

**Project Title:** Engagement Facility

**Country:** Lesotho

**Implementing Partner:** United Nations Development Programme

**Responsible Parties:** Government of Lesotho, Civil Society, Private Sector

**Project Description**

A technical assistance facility which provides a rapid and flexible response mechanism to rapidly respond to requests to support upstream policy results and test innovations with scaling-up potential and supports Country Office Results.

Programme Period: 2013 - 2017

Atlas Award/Project ID: 00080286 / 00090040

Start Date: 01 January 2015

End Date: 31 December 2015

Estimated annualized budget: \$ 153,580


Allocated resources: \_\_\_\_\_

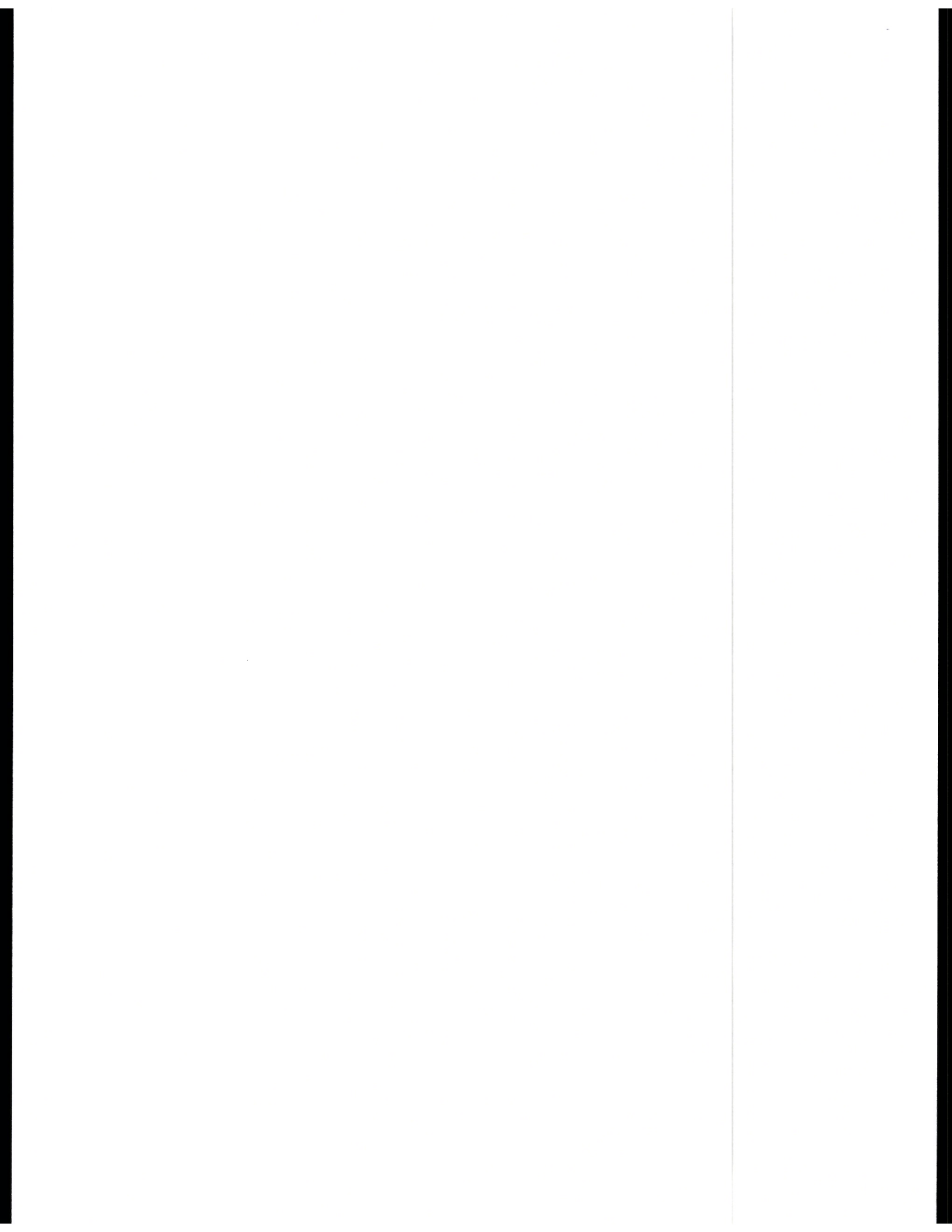
- Regular \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Unfunded budget: \_\_\_\_\_

