



MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE RESILIENT AGRICULTURE PROJECT BOARD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 2022 VIA ZOOM

The meeting commenced at 10:15 a.m.

Attendees:

No.	Name	Title/Organization
1	Ms. Valerie Cliff	Resident Representative, UNDP
2	Mr. Ugo Blanco	Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP
3	Ms. Maria Cruz Gonzalez	Regional Technical Advisor, UNDP
4	Mr. Mohammad Nagdee	Cluster Head SSECC
5	Ms. Rudo Udika	Project Coordinator, UNDP
6	Ms. Renata Blair	Finance & Administrative Assistant, UNDP
7	Mr. Aden Forteau	Sustainable Land Management Specialist, UNDP
8	Ms. Sacha Lindo	Monitoring & Evaluation Associate, UNDP
9	Ms. Laura Hilderbrandt	Digital Transformation Specialist, UNDP
10	Mr. Elvis Morain	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Forestry
11	Mr. Joseph Noel	Land Use Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Forestry
12	Mr. Robert Medford	Director, Grenada Bureau of Standards
13	Mr. Kwesi Davidson	Gender Programme Officer, Ministry of Social Development, Housing & Community Empowerment
14	Ms. Delysia De Coteau	Senior Technical Officer, Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Climate Resilient & The Environment

Rapporteur: Ms. Renata Blair

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
Mr. Elvis Morain
Ms. Valerie Cliff
2. Climate Resilient Agriculture Project – Project Overview, Review of 2021 Activities, Presentation of 2022 Annual Work Plan and Presentation on proposed technical review committee for Project Board Approval Final Report on consultancies, procurements, and project delivery status
Ms. Rudo Udika

Presentation on Mid-term Review preliminary findings
Ms. Sacha Lindo
3. Acknowledgements and Adjournment – Co-Chairs



1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

- 1.1 PS. Morain expressed his thanks to members for being a part of the meeting. He wished everyone well for the upcoming year. He noted that the end of Q1 is quickly approaching and emphasized the need for increased implementation of the Project for the year.
- 1.2 Ms. Cliff welcomed all participants and briefly highlighted the objective of the Climate Resilient Agriculture Project. She highlighted that the Project is being funded by Global Environment Facility (GEF) and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in partnership with the Government of Grenada. She noted that the project recognizes the interconnected and cross sectoral nature of building climate resilience specifically tailored to agroecosystems management within the context of biodiversity conservation in Grenada, Carriacou & Petite Martinique. Noting the low implementation rate of the project and the risk of closure if implementation is not increased, Ms. Cliff emphasized the need for expedited implementation during 2022 to keep the Project viable. She also emphasized that achievement of the 2022 Annual Work Plan is critical and that everyone should work together for its achievement.

2.0 Climate Resilient Agriculture Project

2.1 *Project Overview*

Objective: To operationalize integrated agroecosystem management through mainstreaming biodiversity conservation in production landscapes and increasing the resilience of agricultural systems.

The Project has four (4) overarching outcomes including:

- Outcome 1: Systemic and institutional capacity for integrated landscape management at the national level;
- Outcome 2: National capacity to provide financial, technical and information services for CSA production;
- Outcome 3: Operationalization of resilient agricultural practices;
- Outcome 4: Knowledge management for SLM, CSA and biodiversity conservation

2.2 *Review of 2021 activities*

- 2.2.1 A video highlighting project activities completed in 2021 was shared by Ms. Udika.
- 2.2.2 **Outcome 1: Systemic and institutional capacity for integrated landscape management at the national level.**



UN biodiversity lab has offered to provide a unique space for Grenada once activities to develop geospatial database is prepared. Consultants were already engaged to undertake the Data Sharing Agreement, Data Sharing Policy and Needs Gap Assessment with the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Forestry.

Discussions were held with St. George's University and University of the West Indies to build capacity for LiDAR remote sensing data which was funded in 2017 by the World Bank for the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Forestry. This will build capacity for educational institutions in Grenada and provide modern and digital approach to managing land resources.

