

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

**Country/regional pilot: JAMAICA**

<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>	
Jamaica's SPCR	<p>Investment Project 1 (IP1) - Improving Climate Data and Information Management (World Bank)</p> <p>Investment Project 2 (IP2) - Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation in Local, Sectoral and National Plans, and implement Integrated Adaptation Strategies in targeted River Basin Planning and Management (IDB),</p> <p>Investment Project 3 (IP3) - Financing Mechanisms for sustained Adaptation Initiatives by the public and private sectors, and community-based organizations (IDB).</p> <p>Phase 1 has been completed and Phase 2 is slated to commence late in the 2013/14 financial year.</p>
Institutional arrangements	<p>The Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) continues to provide overall supervision for the implementation of the SPCR. The Institute is responsible for the development of plans and programmes to facilitate sustainable development in Jamaica and serves as the National Focal Point for Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan. In addition, the PIOJ is Focal Point for the PPCR, National Implementing Entity for the Adaptation Fund and co-manager for the GOJ/EU/UNEP Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Project.</p> <p>An inter-agency Steering Committee has been established for SPCR implementation, comprising the PIOJ and organizations with policy, regulatory, programme implementation, data management and forecasting roles and functions. The Steering Committee is responsible for proving quality control, technical input and advice in support of the development and implementation of the SPCR.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the newly created Ministry of Water, Land,</p>

	<p>Environment and Climate Change (MoWLECC) will increasingly play a role in the implementation of aspects of the SPCR.</p>
<p>Capacity building</p>	<p>Phase 1 PPCR provided direct technical support to three key institutions in Jamaica’s Climate Change Programme as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jamaica Met Service – Upgrading of the climate monitoring network. PPCR resources used to procure 20 automated weather stations; 1 server (with support UPS and adaptive appliance); 2 laptops for Jamaica Met Service. This support will facilitate increased access to climate data leading to improved sector-based and national planning; improved accuracy of climate modelling; and improved service delivery to the public and private sectors.</li> <li>• Water Resources Authority (WRA) – Improvement of the climate monitoring capacity of the WRA. PPCR resources used to procure dedicated hydrometric software for the systematic analysis of organized data in: hydrologic assessment; field scale equipment to analyse in-situ physio-chemical properties of water; and GPS mapping Units</li> <li>• Office of Disaster Preparedness &amp; Emergency Management Improvement of the disaster response capacity of the ODPEM. PPCR resources used to support the development of electronic User/Reporter Tools for Situational Assessment following major disaster events. The tool was developed for use on the mobile platforms of Samsung Galaxy Tablet; IPad; and computers.</li> </ul> <p>The production of a significant body climate change baseline (as manifested in the technical studies) represented another capacity effort of the PPCR (See section on Analytical work and technical studies).</p>
<p>Analytical work and technical studies</p>	<p>Five Technical studies/reports completed in Phase 1 to provide baseline data to assist the country in mainstreaming climate change into priority sectors; facilitate sector-based adaptation measures; strengthen policy/institutional arrangements; building capacity for planning and forecasting; and improving climate change education and awareness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2012 State of Jamaican Climate, Information for Resilience Building and 2012 State of Jamaican Climate, Information for Resilience Building – Summary for Policymakers;</li> <li>• Socio-economic and Environmental Impact Assessment Handbook for Jamaica;</li> <li>• Communication for Climate Resilience 2012 – 2017, A National Strategy and Action Plan;</li> <li>• Report on Climate Change – Knowledge, Attitudes and Behavioural Practice Survey;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Policy, Plans, Legislation for Climate Resilience in Jamaica.</li> </ul> <p>All of the studies/reports have been delivered to the MoWLECC for use in climate change policy, programme development and the mainstreaming activities. The Minister of WLECC will shortly table the 2012 State of the Jamaican Climate, Information for Resilience Building and the 2012 State of the Jamaican Climate, Information for Resilience Building for Policymakers in Parliament. The studies have also been disseminated islandwide via country's network of parish libraries.</p>
Stakeholder engagement	<p>Stakeholder participation has been an on-going feature Jamaica's programme since the SPCR process began in 2010 of the PPCR policy, programme and project development. Some of the most recent activities include two community meetings held recently in PPCR target communities in the Rio Minho River Basin to obtain inputs and feedback in the development of agricultural adaptation measures as part of the development of IP2.</p> <p>At another level, the input of key stakeholders was sought in a series of workshops held to review all of the technical studies. In addition, stakeholder inputs are sought on an on-going basis for draft outputs related to the design of IP 2</p>
Procurement and recruiting	<p>Design of Investment project 1: Data and Information Management is to begin shortly. As such, TORs have been prepared and positions advertised for a Programme Development Specialist, Hydromet Specialist, and a Social and Environmental Management Specialist.</p>
On-the ground activities (please specify)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twenty (20) automatic weather stations installed in various parts of the island.</li> <li>• Jamaica's PPCR was recently the subject of a media discussion organized by the Jamaica Information Service.</li> <li>• Site visit conducted to the PPCR project area – Rio Minho River Basin, Clarendon.</li> </ul>
Other	<p>Data from study for climate projections have been: (i) incorporated in the GOJ/EU CCADRR Project public education and awareness programme being rolled out to Local Authorities, schools and communities; (ii) used in the Forestry Department's prog and (iii) in the design of the GOJ/AF programme.</p> <p>Information also used to inform inclusion of cc in a number of country strategy programmes.</p>

	SPCR targets form part of the Medium Term Socio-Economic Framework 2012-15.
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*Please describe any challenges encountered in the following areas, arising from your SPCR programming or implementation process since the last meeting of PPCR pilots.*

Mainstreaming	Absence of a climate change policy framework to facilitate deliberate and targeted interventions based on the outputs of the PPCR Phase 1.
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*Please provide any additional information you wish to share on impacts or lessons learned from the implementation of your SPCR.*

- Key to prioritize use of limited resources for enhancing resilience via use of improved climate data and information.
- Key to build local capacity for mainstreaming resilience in development programs.
- Need for a policy framework to facilitate deliberate and targeted actions.