

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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

Distrito Nacional, Dominican Republic November 14 - 16, 2023
Aide Memoire – Joint Mission

I. OBJECTIVES AND PARTICIPANTS

- 1.1 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 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 (MNARN), 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), Nicholas Menzies (Senior Governance Specialist) and Maria Vizeu (Environmental and Policy Advisor) and finally Tendai Madenyika (Operations Officer) and Camila Goris (Operations Analyst) on behalf of IFC. On behalf of CIF, participated Paul Hartman (CIF Coordinator) and Farah Outeldait (Gender Specialist).
- 1.3 On behalf of the GoDR, participated Rodrigo Fincheira (Interinstitutional Relations Advisor of the CNCC) and from the MNARN, 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), Lemuel Familia (Technical Director) on behalf of the Deputy Ministry of Protected Areas and Grisel De Oleo on behalf of the Deputy Ministry of Soil and Water.
- 1.4 Other details of the institutions and experts that participated in the Mission can be found in Annex 1.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 The specific activities of the Mission were designed to:
 - i. Socialize the main aspects of each preliminary component of the IP with GoDR and MDBs.
 - ii. Review the proposed projects and development of the overall IP framework and its key elements with the GoDR, MDBs or other relevant stakeholders, to identify any necessary adjustments to be incorporated, including prioritization within areas of focus.
 - iii. Engage and include feedback from relevant stakeholders from GoDR such as Ministry of Environment, MDBs and other important stakeholders.

II. ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

- 2.1 The Mission held presentations by consulting teams, as well as discussions and meetings regarding proposed initiatives and projects involving various stakeholders, institutions, and implementers. This facilitated progress in defining the IP in accordance with the Mission's Terms of Reference (TdR).
- 2.2 The key issues discussed can be found in the detailed agenda can be found in Annex 2.

III. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As part of the IP preparation process, from March 27th to 30th, the scoping mission was carried out in coordination with the CNCC, MDBs, and CIF. 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; and (v) potential for blue economy development in the lower areas of the watershed (v) Studies of Nature-based Solutions for the restoration of ecosystem services and (vi) Menu of agricultural technologies for the implementation of improvements and best practices in the sector.

IV. AGREEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The general objective agreed for the IP is to "Leverage and complement sectoral investments (current and future) in the Yuna Watershed to ensure an integrated and sustainable management of the watershed to strengthen its resilience to the impacts of climate change and foster sustainable economic growth of the communities with Nature-based Solutions"
- 4.2 The specific objectives agreed upon 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 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".
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 The thematic areas identified as prioritized subcomponents, according to each component, are as follows for
Component 1:
 - i. Development and updating of Management Plans and other strategic instruments: This activity will involve the review, update, and development of Management Plans and other strategic instruments addressing specific aspects of basin management. It will include identifying critical areas, defining conservation and restoration strategies, as well as integrating nature-based solutions into these plans.
 - ii. Support for waste management in the Yuna watershed: This activity will focus on implementing programs and strategies to properly manage solid waste in prioritized municipalities within the watershed. It will include awareness campaigns, establishing waste collection systems, and appropriate waste disposal to promote reduction, reuse, and recycling, thus mitigating their environmental impact.

Component 2:

- i. Design and implementation of Nature-based Solutions in prioritized micro-watersheds: This activity will concentrate on identifying, planning, and executing nature-based solutions specific to selected micro-watersheds within the Yuna watershed. This may involve projects such as reforestation, mangrove restoration, erosion control, among others, aiming to enhance ecosystem services and strengthen the resilience of these areas.
- ii. Implementation of strategic Payment for Ecosystem Services initiatives: This activity involves developing and implementing programs for payment for environmental services or similar mechanisms to incentivize conservation and restoration practices among local communities. This could include financial compensations for those contributing to water resource protection, biodiversity conservation, or restoration of key ecosystems.

Component 3:

- i. Design and implementation of ecotourism products: This activity entails creating and promoting sustainable tourism products that highlight the natural richness of the watershed. It includes route planning, nature tourism activities, cultural promotion, and community involvement in providing tourism services.
- ii. Diversification of fishing activities in the lower area of the Yuna River and its mouth: Efforts will focus on diversifying fishing activities in these areas, promoting sustainable practices, responsible fishing techniques, and introducing complementary activities such as aquaculture to alleviate pressure on natural fishing resources.
- iii. Training + Awareness-raising: This cross-cutting activity will focus on training key stakeholders, including government officials, community leaders, and the general population, on the importance of conservation, implementation of nature-based solutions, and economic diversification. It will include workshops, training programs, and awareness campaigns to promote understanding and active participation in the sustainable management of the Yuna watershed.

