This has resulted in reprogramming of resources in 2016 to total \$9.1 million. To accelerate this delivery as much as possible, relevant activities which have previously been identified by the beneficiary governments will be given immediate priority. This includes actions to complete NAPs/NAMAs already identified, implement existing NAMAs/NAPs, and develop MRV systems. Also, efforts will be made to articulate and prioritise multi-focal pilot activities under outcome 2 which have broader or more synergistic impacts (e.g. natural resource conservation, livelihood generation, women's empowerment, increased social cohesion), as well pilots which can be readily replicated or scaled up, and can attract additional investment.

Project introductions/updates have been disseminated to regional and national partners. Discussions are continuing with various partners in the region to determine where strategic alliances can and should be formed to strengthen the formulation, technical input, synergies and buy in around project activities. Such conversations have been initiated with UNEP, GIZ, CANARI and GWP-C.

The regional partners nominated to form the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) have also been informed of the project, and terms of reference developed.

The first Project Board (PB) meeting is proposed for 22 October. The Project Board will review the project AWP, the TAG and project progress. The Inception Workshop and official project launch are proposed to be undertaken once the Project Manager comes on board.

### Key milestones

#### October

- Proposed PB meeting
- Advertisement of baseline assessment procurement

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- Engagement of COs with national counterparts on upcoming activities
- Planning process for inception workshop and project launch

#### November

- Expected commencement of Project Manager
- Formation of TAG
- Expected commencement of Technical Specialists and 4 NFPs
- Expected start of baseline assessment consultancies
- Proposed inception workshop and project launch
- Continuation of country consultations

#### December

- Dissemination of project update