

JOINT MISSION  
TERMS OF REFERENCE  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

INVESTMENT PLAN (IP)  
Climate Investment Funds (CIF)  
Nature, People and Climate (NPC) Program

Location: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
Dates: March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Type: In person and virtual

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On November 1, 2022, the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) invited the Dominican Republic and four other countries to participate in the Nature People and Climate Program (NPC) with the preparation of an Investment Plan (IP) and under the accompaniment of the Multilateral Development Banks. This IP must be submitted for approval by May 1, 2024 at the latest. The Dominican Government asked the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to take the lead in coordinating the preparation of the Investment Plan (IP) and to work in coordination with the World Bank (WB).

A Scoping Mission to initiate the preparation of the CIF-NPC IP for Dominican Republic took place between March 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and was coordinated by the Government of the Dominican Republic (GoDR) through the National Climate Change Council (CNCC), acting as focal point of the Program, as main representative of the GoDR. Delegates from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), IDB Invest, the World Bank (WB), and the International Finance Corporation (IFC), participated in the Mission.

During the Scoping Mission, the GoDR and the MDBs decided to apply for the IPPG through the IDB as the designated coordinating agency for this program. An amount of USD 500,000 was approved. Five potential investment areas to study through the IPPG and with potential to be supported within the IP were identified, namely, (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; and (v) potential for blue economy development in the lower areas of the watershed.

Based on the Aide Memoire of the Scoping Mission, the GoDR and MDBs agreed the following IP Objective: To leverage and complement sectoral investments (current and future) in the Yuna watershed to ensure its comprehensive and sustainable management. The plan will aim to enhance its resilience to the impacts of climate change and promote sustainable economic growth for the communities.

Also, the GCAP Sub-Committee has approved a funding allocation of USD34MM for the Dominican Republic to invest in the CIF-NPC program.

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 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.

Based on the Aide Memoire of the Joint Mission #1, the 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.

As part of this objectives and components for the IP and according that the NPC is an NbS climate change program, the IP approach will be based and focused on finding and implementing solutions that reduce climate risk and vulnerability in the Yuna watershed, strengthen community resilience to climate impacts and supporting community livelihood through promotion of nature-positive economic diversification.

A Joint Mission #2 is being planned for March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> to review and agree on the IP Document proposal with MDBs, GoDR and relevant stakeholders. The Joint Mission will hold technical meetings and gather the necessary information from the different stakeholders, institutions and consultants that would validate the IP proposal, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the mission.

## **MISSION OBJECTIVES**

The main objective of the Joint Mission is to validate the proposed Investment Plan in coordination with all the relevant stakeholders invited to the Mission from GoDR such as Ministry of Environment, MDBs or other important stakeholders

The following further specifies the Joint Mission objective:

- Present the proposed IP, its components, prioritized investment activities, and its budget.
- Identify necessary adjustments to be incorporated into the proposal document with the GoDR, MDBs or other relevant stakeholders
- Include responses and evaluations from the participating stakeholders of the mission.

## **SCOPE OF THE MISSION**

### *Global objective of the NPC Program*

The CIF- NPC Investment Program aims to tackle the multiple drivers and impacts of climate change, resulting from human activities on land resources and ecosystems services, in an integrated manner. The program will deploy nature-based solutions that recognize the interdependence among land use, climate-change mitigation and adaptation, and the improvement of livelihoods of rural communities and Indigenous peoples. The goal of the program is to deploy sustainable, multi-sectoral approaches to harness the potential of land resources and ecosystems for climate action and to target context- specific barriers to the sustainable use and management of land resources and ecosystems. To these ends, CIF Nature Solutions will deploy CIF's concessional resources to do the following:

- Establish a shared vision for sustainably using and managing land resources through a programmatic multi-stakeholder process, fostering partnerships across government levels, sector agencies, the private sector, local communities, and Indigenous Peoples.
- Strengthen enabling environments to encourage investments in Nature-based solutions and enable the adoption of sustainable practices. This will involve scaling-up support to national and sub-national governments in identifying specific socio-economic development and climate and land-related issues to address and in promoting measures to boost sustainable livelihoods, build resilience at the local level, and conserve, restore, and enhance natural resources.
- Tackle risks and financing barriers and create incentives for sustainable use of lands and natural resources, including those from coastal systems<sup>30</sup>, by providing risk coverage and catalytic funding.
- Foster innovation by providing funding support to pilot innovative projects and financial models and support the uptake of new technologies, including the use of data-driven spatial planning tools and agricultural innovations like biotechnology.
- Support Indigenous Peoples and local communities to actively develop and implement projects catering to their unique needs through dedicated resources.

### Program application in Dominican Republic's case

In the case of the Dominican Republic, the government proposed to the CIF to build a "Ridge to Reef" program to promote economic growth and resilience in communities from the mountains to the coast, fostering inclusive and gender-equal development. This proposal will contribute to change unsustainable practices of farmers, ranchers, and fishermen. For example, watersheds restoration and protection, biodiversity conservation programs within the framework of agreements that facilitate training on best management practices and support for implementing the necessary changes for sustainable production, collaboration with coastal communities to promote the protection and restoration of mangroves, coral reefs and beaches, biodiversity conservation activities through the introduction of sustainable fishing gear, creation of fish reserves, coral farms and the development of alternative livelihoods for fishermen to reduce pressure on fish stocks and encourage reef regeneration, among others.