4.5 Additionally, it was noted that activities related to the agricultural sector and the inclusion of good practices and financial facilities to ensure resilience and sustainability of the sector will be addressed through the complementary projects DR-L1161 (Yuna Watershed Management Plan Project) and DR-L1157 (Sustainable Investment Financing Program and Productivity Enhancement of the Agricultural Sector of the Dominican Republic), financed by the IDB in partnership with the GoDR.

4.6 The timeline and key milestones agreed during the mission, is detailed in chapter V.

V. TIMELINE

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

Virtual Meeting: January 2024

Draft of the IP shared with GoDR and MDBs: February 2024

Joint Mission #2: end of February 2024


Public consultation of the IP on a web portal of the GoDR: March 2024

Approval by the Government of the Dominican Republic of the consolidated Investment Plan document with the suggestions resulting from the public consultation: March 2024

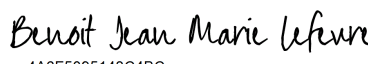
Submission to the CIF: April 2024

Consideration of the GCAP for approval: June 2024

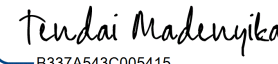
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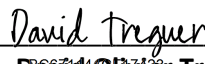
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Annex 1. List of Participants:

Organization	Name	
Consejo Nacional de Cambio Climático y Mecanismo de Desarrollo Limpio	Rodrigo Fincheira	
Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MNARN)	Lemuel Familia	
Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MNARN)	Grisel De Oleo	
Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MNARN)	Otto Cordero	
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Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MNARN)	Sol Teresa Paredes	
Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MNARN)	Jose Enrique Baez	
Dominican Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture (CODOPESCA)	Tasis Alcantara	
Dominican Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture (CODOPESCA)	Angel Luis Franco	Virtual
National Council for Climate Change	Rodrigo Fincheira	
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	Gisela Ferrari	
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	Gilles Damais	
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	Luis de los Santos	
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	Gloria Visconti	
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	Benoit Lefevre	
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	Elia Martinez	
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	Anabella Palacios	Virtual
IDB Lab	Smeldy Rufino	
IDB Lab	Maricelle León Coto	
IDB Invest	Mauricio Ayala	
World Bank (WB)	María Vizeu	
World Bank (WB)	David Treguer	
World Bank (WB)	Nicholas Menzies	
World Bank (WB)	Dora Andrade	Virtual
World Bank (WB)	Amita Ramachandran	Virtual
International Finance Corporation (IFC)	Tendai Madenyika	
International Finance Corporation (IFC)	Camila Goris	
Climate Investment Funds (CIF)	Paul Hartman	
Climate Investment Funds (CIF)	Farah Outeldait	
Consultores:		
Organization	Name	
Consultant	Víctor Gómez Valenzuela	
Consultant	Michela Izzo	
Consultant	Lourdes Russa	
HIDRIA	Lisette Gil	
HIDRIA	Daza García	
IDOM	Jose Alberto Gaona	
INSUCO	Gisele Deño	
INSUCO	Maura Martinez	
INSUCO	Jose Gomez	

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

Agenda
Climate Investment Funds (CIF)
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JOINT MISSION #1 AGENDA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
(PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHEDULE IS IN DOMINICAN TIME)

Dates: November 14th to 16th, 2023
Location: IDB Offices – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Type: In person and virtual meetings

Tuesday November 14th, 2023

Time	Subject	Participants	Comments
09:00 – 10:00	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 	*protocol order to be determined
10:00 – 11:00	Identification of the threats, exposure, and vulnerability of the Yuna watershed to climate change impacts. Michela Izzo	<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 	Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michela Izzo (30 min) • Q&A (30 min)
11:00 – 12:00	Portfolio for Nature Based Solutions in Yuna Watershed IDOM	<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 	Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipo IDOM (30 min) • Q&A (30 min)

