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**Comments from the United Kingdom on the Approval-by-mail of PPCR Funding:
Jamaica : Proposal for Phase 1 Funding**

Dear Patricia

Thank you very much for sharing this with us. We welcome and endorse the proposal although we do have a couple of comments which we would like to be taken into account in the final version of the phase 1 proposal that is used for phase 1 implementation:

- We are pleased to see that the proposal builds upon existing initiatives in the country and the region, establishes institutional frameworks for management of climate issues beyond the life of the PPCR and has a strong focus on filling the information gaps that are a barrier to climate management in the region. It is also pleasing to see that the coordination of the PPCR will be managed under the Office of the Prime Minister which recognises the level of importance it has been given by the Government of Jamaica.
- Again, there is little reference to development/poverty reduction or to gender issues, and we would like to see this addressed in the Phase 1 proposal and SPCR. These areas are important in themselves but are also likely to be core themes of the results framework for the pilot.
- It will be important to ensure broad civil society and private sector engagement throughout the PPCR process, and in the development and delivery of the SPCR. Perhaps engagement of these groups is implied but it is important to define who the key stakeholders are and make clear how involved they are expected to be and a clear stakeholder engagement strategy will be crucial for Phase 1 implementation.
- Again, where external consultants are used, attention must be paid to ensure that the lessons learned from the Pilot do not leave with the consultant but are shared with local experts.

We are aware that we have made similar comments previously on other Phase 1 proposals, but many proposals appear to need more development in these common areas. It would be very helpful to find a way for subsequent Phase 1 proposals, SPCRs and project proposals to learn from the comments that have been made on previous proposals, and for the sub-committee to be assured that comments have been taken into account where they relate to Phase 1 implementation. Could we please request the Admin Unit to suggest how best to track how comments have been taken into account?

We have commissioned a piece of independent analysis of the proposal which we would be happy to share with the Jamaica PPCR team, if that would be helpful.

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