The Expression of Interest proposes to promote economic growth and resilience in the communities of the Yuna watershed, from its source to its mouth in the coastal zone. This is expected to be achieved through leveraging sectoral investments that ensure comprehensive and sustainable management of the basin.

The work areas mentioned in the Expression of Interest and that will be prioritized in the preparation of the Investment Plan, must propose the execution of nature-based solutions that address the main challenges in the watershed related to climate change, mitigation, adaptation and climate-resilient development.

### **ACTIVITIES TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE GODR AND MDBS PRIOR TO THE MISSION**

- Agree on the Mission's Agenda and relevant stakeholders to participate and be consulted.

**PARTICIPANTS OF THE MISSION (MDBs).** See Annex 1.

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA.** See Annex 2

The Agenda can be modified through mutual agreement between the GoDR and MDBs.

To achieve successful participation of expected stakeholders' representatives in the different meetings of the agenda, it is advisable to send the corresponding invitations with at least two weeks in advance (e.g., ideally by March 4th, 2024).

It is strongly recommended for the Government's focal point on the NPC Program (CNCC) to join all sessions of the Joint Mission.

### **Annex 1. Participants of the Mission**

#### **On behalf of IDB Group**

- Gloria Visconti
- Anabella Palacios
- Benoit Lefevre
- Elia Mariel Martínez
- Gilles Damais
- Luis de los Santos
- Yocauris Rodríguez
- Gisela Ferrari
- Smeldy Ramirez Rufino
- Mauricio Ayala Roa

#### **On behalf of WB Group:**

- David Olivier
- Maria Vizeu Pinheiro
- Faxharah Marie Ramirez
- Zhihong Zhang
- Tendai Madenyika
- Takiyah Tabia
- Nicholas Menzies

#### **On behalf of CIF:**

- Paul Hartman (in-person)
- Mike Ward (virtual)
- Davinia Levy (virtual)

## Annex 2. 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 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**Location:** IDB Offices – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
**Type:** In person and virtual meetings

#### **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Time	Subject	Participants	Comments
09:00 – 10:00	<b>Opening:</b> Welcome words, Agenda review and priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CNCC</li> <li>• MARENA</li> <li>• Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)</li> <li>• World Bank (WB)</li> <li>• International Finance Corporation (IFC)</li> <li>• IDB Invest</li> <li>• CIF</li> <li>• Other stakeholders invited to the Joint Mission</li> </ul>	*protocol order to be determined
10:00 – 11:30	<b>Watershed: IP proposal presentation</b>		<b>Presentation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IDB (1 hr.)</li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A (30 min)</b>
11:30 – 01:00	<b>Work Session for validation of Component 1 of the Investment Plan</b>  Dialogue on proposed investment activities and Budget for the component		<b>Moderated by BID</b>
01:00 – 02:30	<b>Lunch</b>		
02:30 – 04:30	<b>Work Session for validation of Component 2 of the Investment Plan</b>  Dialogue on proposed investment activities and Budget for the component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CNCC</li> <li>• MARENA</li> <li>• Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)</li> <li>• World Bank (WB)</li> <li>• International Finance Corporation (IFC)</li> <li>• IDB Invest</li> <li>• CIF</li> <li>• Other stakeholders invited to the Joint Mission</li> </ul>	<b>Moderated by BID</b>
04:30 – 05:00	<b>Closing Session (day 1)</b>		<b>Open dialogue moderated by IDB</b>

Time	Subject	Participants	Comments
	Summary of agreements at the end of day 1 and review of the agreed agenda for day 2		

### **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Time	Subject	Participants	Comments
<b>09:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Work Session for validation of Component 3 of the Investment Plan</b>  Dialogue on proposed investment activities and Budget for the component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CNCC</li> <li>• MARENA</li> <li>• Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)</li> <li>• World Bank (WB)</li> <li>• International Finance Corporation (IFC)</li> </ul>	<b>Moderated by BID</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Dedicated Grant Mechanism</b>  Presentation of proposed structure and progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IDB Invest</li> <li>• CIF</li> <li>• Other stakeholders invited to the Joint Mission</li> </ul>	<b>Presentation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WB (40 min)</li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A (20 min)</b>
<b>12:00 – 01:00</b>	<b>Monitoring and Evaluation</b>  Presentation of the proposed framework for the Investment Plan		<b>Presentation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IDB (40 min)</li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A (20 min)</b>
<b>01:00 – 02:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>02:30 – 04:30</b>	<b>Joint Mission closure session</b>  -Review of session conclusions  -Aide Memoire  -Agreements, goals  -Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CNCC</li> <li>• MARENA</li> <li>• Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)</li> <li>• World Bank (WB)</li> <li>• International Finance Corporation (IFC)</li> <li>• IDB Invest</li> <li>• CIF</li> <li>• Other stakeholders invited to the Joint Mission</li> </ul>	<b>Open dialogue moderated by IDB</b>
<b>04:30 – 05:00</b>	<b>Mission Closure</b>		