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Country: Guyana
Initiation Plan

Project Title: Localization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
UN MSDF Outcome 4: Equitable access to justice protection, citizens security and safety reinforced
UNDP Strategic Plan Outcomes (1) Advance Poverty Eradication in All its Forms and Dimensions and (2) Accelerate Structural Transformations for Sustainable
CP Expected Output(s): Government and non-government institutions working on constitutional reform, fulfilment of human rights and local administration enabled for improved transparency, participation and effectiveness
Expected Outputs:
 1. Enhanced knowledge of SDGs among national and sub-national stakeholders
 2. SDGs Localized
 3. UNDP Technical Assistance to Implement SDGs provided
Executing Entity: UNDP Guyana
Implementing Agency: UNDP Guyana

Brief Description

At the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in September 2015, world leaders adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This agenda comprises a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change by 2030. The goals and targets were defined and developed through an unprecedented dialogue among UN Member States, local authorities, civil society, the private sector and other key stakeholders.

In accordance with the pledge of Agenda 2030 to leave no one behind, the engagements of national and sub-national stakeholders are critical to build ownership and accountability, as well as promote a shared understanding of the agenda. To this effect, UNDP is working with national and sub-national government organs in Guyana to implement the SDGs.

This project intends to provide technical assistance for the integration of the SDGs into national policies, plans and strategies and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The project would also include support for education and awareness on the SDGs at the national and sub-national levels, so that local stakeholders can better understand their role and be equipped to make meaningful and informed contributions in the incorporation of the SDGs into their national and sub-national policy frameworks and plans.

Programme Period: January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Key Result Area (Strategic Plan): Governance
 Atlas Award ID: _____

Initiation Plan Start date: January 1, 2018

Initiation Plan end date: December 31, 2018

PAC Meeting Date

Total resources required US\$299,320

Total allocated resources US\$299,320

• Regular US\$299,320

- Other:
 - Donor
 - Donor
 - Donor

Unfunded budget:

Agreed by
 UNDP: _____

Shabnam Mallick, Deputy Resident Representative

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I. PURPOSE

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the UN's global development network, advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. UNDP is on the ground in some 170 countries and territories, working with governments and people on their own solutions to global and national development challenges to help empower lives and build resilient nations.

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As the lead UN development agency, supporting the 2030 Agenda is a top priority of UNDP, which has the experience and expertise and is uniquely poised to support countries in the achievement of the SDGs. For this reason, UNDP is providing support to governments to integrate the SDGs into their national development strategies, plans and policies. This work is seen as a continuation of the support provided to many countries in achieving the predecessor Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

In Guyana, the government has requested the UN Development System's support for the integration of the SDG agenda within its emerging national development strategy called the Guyana Green State Development Strategy (GSDS). In this context, the UNDP is providing support in advancing the GSDS.

Further, it is recognized that sub-national governments also play a very pivotal role in the incorporation of the SDGs into local plans and programmes. To this effect, UNDP is also working with Regional and Local Government organs to localize the SDGs. UNDP has commenced the process of supporting Regional and Municipal bodies in the development and implementation of their Plans for Action for Regional Development (PARDs)/Plans of Action for Municipal Development (PMDs). Region 9 has been selected as a pilot region and an International UN Volunteer (IUNV) is supporting this process.

To complement the support that is provided by the IUNV, UNDP also seeks to engage in education and awareness session across Guyana. According to the Roadmap for Localizing the SDGs¹, awareness raising - getting to know the SDGs at the sub-national level - is the first step in the localization process. Underlying this 'bottom-up' approach that aims at leaving no one behind, is the critical need to involve national and subnational governments, civil society organizations, the private sector, academia and individual citizens in the implementation of the SDGs. Education and awareness campaigns at the sub-national levels would provide the enabling environment for these partnerships. Local and regional governments are the closest link to the people and therefore are well placed to raise awareness about the importance of the SDGs and the relevance to local communities.

It is envisioned that the implementation of the national and subnational Strategies, Plans and Programmes that would be developed under this initiative would form a critical area of intervention for the achievement of UNDP Country programme document for Guyana (2017-2021) and ultimately the SDGs by 2030.

II. EXPECTED OUTPUT

The ultimate objective is for UNDP to support the Government of Guyana in incorporating the SDGs into National, Regional and Municipal Plans and to support the implementation of said plans. Awareness raising at the national and subnational levels would result in local stakeholders being better informed to understand their role and be equipped to make meaningful and informed contributions in the incorporation of the SDGs into their respective national and sub-national policy frameworks, strategies

¹ The Roadmap for localizing the SDGs, which was drawn up by the Global Taskforce for Local and Regional Governments, UNDP and UN Habitat and which is a part of the Toolbox, can be accessed from <http://www.localizingthesdgs.org/>

and plans. This would ultimately lead to the localization of the SDGs and would better equip Guyana to meet Agenda 2030.

III. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Initiation Plan will be implemented by the UNDP. The Project Manager will be the Programme Analyst of the Governance and Poverty Reduction portfolio. The UNDP CO Deputy Resident Representative will provide Project Assurance through oversight and guidance. UNDP Procurement Guidelines will be adhered to in the procurement process.

IV. MONITORING

In accordance with UNDP's programming policies and procedures, the Initiation Plan will be monitored through the following mechanisms:

Monitoring Plan

Monitoring Activity	Purpose	Frequency	Expected Action
Track results progress	Progress data against the results indicators will be collected and analysed to assess the progress of the project in achieving the agreed outputs.	Quarterly	Slower than expected progress will be addressed by project management.
Monitor and Manage Risk	Identify specific risks that may threaten achievement of intended results. Identify and monitor risk management actions using a risk log.	Quarterly	Risks are identified and suggestions proposed to manage risk.
Progress Report	A final progress report will be consisting of progress data showing the results achieved against pre-defined targets at the output level, an updated risk log with mitigation measures, and any evaluation or review reports prepared over the period.	At the end of the Initiation Plan	A Progress Report will be prepared at the end of the Initiation Plan, using the standard format available in the UN Executive Snapshot.

OFFLINE RISK LOG

Project Title: Localization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	Award ID:
Date:	

#	Description	Date Identified	Type	Impact & Probability	Countermeasures / Mngt response	Owner	Submitted updated by	Last Update	Status
1	Education and awareness sessions fail to reach the target audience	Inception	Financial	Lack of financial resources to reach all RDCS members.	UNDP to coordinate with the Ministry of Communities to target appropriate large gatherings where RDC members are present.				