In-kind contribution \_\_\_\_\_

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## **1. Background**

In recognition of the need for a more simplified and flexible way to utilize resources for achieving upstream policy results and testing innovations, UNDP established the Engagement Facility to enable it provide rapid response to emerging needs in UNDP's priority areas. The Engagement Facility would cover:

1. The provision of time sensitive high-level/targeted advisory services for government counterparts, through the mobilization of experts;
2. The development of knowledge/innovative products requiring external expertise that falls within UNDP's value offering;
3. The organization of special events related to development issues that cannot be covered by an existing project; and
4. The testing of innovations that have the potential for scaling-up.

## **2. Key Objectives**

UNDP Lesotho is establishing the Engagement Facility to address key areas outlined below:

1. Lesotho is faced with a serious challenge of environmental degradation as most of its population rely on rainfed subsistence agriculture and natural resources to support their livelihoods. Over reliance on natural resources and inappropriate land management practices has resulted in environmental degradation including over exploitation of natural resources and land degradation. Again, due to its rugged terrain and, being a vulnerable least developed and land-locked country, climate change impacts are exacerbating environmental degradation in Lesotho. Therefore, capacity of Government of Lesotho (GoL) to carry out (1) environmental management, (2) land use and planning, and (3) implement climate change adaptation measures is very important for sustainable development of Lesotho.

There is therefore the need to establish of Environmental Authority that will oversee all environmental issues in Lesotho including enforcement of Environmental Act. The Engagement Facility will in 2015, support the development of a State of National Environment Report

2. UNDP Knowledge Management Strategy Framework 2014 -2017 confirms UNDP's unwavering commitment to Knowledge Management (KM) and support to strengthen a system of capturing and transferring experiential and organizational needs. Promoting knowledge sharing and learning is the responsibility of each UNDP staff member. The KM team in the UNDP Lesotho office is dedicated to manage and facilitate knowledge sharing for the organization, source training opportunities for staff to promote the idea of pro-active lessons sharing as well as tapping the global UNDP network for support. The team will address increasing information silos and ensure knowledge exchange across all thematic areas,

support online “communities of practice” as an effective means of sharing as well as develop knowledge products for the selected projects for publication

- 3 In addition, the post-2015 consultative process in Lesotho commenced in 2013 through a nation-wide consultation with all concerned stakeholders including communities in the 10 districts of the country. This consultative process was conducted by the Lesotho Council of NGOs (LCN), at the instance of the Ministry of Development Planning and UNDP, in accordance with the UNDG guidance on country dialogues on Post 2015. The results of this dialogue have been documented in a report, which is an addendum to the MDG Status Report 2013 for the Kingdom of Lesotho.

