

**Meeting of PPCR Pilot Countries and Regions
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Progress Updates from PPCR Pilots

Country/regional pilot: Haiti

<i>Please describe any advances made in the following areas, arising from your SPCR programming or implementation process since the last meeting of PPCR pilots.</i>	
Institutional arrangements	<p>Envisaged partnership between hydromet services and the World Meteorological Organization in Haiti in order to strengthen those services.</p> <p>Planned cooperation between stakeholders in order to work together on specific topics foreseen in the SPCR (i.e. Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Public works in the field of rural roads).</p>
Capacity building	<p>In January 2012, participation of PPRC and SEMANAH (Marine service involved in SPCR program) at a workshop in Barbados on « Climate change modelling and adaptation in the Caribbean », organised by the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre and the University of West Indies, under the Global Climate Change Alliance auspices.</p> <p>A multi stakeholder consultation was held in Mirebalais (Haiti) on 18-19 March. The purpose of this workshop was to share the GoH's vision for an integrated and sustainable economic development in the "Center-Artibonite Loop" (one of the two main geographical focus areas for the PPCR) and to invite all relevant stakeholders and development partners active in the region to communicate their plans so that, in turn, CIAT could contribute to strengthening coordination and tap synergies between different projects. The workshop has largely contributed to the finalisation of the SPCR document. As a result of a sustained dialogue with development partners and local authorities, criteria for selection of specific intervention sites have been fine-tuned, and the investment plans targeting the Center-Artibonite Loop have been restructured in a way coordination with other on-going initiatives would be facilitated.</p>
Analytical work and technical studies	<p>Works related to digitization of main part of national hydromet data are being implemented.</p>

	<p>It was noted during the Mirebalais multistake holder dialogue that a number of projects active in the Centre-Artibonite were producing valuable information for other stakeholders and for local authorities. CIAT has committed to take stock of existing material (reports, maps, assessments, etc.) relevant to programme planning in the Centre-Artibonite Loop and to facilitate information exchange and data availability.</p>
Stakeholder engagement	<p>Whole development community in the country endorsed final version of SPCR. They produced valuable comments on the documents and made commitment to help in the implementation of the projects from SPCR.</p> <p>World Meteorological Organization expressed willingness to work with SPCR's hydromet project in order to help strengthening hydromet services in the country.</p>
Procurement and recruiting	<p>A programme coordinator for the SPCR/PPCR implementation has been recruited by CIAT and has progressively taken over his responsibilities.</p> <p>An administrative staff has been recruited and is working on the respect of procedures.</p>
Other	<p>The SPCR has been analyzed and commented by the external reviewer, finalized and submitted for endorsement by the PPCR Sub-Committee in April 2013.</p>

Please describe any challenges encountered in the following areas, arising from your SPCR programming or implementation process since the last meeting of PPCR pilots.

Institutional arrangements	<p>In the latest phase of the SPCR formulation process some concerns are arising around how to respond to the challenge of coordinating at technical level a number of stakeholders (including NGOs, bilateral agencies, UN agencies, MDBs, etc.) and sector-specific initiatives that are all relevant to the implementation of the PPCR. Technical assistance is an important component of the SPCR in Haiti and efficient articulation of external assistance will be a challenge for the Technical Unit set up within CIAT for this purpose.</p>
Stakeholder capacity	<p>Embryonic knowledge about climate change and know how to deal with it. Progressively, partners are improving their knowledge and knowhow by participating in workshops and discussing about climate change issues</p>

Data availability	Unavailability of accurate data on climate evolution in Haiti ; This results in an appreciation of climate evolution based mainly on general studies and observations.
Coordination	The coordination, after an orientation period, is finding the correct angle for the implementation of the program, by working with others and learning from experiences made by its partners.
Sustaining momentum	<p>It is not always obvious to sustain momentum, because the search of the consensus between different stakeholders. However, this search of consensus results in more considered decision.</p> <p>Regional integration and consolidation of a Program Implementation Unit within CIAT remain the main challenges for effective coordination.</p>

Please provide any additional information you wish to share on impacts or lessons learned from the implementation of your SPCR.

- Haiti is entering the preparatory phase of the PPCR.
- Once the SPCR is endorsed by the PPCR Sub-Committee (expected date May 2013), the development of each the four investment projects in the program will start, under the coordination of CIAT and leadership of each specific sector national institution, and in close partnership with MDBs and other relevant stakeholders identified at national level.