



Annual Project Plan (Cover Page)

Country: Mauritius

UNDAF Outcome(s): N/A

Expected Outcome(s):

Strengthened Mauritius's ranking in the Global Innovation Index

Expected Output(s):

Output 1: Stakeholders are engaged to Innovation Initiatives in Mauritius

Implementing partner(s): Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade Foreign Affairs

<p>Programme Period: 2019 Programme Component: Project Title: Engagement Facility –Innovation Initiatives in Mauritius Project Award ID:00188422 Project No:00115248</p>	<p>Estimated total budget (2019): USD 136,452</p> <p>Allocated resources: Government: Regular (TRAC 2) :136,452</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other: In -kind from Ministry: Office space and logistics for experts
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UNDP Resident Representative (a.i):

Date: _____

6/04/2019

SEDU - Annual Work Plan

Year 2019

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMEFRAME				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	Source of Funds	PLANNED BUDGET	
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			Budget Description	Amount (USD)
		<p>-CPD 2017-2020 -Output 3 Indicator: Mauritius score in the Global Innovation Index under government effectiveness Baseline: 0.9 (2015) Target: 1.5 (2020)</p>	<p>Identify entry points for inducing digital transformation Perform Scoping mission -UNDP HQ Colleagues -Workshop</p>		X				
<p>Support the digital transformation initiatives in Mauritius Recruit a national expert</p>		X			Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade/UNDP	UNDP TRAC 2 (04010)	71200	20,000	

	Draft Project document for innovation initiatives in Mauritius	X	X	X	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade/UNDP	UNDP TRAC 2 (04010)	71200	30,000
	Deploy technical expert for innovation Initiatives	X	X	X	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade/UNDP	UNDP TRAC 2 (04010)	71200	30,000
	Annual Innovation meeting Present the findings at the UNGA September 2019	X	X	X	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade/UNDP	UNDP TRAC 2 (04010)	71600	20,000
	Publication and Communication of innovation initiatives in Mauritius	X	X	X	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade/UNDP	UNDP TRAC 2 (04010)	71200	14,246

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SEDU BUDGET 2019

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Direct Project Cost (2019) - Engagement Facility			
Type services	Item	Unit Cost to UNDP of providing such support services (Price list Approved 2016)	Amount (USD)
1. Support Services			
Administration of project personnel comprising			
2. General Operating processes			
	Payment Process -	36.10	542
	Consultancy		
	National consultant for Scoping mission		
	Draft project document	228.29	913.16
	Technical Expert for innovation Initiatives		
	Publication/Communication of innovation Initiatives		
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Concept Note for TRAC 2 funded UNDP Mauritius Innovation Project

Introduction

The United Nations in Mauritius initiated the establishment of a Technology Innovation Labs (UNTIL) to drive the development agenda, through Innovation and technology, and to solve some of humanities' most pressing needs.

The objectives of these labs were to function as a start-up platform for a collaborative attempt to problem solving initiatives among the UN entities, Private sector, Academia and Civil Society. This would serve as the platform for linking with innovators and mentors from across the globe as well as to facilitate global exchange of ideas and resources, offering advisory support and guidance that will facilitate solutions through workshops, immersion-learning, and incubated projects.

On October 12, the Government of Mauritius, through its Council of Ministers endorsement, agreed to set up the UNTIL in the island. A two-days' workshop was organized by UNDP in Mauritius on 22 and 23 November 2018 to discuss the proposals with the stakeholders.

Following which, UNDP Mauritius submitted a proposal for additional resources to fund the preparatory work for this innovative solution in accelerating the development agenda and to establish initial activities to support the Government of Mauritius' vision for the Innovation labs. The proposal envisaged to create enabling environment for innovation in Mauritius, to bring different actors to discuss and exchange views and ideas and to engage in upstream policy dialogue for Innovation.

