## Annex G – Justification for a SESP exemption - Enhancing Montenegro’s capacity to integrate climate change risks into planning project (GCF-NAP Readiness Funding) Montenegro.

The GCF-NAP project in Montenegro is a project that will support the development of a National Adaptation Plan to climate change through three interconnected outcomes:

Adaptation planning governance, institutional coordination, and technical capacity strengthened;

An enhanced evidence base for designing gender-sensitive adaptation solutions;

* An adaptation finance mobilization strategy developed;

Through the project, the government of Montenegro will strengthen its institutional coordination framework, expand the technical capacities of government stakeholders involved with adaptation planning, enhance the evidence base for effective decision making regarding adaptation and define a resource mobilization strategy.

To achieve this, the project will implement activities that achieve the following sub-outcomes:

**Sub-Outcome 1.1:** Institutional capacity for adaptation planning assessed and enhanced

**Sub-Outcome 1.2:** Institutional coordination to support adaptation planning strengthened

**Sub-Outcome 2.1:** Gender-specific climate change-driven risks and vulnerabilities in priority sectors identified, broad goals and potential adaptation measures developed.

**Sub-Outcome 2.2:** National Adaptation Planning processes established.

**Sub-Outcome 3.1** Mechanisms for funding adaptation investments identified.

**Sub-Outcome 3.2** Private sector engagement in adaptation strengthened.

All project activities fall under SESP exemption criteria as broadly shown here:

* Preparation and dissemination of reports, documents and communication material
* Organization of an event, workshop, training (creating capacities for climate reporting)
* Strengthening capacities of partners to participate in international negotiations and conferences
* Partnership coordination (including UN coordination) and management of networks

*Based on the exemption criteria, this project is considered exempted from the SESP screening. The table below highlights which project activities fall under the SESP exemption criteria.*

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| **SESP Exemption Criteria** | **Project Outputs/Activities** |
| Preparation and dissemination of reports, documents and communication materials | Activity 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.4, 2.2.5, 2.2.6, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.2.1,  |
| Organization of an event, workshop, training | Activity 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.1.4, 3.2.2 |
| Strengthening capacities of partners to participate in international negotiations and conferences | None – although the overall aim of the project aims to develop a NAP |
| Partnership coordination (including UN coordination) and management of networks | Activity 1.2.1 |
| Global/regional projects with no country level activities (e.g. knowledge management, inter-governmental processes)  | n/a |
| UNDP acting as Administrative Agent | n/a |