### 3. Key Activities

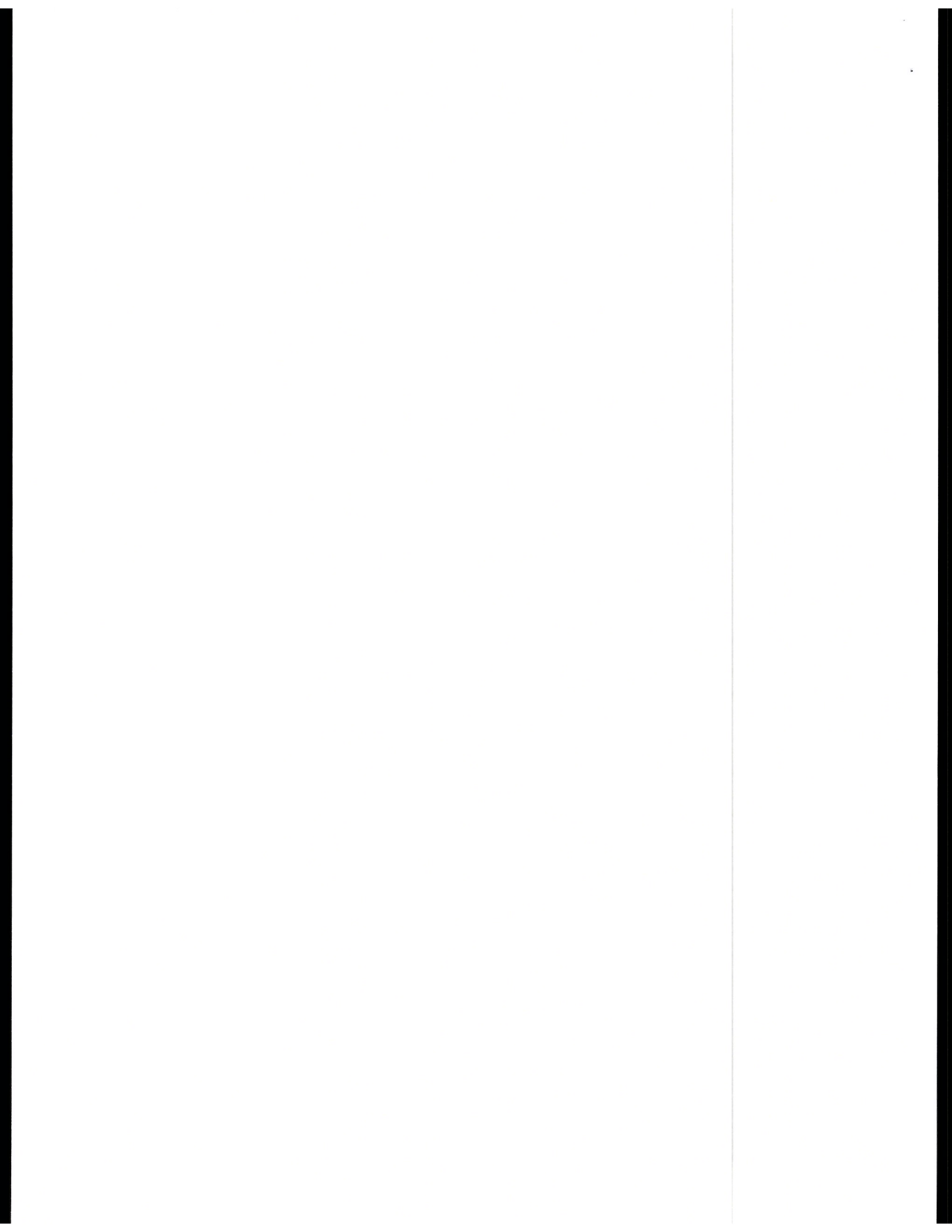
UNDP is supporting the Government of Lesotho with the following:

- Establishment of Environmental authority that will oversee all environmental issues in Lesotho including enforcement of Environmental Act.
- Carry out State of Environment Report to inform decision making
- Develop a National Housing Policy that will among others minimize impact of housing sector on land particularly limited arable land.
- Support and strengthen capacity of GOL to participate in UNFCCC process hence it capacity to implement climate change adaptation measures.
- Knowledge Management is hoping to impart skills to the Lesotho UNDP staff to document knowledge products for publication. (identifying, capturing, disseminating and applying lessons learned from past projects and initiatives)
- Develop knowledge products for the selected projects for publication
- Skills for packaging annual projects reports for publication
- The overarching objective of the dialogues with civil society is to stimulate an inclusive and participatory discussion on the effective implementation of post-2015 development agenda during April to August 2014.
- Enhance civil society influence in shaping the country’s position in the post-2015 intergovernmental process by effectively reflecting the needs and wants of communities;
- Enable civil society to contribute substantively to shaping key policies related to means of implementation for the post-2015 development agenda;
- Stimulate public mobilization, advocacy and support in favour of these policy changes amongst civil society at national level;
- Strengthen mechanisms to monitor the implementation of State-civil society partnerships, promote transparency, accountability and dialogue throughout the post-2015 development agenda.
- Assess civil society capacities and capacity development needs
- Evaluate civil society partnerships with governments in order to generate concrete examples of what is and what is not working.

