

## Annex 4: UNDP Social and Environmental and Social Screening Template (SESP)

### Environmental and Social Review Criteria

<i>Project Information</i>	Monitoring and assessment of MEA implementation and environmental trends in Antigua and Barbuda
Project Title	
Project Number	5425
Location (Global/Region/Country)	Antigua and Barbuda

### Part A. Integrating Overarching Principles to Strengthen Social and Environmental Sustainability

#### QUESTION 1: How does the project integrate the overarching principles in order to strengthen social and environmental sustainability?

##### *Briefly describe in the space below how the project mainstreams the human-rights based approach*

This project mainstreams the human-rights based approach by promoting significant participation and engagement of all stakeholders in the project design, implementation, monitoring, and adaptive collaborative management. Stakeholders will be invited to participate in capacity development activities and the project will encourage an enabling environment for active stakeholder engagement in natural resource management.

As part of the project formulation phase, consultations were held with a broad group of stakeholders to build an understanding of the baseline including challenges and barriers to data and information management, and more effective decision-making for the global environment. One assumption of the project strategy is that these in-depth consultations will enhance the transparency and legitimacy of the proposed activities. Additionally, output 2.5 and 2.6, which focus on improving awareness of global environmental values and knowledge management, allow for a multi-dimensional approach that includes stakeholder engagement and awareness programs with the private sector, the media, civil society, academia and local organizations.

The project's extensive stakeholder consultations, learning-by-doing workshops, and awareness-raising dialogues aim to engage as many people as possible in order to reduce the risk of marginalizing stakeholders and integrating their different perspectives into as many activities as possible.

##### *Briefly describe in the space below how the Project is likely to improve gender equality and women's empowerment*

Gender equality concerns have been taken into account, and as a result, the monitoring of key indicators, such as a) the gender balance in capacity development activities and b) the extent to which gender issues shape workshop deliberations and recommendations, are included in the project. The project will promote gender equality in environmental management, and the empowerment and participation of women in environmental management.




##### *Briefly describe in the space below how the Project mainstreams environmental sustainability*

This project directly responds to the GEF-funded 2006 National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA). Additionally, the project responds to national priorities, policies, and strategies such as the EPMA, the EIMAS, the UNDAF, the National Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan (2014), the 2015-2020 National Action Plan, and the NBSAP. This project is also aligned with the Medium-Term Development Strategy (2016-2020), as well as the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals.

The Rio Conventions will serve as analytical frameworks for identifying global environmental criteria and indicators and will be linked to sustainable development objectives and other indicators in Antigua and Barbuda. Through learning-by-doing training, a national sustainable development strategy which fully integrates Rio Convention obligations, an Environmental Management Information System, and improved institutional structures and mechanisms for mainstreaming and enforcing Rio Conventions, environmental sustainability will be mainstreamed.



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