Time	Subject	Participants	Comments
12:00 – 01:00	<p>Potential for ecotourism activities in the watershed</p> <p>Lourdes Russa</p>	<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 	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lourdes Russa (30 min) • Q&A (30 min)
01:00 – 02:30	Lunch		
02:30 – 03:30	<p>Potential use of Payment for Environmental Services (PES) in the Yuna watershed</p> <p>Víctor Gómez Valenzuela</p>	<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 	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Víctor Gómez Valenzuela (30 min) • Q&A (30 min)
03:30 – 04:00	<p>Potential for Volunteer Market for Biodiversity Credits</p> <p>BID--LAB / BID--Invest</p>	<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 	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smeldy Rufino • Mauricio Ayala (15 min) • Q&A (15 min)
04:00 – 05:00	<p>Diagnosis of protected areas within the Yuna watershed</p> <p>INSUCO</p>	<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 	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipo INSUCO (30 min) • Q&A (30 min)

Time	Subject	Participants	Comments
05:00 – 05:30	<p>First day closing meeting.</p> <p>Main points and summary of discussions.</p>	<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 	<p>Open dialogue moderated by IDB</p>

Wednesday November 15th, 2023

Time	Subject	Participants	Comments
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Potential for blue economy development in the lower areas of the watershed.</p> <p>HIDRIA</p>	<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 	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipo HIDRIA (30 min) • Q&A (30 min)
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Social and Gender inclusion.</p> <p>Overview of gender and diversity study progress for Dominican Republic's IP-CIF-NPC</p>	<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 	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Gisela Ferrari, Climate Change Division (CSD/CCS), IDB • Ms. Farah Outeldait, CIF Secretariat (30 min) • Q&A (30 min)

Time	Subject	Participants	Comments
11:00 – 12:00	DR-L1161 Project – Yuna watershed Management Plan IDB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNCC • MARENA • Inter--American Development Bank (IDB) • World Bank (WB) • International Finance Corporation (IFC) • IDB Invest • CIF <p>Other stakeholders invited to the Joint Mission</p>	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gilles Damais • Luis de los Santos (15 min) <p>Q&A (15 min)</p>
12:00 – 12:30	GEF Project – Integrated Landscape Management in DR watersheds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNCC • Inter--American Development Bank (IDB) • World Bank (WB) • International Finance Corporation (IFC) • IDB Invest • CIF <p>Other stakeholders invited to the Joint Mission</p>	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM (15 min) <p>Q&A (15 min)</p>
12:30 – 01:00	Dedicated Grant Mechanism CIF	<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 	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Hartman (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A (15 min)
01:00 – 02:00	Lunch		
02:00 – 03:00	Draft proposal for CIF--NPC Yuna IP general structure	<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 	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elia Martínez

Time	Subject	Participants	Comments
02:00 – 03:00	Draft proposal for CIF--NPC Yuna IP general structure	<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	Presentation: Elia Martínez
03:00 – 04:30	Brainstorming Session. Discussion about NPC project hypothesis proposal and general structure for the IP	<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 	Open dialogue moderated by IDB
04:30 – 05:00	Second day closing meeting. Main points and summary of discussions.	<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 	Open dialogue moderated by IDB

Thursday November 16th, 2023

Time	Subject	Participants	Comments
09:00 – 09:30	<p>Transformational Change aspects for the NPC IP</p> <p>CIF</p>	<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 	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIF (15 min) • Q&A (15 min)
Time	Subject	Participants	Comments
09:30 – 10:30	<p>NPC's Integrated Approach to Results Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning</p> <p>CIF</p>	<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 	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew William Harris (30 min) virtual • Q&A (30 min)
10:30 – 12:00	<p>CIF-NPC Yuna project basic structure (component 1)</p> <p>Discussion about NPC project hypothesis proposal and general structure for the IP</p>	<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 	<p>Presentation and Open dialogue moderated by IDB</p>

<p>12:00 – 01:00</p>	<p>CIF-NPC Yuna project basic structure (component 2)</p> <p>Discussion about NPC project hypothesis proposal and general structure for the IP</p>	<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 	<p>Presentation and Open dialogue moderated by IDB</p>
<p>01:00 – 02:30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>		
<p>02:30 – 04:00</p>	<p>CIF-NPC Yuna project basic structure (component 3)</p> <p>Discussion about NPC project hypothesis proposal and general structure for the IP</p>	<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 	<p>Presentation and Open dialogue moderated by IDB</p>
<p>04:00 – 05:30</p>	<p>Closing meeting</p> <p>-Aide Memoire</p> <p>-Review of conclusions, goals and agreements</p> <p>-Calendar</p>	<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 	<p>Open dialogue moderated by IDB</p>