#### **4. Expected results**

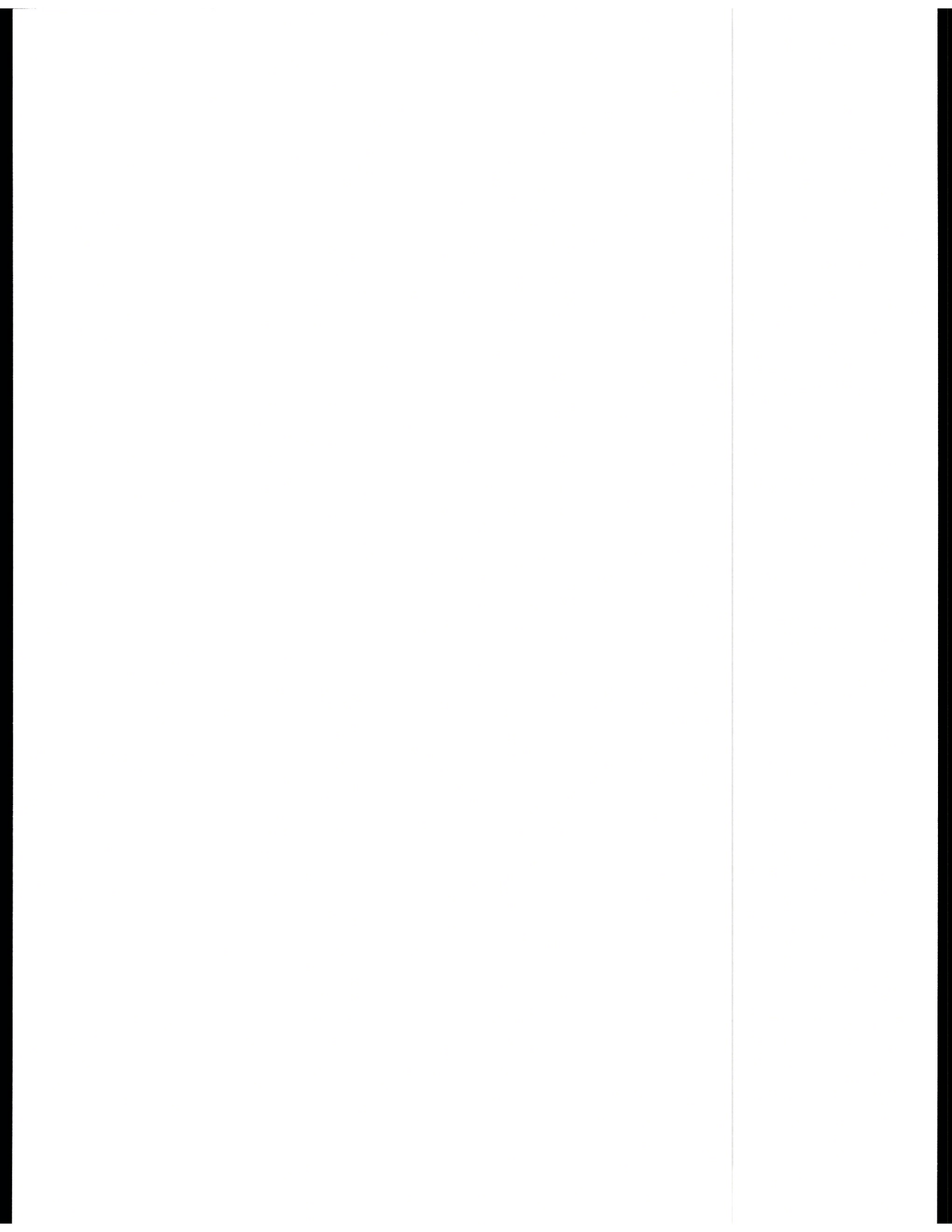
- Lesotho State of Environment Report
- National Housing Policy Document
- Report on National Consultations on establishment of Environment Protection Agency
- Report on National Consultations on UNFCCC processes
- Best practice stories and lessons from projects visits
- Training report (training session on “documentation and sharing of knowledge products through a variety of media platforms”)
- Detail mapping and data base of CSOs representing main constituencies and interests in the country
- Final national report synthesising the results of CSO Dialogues and Dialogues between the State and CSO
- Increased knowledge sharing of UNDP results through the production and dissemination of knowledge through different media platforms by UNDP staff
- Strengthened knowledge exchange and networking, through corporate social networking and thematic Communities of Practice;
- Openness and public engagement through blogging, public online dialogues, consultations and events

