

Management Response: Implementation Plan for Evaluation Recommendations

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Implementation Plan

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1	In spite of important gains achieved over the past decade, including through the projects examined here, the global financial system is falling far short, by trillions of dollars, of mobilizing and deploying the quantum of sustainable capital required for adaptation and mitigation efforts to meet the SDGs	In association with an assessment of the work carried out by UNEP-FI, consider undertaking a comprehensive review of its programming in sustainable finance to renew its role, strategy, and programming instruments with the aims of accelerating the exponential, targeted growth of sustainable investments and	Opportunity for improvement	Project			Partially Accepted	In consultation with the Evaluation Office, it has been agreed that this review would best be focused on UNEP FI's organisation	Prepare the ToR and hire evaluator to conduct this review. Support their work to complete the review and be ready to act on the recommendations made.

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	and Paris targets. Moreover, lower income countries increasingly bear the negative effects of climate change with fewer resources to cope with these effects.	ensuring their positive downstream impact, especially in vulnerable countries and among marginalized groups.						set-up and ways in which it could deliver more effectively in helping accelerate the exponential, targeted growth of sustainable investments and their downstream impacts.	
2	Central banks, financial and insurance supervisors and other regulators of sustainable finance require ongoing support and capacity building to implement and continuously improve the policies and systems established during the past decade at the global, regional, and country levels. Without effective links to this trajectory of work, UNEP's programming and visibility in the sustainable-finance space will be constrained.	As part of this review, assess the extent to which, and through which modalities, UNEP's sustainable finance programming instruments—including the GEF, GGKP, PAGE, UNEP-FI, and other initiatives—should re-set their work with sustainable finance regulators.	Opportunity for improvement	Project			Accepted		Based on the learnings from the Inquiry, UNEP FI secured the go-ahead from its Global Steering Committee to establish a strategy and work programme for supporting policy and regulatory developments in the sustainable finance area.
3	Mainstream, deliberative programming in large institutions moves too slowly; what is needed in sustainable finance now is for key actors to sprint toward the 2030 deadline.	Consider the extent to which elements of an adapted version of the Inquiry model could and should be applied, for a limited period, to a specific programming area or set of issues to raise awareness, engage elite decision-makers, generate new knowledge, facilitate rapid, scaled action, and	Opportunity for improvement	Project			Accepted		Policy/Regulatory programme mentioned above also responds to this rec. In addition, UNEP FI has recently established a Leadership Counsel, chaired by Inger Andersen, that responds to the

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		perhaps incubate and spin-off new, specialized platforms and vehicles.							'engage elite decision-makers' aspect recommended.
4	High-level programming can deprioritize or render less visible vulnerable economies and marginalized groups most at risk from climate change and could permit even more extreme loss of biodiversity and livelihoods. Moreover, standards based on larger or more developed economies as the default lens may inadvertently further increase the vulnerability of these economies and groups.	Request Economy Division to conduct an analysis on the integration of targeted programming for SIDS, LDCs, indigenous organizations, and other marginalized groups across the Division's portfolio. This may lead to a UNEP-wide response to which the Economy Division contributes.	Opportunity for improvement	UNEP-wide					
5	Sustainable finance regulation is among the many actions that climate-vulnerable countries must move on quickly. If they have not done so already, these countries must rapidly develop practical, actionable sustainable finance roadmaps that respond to the conditions they face and are coordinated with an array of other actions, including disaster risk reduction measures.	Request the GEF Project, supported by UNEP-FI, to organize an educational webinar with tailored learning materials on sustainable finance roadmaps for members of the V20 and Climate Vulnerable Forum.	Opportunity for improvement	Project			Accepted		UNEP FI has established a new \$10 million programme for vulnerable countries under the mandate of V20 finance ministers called the Sustainable Insurance Facility.
6	Without such a thoroughgoing strategy, standards and recommendations developed under UNEP will miss critical intersectional gender issues that affect policy adoption and implementation not only in sustainable finance but in environmental science and	Request Economy Division to develop and implement a fully-fledged gender equality strategy to be integrated into all its policies, programs, and projects. This may lead to a UNEP-wide response to which the Economy Division contributes.	Opportunity for improvement	UNEP-wide					

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	norms more broadly. In the context of the SDGs, UNEP's work could be seen as less relevant at the global, regional, and country levels.								
7	With GGKP now serving as its executing agency, the GEF Project continues to work toward meeting its co-financing targets for Components 1 and 2. Given several factors, this will be difficult to achieve. Yet project executors have already mobilized a significant quantum of contributions at the country and global levels (e.g., research, meeting space, communications), both in cash and in kind. This includes tapping into the resources of Inquiry's legacy platforms. However, like most UNEP projects, the value of these contributions has not been fully captured or reported.	Through GGKP, strengthen its approach to identifying and meeting co-financing obligations under the GEF Project by systematically and comprehensively documenting and reporting the monetized value of in-kind contributions by its staff and its country and international partners.	Opportunity for improvement	Project					