

COUNTRY COSTA RICA

Area: Environment

Scope: National

Sectors: AFOLU, energy and finance

National Implementing Agency: UNDP

Summary update

1. ONGOING WORK (NDC-SP according final approved Resource Framework):

Product 1: Strengthening SINAMECC for compliance with the Transparency Framework for the UNFCCC in the AFOLU sector

Indicator 1.1: Transparency Framework of the AFOLU sector of Costa Rica approved

Progress to target during the period:

This indicator is composed by the results of indicators 1.2 to 1.6. Therefore, the advancement on this indicator will be reflected on the following items.

Indicator 1.2: A document (mapping) of the institutions associated with the flow of information required for the AFOLU sector

Progress to target during the period:

The document was developed which was revised by the colleagues from the Climate Change Office since 2018.

Indicator 1.3: A document with accounting rules for the AFOLU sector

Progress to target during the period:

The document was developed and revised by the colleagues from the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.

Indicator 1.4: A document with a set of uniformed indicators

Progress to target during the period:

A set of indicators has been identified, and methodologic sheets and data management process have been developed.

Indicator 1.5: A design document for the digital platform to strengthen Costa Rica's Transparency Framework in the AFOLU sector

Progress to target during the period:

The document for the digital platform has been developed, as well the digital solution was completed on March 2019.

Indicator 1.6: Inter-institutional agreement to reduce emissions from the agricultural sector signed

Progress to target during the period:

The agreement was signed on February 2018 by the Minister of Environment and Energy, and the Minister of Agriculture and Livestock.

Product 2: Development of an inter-institutional agreement to reduce emissions from the energy sector as a basis for the implementation of the iNDCs

Indicator 2.1: Implementation Plan for the NDCs regarding the Energy sector consulted and approved by the Government

Progress to target during the period

The support provided was the revision, generation of inputs and support in the integration of comments to the National Plan for Electric of Transport review process. This document was published on February 2019. The plan can be located at: <https://sepse.go.cr/documentos/PlanTranspElect.pdf> or <https://sepse.go.cr/politica-nacional/transporte-electrico/>

Indicator 2.2: Number of documents, strategies, policies and other relevant instruments prepared to support decision making in the framework of the energy sector reviewed.

Progress to target during the period

The following Executive Decrees were developed: 1-Intersectoral plan for the application of mechanisms to support vulnerable social groups from the Electricity Sector, 2- Intersectoral plan for the conservation and improvement of employment in electro-intensive companies. Also, the project has supported the regulation of electric vehicle incentives. All this were finalized in 2018.

Indicator 2.3: Inter-institutional agreement to reduce emissions from the energy sector signed

Progress to target during the period

In this case the Climate Change Office was requested by the Presidency to develop the National Decarbonization Plan, the office requested the support from the NDC-SP to elaborate the plan. This plan is Costa Rica's long-term strategy to 2050, the plan summarizes the strategic actions that the Government has identified to implement the decarbonization of the economy, where decarbonization and resilience are recognized as the means to transform the current economic development model into one that is based on bio-economy, green growth, inclusion, and on enhancing the well-being of all citizens.

The plan can be consulted at: <https://unfccc.int/process/the-paris-agreement/long-term-strategies> or the Spanish version at: <https://cambioclimatico.go.cr/>

Product 3: Establish a roadmap and initiate a first pilot of the Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Review (CPEIR) exercise for Costa Rica

Indicator 3.1: Elaboration of the CPEIR roadmap

Progress to target during the period

The CPEIR roadmap will start in January 2019, the person to realize this consultancy will start the work in this month.

The CPEIR was developed in Costa Rica with a different approach since the country selected to elaborate a better diagnosis on how the government is investing on climate change related projects.

Another process developed was an analysis of tax exemptions applied by the Ministry of Finance to different economic activities, and to view which can promote the carbonization of the country's economy.

Indicator 3.2: Number of specialized exchanges with other countries that have made CPEIR Progress to target during the period

An exchange of views was made during the Climate Week LAC in 2018, the workshop had participation of colleagues from different Latin American countries, this workshop was denominated: "Technical dialogues on the monitoring of expenditure and financial flows for the implementation of NDC in Latin American countries".

Material from this dialogue can be consulted in the following links:

<https://www.undp.org/content/dam/LECB/events/2018/201808-latin-american-climate-finance-dialogue/undp-ndcsp-gianluca-merlo-financieros-NDC-2018-08.pdf>

https://www.ndcs.undp.org/content/dam/LECB/events/2018/201808-latin-american-climate-finance-dialogue/undp-ndcsp-agenda-uruguay-climate-finance-dialogue-2018_final_ref.pdf

Indicator 3.3: Pilot study of climate spending methodology in different sectors Progress to target during the period

The person hired to generate the consultancy (process) for the development of the pilot study, will as well produce the CPEIR roadmap. This pilot study was developed as part of the of the CPEIR roadmap, since it allows a better revision of the projects in the national public investment system.

2. PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLANING

Partners engagement (considering clue partners of cooperation platforms like NDC Partnership or IKI support Cluster):

Since the project is entirely related to the NDC implementation it is guided under the Climate Change Office of Costa Rica, which is the department in charge of the NDC. Therefore, close coordination with other partners as World Bank, GIZ, UN Environment (members of the NDC Partnership) on 2019 specifically on the climate finance related issues, as well on the development of the National Decarbonization Plan.

The engagement achieved on this regard, will continue 2020, since Costa Rica's NDC enhancement will be develop on the first half of the year.

Visibility & Outreach:

As part of the implementation of the NDC-SP in Costa Rica the following links shows part of the process that are being supported:

Signature of the Inter-institutional agreement to reduce emissions from the agricultural sector, <https://www.facebook.com/dccCostaRica/posts/1850820104949647>

Regarding the support to Costa Rica's Long-Term Strategy 2050 the following links illustrate part of this visibility: <https://www.facebook.com/CasaPresidencial/videos/630577887372718/>
<https://www.facebook.com/pnudcr/posts/2663673296992376>

In 2019, a campaign regarding change on consumption habits will be develop, considering the release of the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C from the IPCC, the campaign will provide information to

mobilize society on how they can make changes and why the report is relevant to all. As well, the actions are in line with the implementation and achievement of Costa Rica's NDC.

The campaign is composed of two versions of videos: short for social networks and long for other uses, radio messages, and gigantography.

Another aspect, is that this campaign was develop between several UNDP projects, showcasing how a alignment can be achieve on within projects.

These are the links to the campaign:

<https://www.cr.undp.org/content/costarica/es/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2019/con-cinco-acciones--minae-y-pnud-invitan-a-costa-rica-a-cambiar-.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/pnudcr/videos/464371890875413/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pnudcr/videos/426068408070059/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pnudcr/videos/585353472296864/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pnudcr/videos/465182804133229/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pnudcr/videos/412123983000405/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pnudcr/posts/3175825235777177>

Forthcoming activities:

Closure of the project since the funds for the NDC SP has being properly invested, reaching all the products for which the country required support.