#### **5. Annual Workplan and Budget**



5 Annual Work Plan

Expected Outputs Baseline, Indicators and annual results	Planned Activities	Timeframe				Responsible Party	Planned Budget			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Funding Source	Budget Code	Budget Description	Amount US\$
Lesotho State of Environment Report	Printing-State of Environment Report				X	E&E/ Dept. of Environment	04400	74200	Printing Production Costs	27 190.00
	Launching of the report				X	E&E/ Dept. of Environment	04400	72100	Contractual Services Companies	1 000.00
National Housing Policy document	Workshop-National Housing Profile				X	E&E /Min. of Local Government	11888	72101	Contractual Services Companies	10 000.00
	Consultancy-Technical Assistance				X	E&E / Min. of Local Government	11888	71300	Local Consultants	20 000.00
National Consultations on Establishment of Environment Protection Agency	Study Tours				X	E&E / Min of Tourism, Arts and Culture	11888	71600	Travel	20 000.00
	Workshop-National consultations				X	E&E / Min of Tourism, Arts and Culture	11888	72100	Contractual Services Companies	10 000.00
National Consultations on IFCCC processes	Preparatory Workshop for COP 21				X	E&E /Min of Energy and Meteorology	11888	72100	Contractual Services Companies	5 000.00
	Technical support for Development of a National Adaptation Plan				X	E&E /Min of Energy and Meteorology	11888	71200	Int'l Consultant	5 000.00
National Dialogues for Civil Society on the Implementation of the Post2015 Development Agenda	Dialogues between Civil Society, Private Sector and Government of Lesotho regarding the Implementation of the Post2015 Agenda					SPU/CSOs/Min of Development Planning	55013	74100	Professional Services	18 540.00
	Formulation of new projects		X			UNDP	11999	71300	Local Consultant	8 000.00
Support to programme formulation	Scoping missions			X		UNDP	11999	72100	Contractual Services Companies	8 550.00
	Consultations, conferences and missions		X	X	X	UNDP	11999	75700	Learning	5 000.00
Capacity Building and Knowledge Management			X	X		UNDP	11888	71600	Travel	5 500.00
			X	X		UNDP	11888	72100	Contractual Services	4 500.00
	Supplies		X	X		UNDP	11888	72500	Supplies	3 800.00
	Miscellaneous		X	X		UNDP	11888	74500	Miscellaneous	1 500.00
<b>Total</b>									<b>153 580.00</b>	





## **6. Annexes:**

UNDP's Engagement Facility Concept Note

Continuing Inclusive Dialogue on the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Knowledge Management Mission Concept Note