2.2.3 **Outcome 2: National capacity to provide financial, technical and information services for CSA production**

Several Capacity Building activities were undertaken. Training was provided to direct beneficiaries, farmers and staff of the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Forestry. Training was provided in the areas of Monitoring & Evaluation, Document Retention, Dam Construction, Gully Plugging and Managing Evasive Alien Species amongst others.

2.2.4 **Outcome 3: Operationalization of resilient agricultural practices**

The Project launched a Digital Challenge in 2021, this challenge will be complemented by a number of other initiatives aimed at providing grant funding to farmers as direct beneficiaries.

2.2.5 **Outcome 4: Knowledge management for SLM, CSA and biodiversity conservation**

Collaborated with the Government of Grenada through the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Forestry to host a National Farmer's Symposium for national stakeholders.

The Project Gender Action Plan was revised. There is a collaborative ongoing gender advocacy with Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Climate Resilience, and the Environment to pilot Gender mainstreaming in Agricultural projects namely agro-processing and agro-tourism.

The Project is aiming to host a Gender Action Plan Workshop in March 2022 in collaboration with Global Environment Fund (GEF) Gender Lead and UN Women.

A video produced by the project on "How to construct an A frame" was shared by Ms. Udika.

Currently the Project is at 14% implementation, the Project is aiming to increase its implementation over the next six (6) months.

2.3 **Presentation on Proposed Technical Review Committee for Project Approval**

2.3.1 The composition for the Proposed Technical Working Group, Technical Review Committee and Small Grants Initiative Advisory Board was presented. The proposed



composition was approved by members. It was agreed that requests should be sent to the proposed organizations requesting a senior member to sit on the respective Technical Review Committees.

2.4 Presentation of 2022 Annual Work Plan (AWP) for Project Board Approval

The proposed Annual Work Plan of USD\$1,548,273 disbursed throughout the four (4) Project Outcomes was presented by the Ms. Udika. There were no objections to the proposed AWP. PS Morain moved the motion to approve the proposed AWP, all members present were in favor.

2.5 Presentation on Mid-Term Review (MTR) preliminary findings

2.5.1 The Project Mid-Term Review is ongoing, the review which commenced in October 2021 is expected to be completed by February 2022. The MTR team comprises of Mr. Vincent Lefebvre – International Consultant/Team Leader based in Belgium and Ms. Leyana Romain based in Grenada.

2.5.2 Consultations were held with the Project Team, Government of Grenada Stakeholders, donors, potential beneficiaries (farmers) etc. A site visit to Grand Etang Nursery was also completed.

2.5.3 The preliminary findings and recommendations were presented by Ms. Lindo.

2.5.4. It was suggested by Ms. Cruz Gonzalez that a subsequent board meeting be convened to discuss the proposed recommendations. This was agreed on by members.

2.6 Actions

2.6.1 In collaboration with PS Morain, Project Coordination Unit to request participation from proposed organizations for technical review committee members.

2.7 Next Meeting

2.7.1 The next Project Board meeting will be in six (6) months.

2.7.2 Extra-ordinary Project Board Meeting to be convened two (2) weeks after receipt of final MTR Report to discuss recommendations.

3.0 CONCLUSION

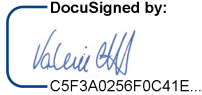
3.1 PS Morain insisted that the Project should continue as a NIM and that the Project's Implementing Partner should remain the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands & Forestry.

3.2 The need to enhance the Project Management Unit capacity and the need to accelerate Project implementation and deliver USD\$1.5 million in 2022 was discussed.

3.3 Both Co-Chairs expressed their gratitude to everyone present and reiterated their commitment to working together to ensure the Project's success.

3.2 Project Board approved establishment of Technical Review Committee for Project.



Name	Title and Organization	Signature
Ms. Valerie Cliff	Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	 DocuSigned by: <i>Valerie Cliff</i> C5F3A0256F0C41E...
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