The proposed thematic areas would be the following:

1. SDG 1 No Poverty
2. SDG 5 - Gender Equality
3. SDG 9 - Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
4. SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities

UNDP Mauritius submitted the request for funding from TRAC 2 Resources for this project in November 2018. The total amount requested was USD 350,000 but the approved amount for this initiative was USD 136,452 for 2019 which resulted in scaling down the original planned activity to one major output.

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Proposed use of Resources

As the UNTIL project has not been moving at the level of MOFA, the stakeholders have not been engaging although reminders were sent to them regarding UNTIL project.

Given that UNDP Mauritius has been approached to be part of the Estonia- UNDP Cooperation on Digital Transformation as Sustainable Development Pathway on 20th February 2019, Mauritius has been invited to be the very first country for pilot by HQ/BPPS. This will bring lot of visibility and scope for resource mobilization.

The resources allocated will be utilized to create a new Innovation project for UNDP Mauritius and shall deliver the following output:

Output 1 – Support the Government of Mauritius in engaging in innovation initiatives in Mauritius

The Activities will be:

- 1.1 Conduct a scoping mission to assess the digital landscape;
- 1.2 Draft a project document and mobilize funds at national, regional and international level
- 1.3 Deploy technical experts for innovation Initiatives
- 1.4 Present the findings at the UNGA 2019
- 1.5 Publish and communicate innovation initiatives in Mauritius

Indicators of Success – Output 1

Indicator: Mauritius' Score and ranking in the Global Innovation Index

Baseline: 0.9 (2015) as per CPD 2017-2020

Target: Innovation Project designed by the end of 2019

Source of data: UNDP Country Office

Timeline for target: December 2019

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk 1- Procurement risk – delay in hiring of consultants/experts may result in corresponding delays of programme delivery

Risk 2 – Organizational risk – lack of support staff may have an impact on the timely disbursement of allocated funds as the unit has only one National Officer who may be unable to closely follow up on the projects' activities and timeliness.

Risk 3 - Political risk and lack of political will - General Elections are foreseen in early 2020. So the Government offices functioning may slow down in the run up to elections towards the second half of 2019. Due to the uncertainties for future, the line ministry especially the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other stakeholders would no longer be interested in pursuing this project.

KEY INSTITUTIONS FOR THE ENGAGEMENT FACILITY

UNDP Mauritius Country office

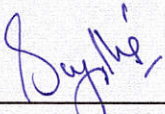
The UNDP Mauritius CO will be the direct implementing agent for TRAC 2 funds. All procurement will be carried out by UNDP Mauritius Country Office staff.

Office of Information and Communications Technology (OICT) - United Nations

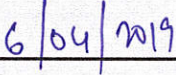
UNDP Mauritius will be collaborating with the OICT (Office of Information and Communications Technology) - United Nations who will be responsible for providing technical support to UNDP Mauritius and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade Foreign Affairs

The Ministry is responsible for implementing the project.

Agreed by: 

UNDP Resident Representative (a.i)

Date: 

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Procurement Plan (2019)

Item No.	Procurement Category	Non - Standard / Specialist Item (Does not fit into Categories Listed)	Estimated Quantity	Allocated Amount / Budget/ as per contract	Reference to Project Activity	Chart of Account	Budget Account	Donor/Fund	Desired Delivery Date	Preferred Place of Delivery	Remarks
1	National Consultant to support scoping mission		1	20,000	1	115248	71200	00012/04010	May/ June 2019		
2	Expert to draft project document		1	30,000	1	115248	71200	00012/04010	July/August 2019		
3	Deploy technical expert for innovation initiatives		1	30,000	1	115248	71200	00012/04010	September/ October 2019		
4	Publication and Communication of Innovation Initiatives		1	14,200	1	115248	71200	00012/04011	September/ October 2020		
Grand Total				94,200							

Please note that this Procurement Plan is based on UNDP's Programmed and Operations Policies and Procedures (POPP) and the Results Based Management (RBM)

Approved by: **UNDP RRA.i. SUSTITUKA SEKARAN**

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