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Comments from Germany on Jamaica's Strategic Programme for Climate Resilience

Dear Patricia and Andrea,

pls find attached our comments for the above mentioned project proposal and SPCR's as discussed in the PPCR meeting.

Thank you again for your as always extremely helpful preparation, support and guidance for the meetings!

Kind regards
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Summary

We would like to commend the Government of Jamaica, and particularly the *Planning Institute of Jamaica*, for presenting a very elaborate proposal and take note of the thorough and comprehensive efforts made to outline the strategic actions to be undertaken. We find the three-part focus to 1) improve climate information, 2) climate-proofing development plans and policies, and 3) create long-term financing mechanisms for the private sector and local organizations to access adaptation funding to improve resilience in key sectors and regions to be a well-founded and well-justified approach.

We are somewhat concerned that the scope of the SPCR is very broad, as we compare what should be achieved on the proposed budget with what is being proposed in other PPCR pilot countries. For example, we note that Bolivia has limited the focus of its SPCR to water resource management, which is one of five focal areas being targeted in Jamaica, yet the budget for Bolivia is 4.5 times higher. While it is impossible to draw direct comparisons, we would like to stress the need to match ambition with corresponding resources and not run the risk of spreading resources too thinly across too many activities. Furthermore, the volume of work also implies significant inter-governmental coordination; however, we are unclear about which agency has the lead. Is the PPCR Steering Committee in charge of inter-governmental coordination?

We would, therefore, like to suggest that **some clarifications and adjustments** be made in the SPCR document, as recommended below (see **bold** highlights).

General Comments

Please update the section on risks for each *Investment Programme* to include proposed approaches for managing the risks and assign an estimate of low, medium, high. Consider other risks, such as those brought about by the need for inter-agency collaboration, and how coordination will be managed. A tabular format would be helpful.

The description of *Investment Programme 3* lacks detail, which lends itself to many questions that would need to be answered in order to advance with its design and implementation. A couple of questions are raised below in the section on *Investment Programme 3*.

Comments on Individual Components / Projects / Measures

Investment Programme 1: Improving Climate Data and Information Management

Goal: generate improved quality climate information for effective planning and action at local and national levels

With regard to the objective of strengthening Jamaica's meteorological observation and data collection systems to enhance climate monitoring, weather forecasting and early warning systems, a **question for clarification: would it make sense to support a regional organization that provides data for small-island states in the Caribbean, or are the climatic conditions in Jamaica unique to the region? What sort of collaboration with CARICOM is foreseen?**

Efforts to plan and design adaptation initiatives (see *Objective 2* of the Programme) should be gender sensitive.

Note that detailed vulnerability assessments will first require an assessment of what modelling and data needs exist for each sector. **The corresponding indicator "Number of completed vulnerability assessments" should include a measurement of quality of the assessment, i.e. that the assessment is based on quality data and models generated by the programme.**

Investment Programme 2: Mainstreaming CC Adaptation in Local, Sectoral and National Plans, and implement Integrated Adaptation Strategies in targeted River Basin Planning and Management

Goal: Climate Change is mainstreamed into development plans and planning processes and increased adaptation to the impacts of climate change by stakeholders in vulnerable sections of the Rio Bueno and Rio Minho river basins

Please clarify the difference between vulnerability assessments conducted in Investment Programme 1 vs. In Investment Programme 2.

In addition to measuring changes in acreage of farmland that uses climate-proofed management plans, consider indicators that measure reduced losses or vulnerabilities to climate change. Based on the vulnerability assessments, the

key threats should be identified and corresponding indicators to reduce these threats developed.

Investment Programme 3: Financing Mechanisms for Sustained Adaptation Initiatives by the public and private sectors; and community-based organizations

Goal: institutionalize financing mechanisms for climate change adaptation initiatives by the private sector and community-based organizations.

Please provide further information about how the *Trust Fund* will leverage additional funds. Have potential donors been identified? Consider including an indicator that measures annual increases to the fund.

Please provide more information about the management of the *Trust Fund* in order to dispel any concerns about management issues. For instance, who are the potential candidates to sit on the *Grants Committee*? Who will develop the criteria for accessing funds? **Criteria would need to also be included that could ensure equal access to the fund and if needed target especially vulnerable groups.**

With regard to the line of credit: **please provide more information about the incentives for the private sector to pursue lines of credit. Could some examples be provided of agribusinesses that have specifically requested such a line of credit to illustrate the potential of the sub-component? What other risk management instruments might be used? Will other private sector entities also have access to the line of credit?**

Comments on Cross-Cutting Issues

Participation

The SPCR describes in detail the various participatory meetings and workshops, which were held as part of the development of the document (see pgs. 81-84).

Gender

Gender considerations should be integrated into programme indicators. Currently, gender is only considered within the context of the agriculture and food security strategic actions; however, no specific gender indicators are mentioned. **In addition to disaggregating data by gender with regard to persons trained or persons made aware of climate impacts, the programmes should attempt to monitor the impacts of programme interventions, as they relate to reducing vulnerabilities in specific sectors or regions.**

Learning

Learning forms a key part of the SPCR, as activities center on improving both technical know-how amongst stakeholders, as well as improving awareness amongst Jamaicans about climate change and its impacts. The *Voices for Climate Change Project* is one example of efforts that will be made through the PPCR to disseminate knowledge in the

country. Accordingly, indicators are in place to measure awareness and evidence of use of knowledge.

Synergies with German Climate Change Related Engagement in the Country / Region

No references to German development cooperation are made in the SPCR document. There would appear to be some potential for coordination with the GIZ Office based in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Some relevant programmes, which might be able to contribute to the PPCR goals in the region, are being managed from here, such as the new programme to increase resilience to climate change in coastal zones.