



**Global
Initiation Plan**

Project Title: UNDP Strategic Acceleration Partnership

Signature Solution(s): 1. Keeping people out of poverty, 3. Enhance national prevention and recovery capacities for resilient societies, 5. Close the energy gap.

Expected Output(s): Establishment of a UNDP office in Rome to house the project and to liaise closely with Italian counterparts.
Initiation of early convening activities and basic functions of the center.
Development of a full project document establishing UNDP's support to the commitments of the 2017 Italian G7 Presidency.

Initiation Plan Dates: February 2018-August 2019

Implementing Partner: UNDP

Brief Description

This project initiation plan (PIP) will focus on the development of the full project document which will eventually span multiple regions and countries. A key element of this project is the establishment of the Africa Center for Sustainable Development (ACSD) for which a draft project concept has already been developed but which will be revised in 2018 in light of evolving opportunities and its expansion to include other regions.

The establishment of the Center itself is expected to take time in light of the many legal and administrative actions that will have to be undertaken to formally re-establish a UNDP presence in Rome.

This project is of key importance to not only Italy but also other G7 members who expect the Center to become operational as early as possible from 2018 so as to be able to undertake its convening, coordination and clearinghouse role. This PIP thus also foresees a number of activities to initiate these activities.

Programme Period:	Feb. 2018-August 2019
Atlas Project Number:	00109531
Atlas Output ID:	00108868
Gender Marker:	GEN1

Total resources required	\$630,000
Total allocated resources:	_____
• Regular	None
• Other:	
◦ Donor	Italy
Unfunded budget:	\$0m
In-kind Contributions	None

Agreed by UNDP:

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I. PURPOSE AND EXPECTED OUTPUT

The final and full project document seeks to contribute to the acceleration of structural transformation for sustainable development, especially through innovative solutions that have multiplier effects across the Sustainable Development Goals and the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Given the scale and ambition of this project, it is expected that multiple G7 and other partners will participate in the project in due course once it is established and the first Sustainable Development centers become operational.

A key deliverable of the project will be the establishment of the first Center for Sustainable Development, for Africa, the ACSD. It is expected to launch in the first quarter of 2019 following extensive preparations in 2018 that will include the identification of premises in Rome, establishment of a legal basis for the center and the development of new management arrangements for an operational presence in Italy. If possible, other centers will also be established under the PIP period to include Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia-Pacific.

The project will also seek to initiate as many substantive activities as possible relating to the convening of key development actors and high-level figures engaged in sustainable development, especially on the theme of climate change, with ongoing focus on Africa and the Sahel.

A final key deliverable will be the high-level launch of the Center in 2019 with the President of the Republic of Italy and other senior officials.

This PIP is fully funded by the Italian Ministry to the Environment, Land and Sea, with further funding to be mobilized for the full project following the end of the PIP.

II. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Though being focused on sustainable development and climate change as a central theme to UNDP and the broader international community, given the strategic partnership nature of this project with a key OECD DAC donor, it will temporarily be housed in the Partnerships Group of the Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy (BERA) in New York.

The project will be led by the SAP project manager who will also serve as the coordinator of the first center (Africa Center for Sustainable Development, ACSD), based in the UNDP offices in Rome. The project manager/Coordinator has the delegated authority from BERA management in New York to manage the SAP according to FRR, POPP and the PPM guidelines. Given its regional and thematic focus the project will also be working with other regional bureaux and offices.

During the PIP period, Italy as the sole donor will be consulted regularly and is included in the day to day decisions of the UNDP project. A formal project board will not be necessary during this period but a complete governance mechanism will be established for the full project.

III. MONITORING

The SAP project manager/Coordinator of the Africa Center in Rome manages this project on a day-to-day basis and interfaces regularly with Italian counterparts and the UNDP bureaux, and ensures that the Italian counterparts receive the expected project reports from the country offices as they are

implemented, according to local arrangements between Italy and UNDP. This will continue to be the case into the full project to follow.

The Management Support Unit (MSU) in BERA will approve and monitor all expenditures and procurement actions, ensuring compliance with UNDP FRRs and processes.

The PIP is temporarily anchored in the Partnerships Group (PG) of BERA which will work closely with BPPS, which may be the future host of this project. BERA will coordinate closely with the Executive Office and the broader UNDP bureaux while working closely with the Italian counterparts in the rapid evolution of this project.

IV. WORK PLAN

Period¹: February 2018- August 2019

EXPECTED OUTPUTS <i>And baseline, indicators including annual targets</i>	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List activity results and associated actions</i>	TIMEFRAME 2018-2019						RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET		
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount
Output 1 Center launched and operationalized with smooth transition to full project phase.	1. Identify required premises for the Center in Rome Italy and negotiate conditions with the authorities.	X	X	X	X			ExO, BERA			50.000
	2. Prepare delegations of authority to the office in Rome to initiate the project.		X					BERA, BMS			0
	3. Identify key international stakeholders to participate in the ACSD and develop a 2019 work plan							BERA, Regional Bureaux			30.000
	4. Prepare for the formal launch and opening of the ACSD in Q1 2019.				X	X		ExO, BERA			50.000

¹ Maximum 18 months

	5. Develop the fully-fledged project document and ensure its approval. .			X	X	X		BERA			50.000
Output 2: Immediate strategic initiatives supported in Africa and the Sahel	1. Provide country offices with initial necessary funding to support them on the basis of prerogatives of the Secretary General. I.				X	X	X	ExO, BERA, Regional Bureaux			350.000
	2. Undertake visits to potential future stakeholders in the ACSD and its initiatives.					X	X	BERA			100.000
TOTAL											630.000

