**Reporting Period**: August, 2014

**Meetings / Presentations**

***Sustainable Development Council Meeting – August 1st 2014***

On August 1st the UNDP ICCAS team was invited to make a presentation at the Sustainable Development Council meeting to introduce the UNDP components. This committee meets on a monthly basis to discuss a number of environmental factors where a number of key stakeholders within the industry are normally present.

Key points noted by persons in attendance were as follows:

* Clear publication about the overlapping of the different projects being implemented in Grenada on Climate Change is needed
* C Coral training should be completed at the community levels thus allowing community groups to understand projects that can be included under climate change
* As a point of raising awareness on the project a short film festival should be conducted within the communities

These actions will be taken into consideration and incorporated into the work plan for the period July 2014 to December 2014.

***Community Alerts project board meeting at the NADMA – August 14th 2014***

* At this meeting contacts were made and a follow up meeting is to be scheduled to work along with community officers at NADMA. This will provide us with added support once we are ready to commence our community meetings.

***Meeting with Red Cross – August 19th 2014***

This meeting initiated with a discussion on how ICCAS will work along with the Red Cross team to begin the coordination of the community meetings. It is expected that the Red Cross would facilitate the organization of the community meeting until a Communications Specialist has been assigned. It is the aim of the office to commence meetings in September beginning with the Parish of St. George’s.

***Presentation with the Ministry of Agriculture Field officers – August 25th 2014***

This meeting provided UNDP-ICCAS team an opportunity to share with the supervisors of the extension field officers on all that the project entails and how farmers associations/ groups can benefit from the Climate Change Adaptation Fund. The information was well received and follow up meetings will be scheduled with formal groups that so that they can begin thinking of their project ideas as well as writing up project proposals. Follow up meetings will be completed by September 30th 2014.

**Component Updates**

**Component 3**

Communities Site visits: A mission was undertaken by the UNDP-ICCAS team in collaboration with staff members of the Ministry of Agriculture. The mission was conducted from August 5th to August 8th 2014. The following represents a summary of the outcomes from this mission:

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| August 5th | St Patrick’s- Mr. Paul Phillip gave us a tour and identified the most vulnerable areas to coastal erosions and other areas prone to a rise in sea level. Recommendations from the RRAC project was discussed |
|  | St Marks & St George’s – Areas that may be affected by rise in sea levels were identified. |
|  | St John- Meetings were held with Ms. Lisa Chetram and Mr. Desmond Gill who shared on their experiences of how Climate Change has affected the fishing industry. They also put forward suggestions regarding what could be done to assist persons within the industry and help them adapt to climate change. |
| August 6th | * St Andrews- Areas such as soubise, telescope were visited to gain a visual overview on the potential impact of the rise in sea level as well as the coastal erosion issues. * A solar water powered water irrigation system was seen and demonstrated by Mr. Yacouba Toussaint. This system may serve as a template to display the use of natural resources to provide power to irrigation systems to farmers. * A visit to Gran Etang and the Annandale water treatment plant to gain an appreciation of the decreased water supply in Grenada. |
| August 7th | * NAWASA – ICCAS team met with Mr. Allan Neptune, who discussed rain water harvesting systems projects for vulnerable communities as well as the desalination plants being redeveloped in Carriacou. * Ministry of Finance- Met with Ms. Yolande Newton, Mr. Kerry Pierre and Mr. R Narine. We were further advised as to the necessary processes that must be adhered to, in order to efficiently accommodate the disbursements of payments. * Fisheries Division – Discussed with Mr. Baldeo and his team on the Lionfish project and the ridge to reef project. Further discussions to take place re the adoption of their school summer camp program. * PS Jessamy- Discussed the proposed dates for the PSC meetings and provided an overview of the mission. |
| August 8th | Closing meeting with Mr. Harewood to discuss the administrative details for the UNDP office. |

Climate Change Adaptation Fund: A Final Draft of the climate change adaptation fund has been submitted (via email) to the Secretary of the NCCC for circulation, review and comments along with the project document and summarized project overview for further reference.

The team has developed an interactive scorecard which is intended to assist the NCCC in the assessment of community adaptation projects, while reinforcing a more objective approach to the outcome. The presentation of the scorecard to the NCCC will follow two (2) in-house simulations to be conducted at the UNDP Office in Barbados and Ministry of Agriculture in Grenada respectively.

**Component 4**

Website: Terms of Reference were finalized and made public for persons to apply. It is expected that the person / company contracted will begin in September 2014. The website will be used as an interactive Knowledge Management Platform and will also facilitate other awareness activities for the ICCAS Project.

* **RFP140829**: Request for Proposal for Web Developer (submission date ends September 5th)

Communications Specialist: The following Terms of Reference has been published and individual/organization is expected to be contracted in from early October 2014.

* **RFP140910:** Request for Proposal for Communication Specialist (submission date ends September 10th)

**Project Management**

Staffing: Mr. Martin Barriteau, the project coordinator is expected to join the UNDP-ICCAS team on September 1st 2014.

Project Vehicle: The following Terms of Reference has been published and supplier is expected to be contracted in early October 2014:

* **RFQ140922-**1: Request for Quotations for Project Vehicle (submission date ends September 22nd)

Fund Transfer: Check #168635 for EC $335,871.90 was received by the Ministry of Agriculture in late August. These funds are to facilitate project activity in the July-September period as reflected on the relevant Face Form.

**Next Steps**

1. **Information sessions to be conducted with Community Based Organizations and Non-governmental Organizations in September.**
2. **Schedule and complete the initial site visit for Carriacou and Petite Martinique for September**
3. **ICCAS Mission to Barbados scheduled for September 8th to 10th**
4. **Presentation of Scorecard to NCCC for September**
5. **Project Steering Committee Meeting confirmation of September 18th or 19th**