

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Climate Investment Funds (CIF) - Nature People and Climate Program (NPC)

Distrito Nacional, Dominican Republic March 19 - 20, 2024
Aide Memoire – Joint Mission

I. OBJECTIVES AND PARTICIPANTS

- 1.1 The second Joint Mission regarding the Nature People and Climate Program (NPC) of the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) for the Dominican Republic was carried out in hybrid format on March 19 and 20, 2024. The mission was coordinated by mutual agreement between the Government of the Dominican Republic (GoDR), represented by the National Council for Climate Change (CNCC) as the focal point of the NPC program and the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MMARN), and the CIF partner multilateral development banks (MDBs), namely, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) as the coordinator of the Investment Plan (IP) design, along with the World Bank (WB), and the International Finance Corporation (IFC).
- 1.2 Participated on behalf of the IDB, Benoit Lefevre (Climate Change Specialist CSD/CCS), Gilles Damais (Natural Resources CSD/RND), Gloria Visconti (CSD/CCS), Anabella Palacios (CSD/CCS), Luis de los Santos (Natural Resources CSD/RND), Elia Martínez (CCS/CDR) and Gisela Ferrari (Climate Change and Gender Consultant CSD/CSS). On behalf of IDB Invest Mauricio Ayala Roa (DSP/ADV). On behalf of IDB Lab, Smeldy Ramírez Rufino (DIS/CRD). On behalf of WB, David Olivier Treguer (Leader for Sustainable Development), and Nicholas Menzies (Senior Governance Specialist). On behalf of IFC, Tendai Madenyika (Operations Officer), Fazharah Ramírez (Operations Analyst), and Luc Remy Hilhorst (Consultant). On behalf of CIF Secretariat, Paul Hartman (NPC Coordinator).
- 1.3 On behalf of the GoDR, participated Rodrigo Fincheira (Interinstitutional Relations Advisor of the CNCC), and Sara González Troncoso, and from the MMARN, Otto Cordero (Head of the Deputy Ministry of Coastal and Marine Affairs), on behalf of the Deputy Ministry of Forestry Resources, Sol Teresa Paredes (Coordinator of PES program), and Lemuel Familia (Technical Director) on behalf of the Deputy Ministry of Protected Areas.
- 1.4 Other details of the institutions and experts that participated in the Mission can be found in Annex 1.
- 1.5 The main objective of the second Joint Mission was to validate the proposed Investment Plan in coordination with all the relevant stakeholders invited to the Mission.
- 1.6 The following further specifies the Mission objectives:
 - i. Present the proposed IP, its components, prioritized investment activities, and its budget.
 - ii. Identify the necessary adjustments to be incorporated into the proposal document with the GoDR, MDBs or other relevant stakeholders.
 - iii. Include responses and evaluations from the participating stakeholders of the mission

II. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of the IP preparation process, from March 27th to 30th 2023, the scoping mission was carried out in coordination with the CNCC, MDBs, and CIF Secretariat. During this Mission, the general objective of the IP and the studies required for the design of the operation were defined: (i) Identification of the threats, exposure, and vulnerability of the watershed to climate change impacts; (ii) occupancy and status of agricultural activities inside the protected areas within the Yuna watershed; (iii) Potential use of Payment for Environmental Services (PES); (iv) potential for ecotourism activities in the watershed; (v) potential for

blue economy development in the lower areas of the watershed (vi) Studies of Nature-based Solutions for the restoration of ecosystem services and (vii) Menu of agricultural technologies for the implementation of improvements and best practices in the sector.

2.2 The first Joint Mission regarding the Nature People and Climate Program (NPC) of the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) for the Dominican Republic was carried out in hybrid format from November 14 - 16, 2023. The main objectives of the first Joint Mission were to: i. Review IPPG study progress and suggestions for activities that each consultant team is proposing for the IP, ii. Review and discuss the Dominican Republic’s CIF-NPC IP’s main components and proposed investments. GoDR and MDBs agreed on the specific objectives upon for the IP: "i) Strengthen the regulatory framework and institutional capacities for integrated watershed management and the implementation of Nature-based Solutions, ii) Restore and conserve key ecosystem services in the Yuna watershed through the implementation of Nature-based Solutions and iii) Promote economic diversification and the active participation of communities and other local stakeholders in the planning and execution of sustainable economic projects". Also, The IP will be carried out under the structure of 3 components derived from each specific objective, which are i) Institutional and Regulatory Capacity, ii) Ecosystem Restoration and Conservation, and iii) Economic Diversification.

III. ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

3.1 The second Joint Mission held working sessions to discuss the proposed investment activities, facilitating their validation as well as the budgets and technical adjustments that stakeholders considered relevant. Also, progress on recently contracted studies was reviewed, aiding in understanding the mainstreaming of Gender and Diversity issues in the IP, as well as comprehending complementary proposals to CIF-NPC investments.

The key topics discussed can be found in the detailed agenda in Annex 2.

IV. AGREEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM JOINT MISSION #2

4.1 The primary objective agreed for the IP is: “To promote an integrated, resilient, and low-carbon management of the Yuna basin through nature-based solutions.”

4.2 The secondary objectives agreed for the IP are to: (i) Strengthen the regulatory framework and institutional capacities for integrated watershed management and the implementation of nature-based solutions; (ii) Restore and conserve key ecosystems in the Yuna basin through the implementation of nature-based solutions; and (iii) Support the climate resilience of communities and their livelihoods through nature positive economic diversification.

4.3 The IP will be carried out under the structure of 3 components derived from each secondary objective, namely: i) Institutional and Regulatory Capacity, ii) Ecosystem Restoration and Conservation, and iii) Nature Positive Economic Diversification. The total budget is US\$30 million. Also, a Dedicated Grant Mechanism will be implemented, with a budget of US\$4 million.

4.4 The total budget will be implemented through IDB and WB, according to Table 1 below:

CIF-NPC Funds					
Source of Funding	COMPONENTS				TOTAL x Bank
	Component 1: Institutional and Regulatory Capacity	Component 2: Ecosystem Restoration and Conservation	Component 3: Nature Positive Economic Diversification	Dedicated Grant Mechanism	

CIF-NPC (trhough IDB)	US\$1.5 m	US\$15.5 m			US\$17 m
CIF-NPC (trhough WB)	US\$1.5 m		US\$11.5 m	US\$4 m	US\$17 m
TOTAL x COMPONENT :	US\$3 m	US\$15.5 m	US\$11.5 m	US\$4 m	
CIF-NPC TOTAL	US\$34 m				

Table 1. Total budget for CIF-NPC Funds

4.5 The activities and budgets agreed for each component, according to the charts below:

Component 1: Institutional and Regulatory Capacity

CIF-NPC Funds						
Source of Funding	Component 1: Institutional and Regulatory Capacity					
	Elaboration and updating of Management Plans in prioritized Protected Areas	Elaboration of a Development Strategy for Yuna watershed as an Ecotourism Destination	Elaboration of a Blue Economy Development Strategy for the lower Yuna	Elaboration of a Sustainable Fishing Plan	Development of a Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) Strategy	Support for the implementation of an NBS portfolio
CIF-NPC (trhough IDB)	US\$700k	-	-	-	US\$ 400k	US\$ 400k
CIF-NPC (trhough WB)	-	US\$700k	US\$500k	US\$ 300k	-	-
CIF-NPC TOTAL	US\$3m					

Table 2. Funds for Component 1: Institutional and Regulatory Capacity

Component 2: Ecosystem Restoration and Conservation

CIF-NPC Funds				
Source of Funding	Component 2: Ecosystem Restoration and Conservation			
	Implementation of the NBS portfolio in prioritized sub-watershed			Co-financing of conservation and restoration projects through PES Mechanisms
	Prioritized sub-watershed #1 (Tireo - upper watershed)	Prioritized sub-watershed #2 (Bonaio - upper watershed)	Prioritized sub-watershed #3 (coastal zone)	
CIF-NPC (trhough IDB)	US\$ 4.50 m	US\$ 4.50 m	US\$ 4.50 m	US\$ 2.00 m
CIF-NPC TOTAL	US\$ 15.5 m			

