

Management Response: Implementation Plan for Evaluation Recommendations

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Implementation Plan

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1	Both the guidance on the above-mentioned SDG indicators, and the online self-paced SDG course developed by UNEP as key outputs of Component 2, could serve as crucial modalities for ensuring continued engagement by national level stakeholders within the area of environment statistics (and in doing so could help with the	In order to ensure the sustainability and longevity of key Component 2 outcomes, UNEP should continue to promulgate the new guidance on SDG indicators that were developed for SDG 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 12.2.1, 12.2.2, 14.1.1, 14.2.1, 14.5.1 under EA2 of Component 2, as well as the Environment SDG Online self-paced course.	Critical	Project	UNEP	Immediate	Accepted		^1 Translation in UN languages of the Environment SDG Online self-paced course based on availability of funding ^2 Develop train-the-trainer on-line video course on Material Flow Accounting (SDG indicators 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 12.2.1, 12.2.2 ^3 Develop an operational approach for calculating national status and trends for the Index for Coastal Eutrophication Potential

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	sustainability of Component 2 outcomes).								(ICEP, SDG indicator 14.1.1) ^4 Translate the Ocean Manual in UN languages
2	One of the key additional benefits and successes of Component 2 was informal establishment of a UN Secretariat-wide community of practice on environment statistics. Before the implementation of the component, collaboration and cooperation on environment statistics was incredibly disjointed. Without concerted effort to foster this community of practice, this progress on key UN partnerships for environmental statistics could be lost.	The implementing entities of Component 2 should continue to explore avenues to further bolster the UN Secretariat-wide community of practice on environment statistics that was formed as a result of this component. Where possible these implementing entities should seek to further bolster this community of practice, either through formal channels (i.e., in future projects/programmes), or through more informal semi-regularly working group sessions.	Important	Partners	All Component 7 UN implementing entities	The UN implementing entities of Component 2 should seek to establish a formal working group on environmental statistics within the next 12-21 months.	Accepted		^1 Develop future projects with Partners ^ Joint capacity development workshops on statistics in the context of UNCT requests and requests of partners
3	To further ensure the uptake of key Component 2-level outputs and outcomes, implementing entities should continue to engage with target and beneficiary countries on issues of environment statistics/indicators. Continued engagement with Component 2 target and beneficiary countries should be factored into future work/project planning. Where possible, future funded projects on environmental statistic should seek to leverage the base knowledge, skills and expertise that	Continued engagement on environment statistics with national-level stakeholders/beneficiaries who benefited from Component 2 activities should be sought by the respective implementing entities.	Important	Partners	All Component 7 UN implementing entities	Immediate. In developing upcoming projects/programmes, the respective UN entities should make sure they are leveraging previous engagement and partnerships with developing country member states.	Accepted		^1 Follow-up with national-level stakeholders/beneficiaries through UNEP Regional Offices and Partners

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	has been initiated during the implementation of Component 2. The long-term sustainability and success of Component 2 relies on effective uptake and institutional knowledge of recipient NSOs/line ministries, and continued engagement by implementing partners can assist in establishing an environment that is conducive to this.								
4	During the implementation of Component 2 there were several requests from target countries for further engagement on the topic of environmental statistics. These requests for further engagement during component implementation demonstrate that there was a need and desire from member states for the activities of Component 2, while also suggesting that greater stakeholder analysis and tailoring of activities during component design could have been undertaken. In addition, Activity 3.1 was designed to engage UN offices in beneficiary countries, however success in this regard was limited due to the	In diffuse global programs such as Component 2 of the UNDA 10th tranche, greater stakeholder analysis and tailoring of activities during project design should be undertaken.	Opportunity for improvement	Partners	All Component 7 UN implementing entities	Immediate. In developing upcoming projects/programmes, the respective UN entities should make sure they undertake detailed stakeholder analysis and tailor the design of interventions to the findings of any such analysis.	Partially Accepted	The global programme was not diffuse, but had clear outcomes and outputs.	^ Approach to identification of project countries / stakeholders in DA-14 programme has been adjusted to identify clearly defined activities based on needs

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	fact that UN Cos do not have the necessary expertise on environmental statistics. This appears to suggest that the activity was not planned based on sufficient stakeholder analysis.								
5	The ProDoc included a brief outline of the roles and responsibilities of leads (i.e. within the framework of the UNDA 10 programme), however, the authority of leads within the components was not addressed .	In multi-entity programmes, the authority of lead and co-lead entities should be clearly defined and articulated from the outset of project design and implementation.	Opportunity for improvement	Partners	All Component 7 UN implementing entities	Immediate. Future UNDA initiatives should include clear guidance and consistent reporting on 'supplementary funding' streams.	Accepted		^ In DA14 programme, no Lead and Co-Lead, but 2 lead partners
6	Within the auspices of Component 2, there was a lack of clear guidance what constituted 'supplementary funding' and how it should be reported on.	Clear guidance, and consistent reporting on 'supplementary funding' should be a key consideration for future UNDA programs.	Opportunity for improvement	UNEP-wide	All Component 7 UN implementing entities	Immediate. In developing upcoming projects/programmes, the respective UN entities should make sure they undertake detailed stakeholder analysis and tailor the design of interventions to the findings of any such analysis.	Partially Accepted	This is a UNEP responsibility	NA