Table 3. Funds for Component 2: Ecosystem Restoration and Conservation

Component 3: Economic Diversification positive for Nature

CIF-NPC Funds	
	Component 3: Nature Positive Economic diversification

Source of Funding	Development of Ecotourism Programs					Implementation of prioritized projects for the development of Blue Economy in the lower Yuna	
	Loma Quita Espuela y Reserva El Zorzal	Saltos de Jima	Presa de Hatillo	Guácaras taínas en Aniana Vargas	Sendero de Manglares del Bajo Yuna	Support for aquaculture development	Pilot project for mariculture
CIF-NPC (trough WB)	US\$4.5 m	US\$ 750 k	US\$ 1.5m	US\$ 500k	US\$ 1m	US\$ 4.2m	US\$ 2.15m
TOTAL x ACTIVITY:	US\$ 5.15m					US\$ 7m	
CIF-NPC TOTAL	US\$ 11.5m						

Table 4. Funds for Component 3: Nature Positive Economic diversification

4.6 At the end of the Joint Mission, the following timeline and key milestones were agreed upon:

Public consultation of the IP on the MMARN web portal: From March 25 to April 07, 2024

Independent Expert and CIF Secretariat Review: From March 25 to April 07, 2024


Approval by the Government of the Dominican Republic of the consolidated Investment Plan document with the suggestions resulting from the public consultation: No later than April 15, 2024

IP document translation: From April 16 to April 29, 2024


Submission to the CIF: No later than April 30, 2024

Consideration of the GCAP for approval: from June 10 to 14, 2024 (specific date to be determined)

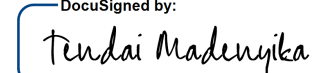
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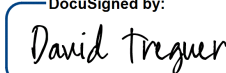
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Annex 2. Agenda and sessions carried out during the Joint Mission

Agenda
Climate Investment Funds (CIF)
Nature People and Climate (NPC) Program

JOINT MISSION #2 AGENDA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
(PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHEDULE IS IN DOMINICAN TIME)

Dates: March 19th and 20th, 2024
Location: IDB Offices – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Type: In person and virtual meetings

Tuesday March 19th, 2024

Time	Subject	Participants	Comments
09:00 – 09:30	Opening: Welcome words, Agenda review and priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNCC • MARENA • Inter--American Development Bank (IDB) • World Bank (WB) • International Finance Corporation (IFC) • IDB Invest • CIF • Other stakeholders invited to the Joint Mission 	
09:30 – 10:30	Introductory presentation -IP proposal brief presentation		Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDB (40 min) • Q&A (20 min)
10:30 – 12:30	Work Session: Component II of the IP -Subcomponents -Proposed Investment Activities -Budget per activity		Moderated by IDB

Time	Subject	Participants	Comments
12:30 – 01:30	Lunch		
01:30 – 03:00	Work Session: Component III of the IP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNCC • MARENA • Inter--American Development Bank (IDB) • World Bank (WB) 	Moderated by IDB

	-Subcomponents -Proposed Investment Activities -Budget per activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Finance Corporation (IFC) IDB Invest CIF Other stakeholders invited to the Joint Mission 	
03:00 – 04:00	Work Session: Component I of the IP -Subcomponents -Proposed Investment Activities -Budget per activity		Moderated by IDB
04:00 – 05:00	Dedicated Grant Mechanism		Moderated by WB
05:00 – 05:30	First day closing meeting.		Moderated by IDB

Wednesday March 20th, 2024

Time	Subject	Participants	Comments
09:00 – 11:00	Monitoring and Evaluation Presentation of the proposed framework for the Investment Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CNCC MARENA Inter--American Development Bank (IDB) World Bank (WB) 	Moderated by IDB
11:00 – 11:30	Gender and Diversity Consulting Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Finance Corporation (IFC) IDB Invest CIF Other stakeholders invited to the Joint Mission	Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundación Plenitud (15 min) Q&A (15 min)
11:30 – 12:00	Menu for Agricultural Technologies Consulting Process		Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BID (40 min) Q&A (20 min)

12:00 - 01:00	Mission Closure (Part I) Review of conclusions from work sessions and calendar		Moderated by IDB
01:00 – 02:30	Lunch		
02:30 – 04:30*	Work Session with MDBs -Review of session conclusions -Aide Memoire -Agreements, goals -Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter--American Development Bank (IDB) • World Bank (WB) • International Finance Corporation (IFC) • IDB Invest • CIF 	Open dialogue moderated by IDB
Time	Subject	Participants	Comments
04:30 – 05:00*	Mission Closure		Open dialogue moderated by IDB

*The sessions scheduled for Wednesday afternoon were held during the morning hours, allowing us to conclude the mission earlier than planned.