



## **Decisions endorsed by the Project Steering Committee (PSC)**

### **GEF LAC Cities PSC Meeting 2.1**

27-28 March 2025 | Cartagena, Colombia

1. Project governance document in Colombia to be shared for inputs/no objection with Project Management Unit (PMU).
2. National Terms of Reference for Jamaica to be finalized with National Working Groups and shared with Project Management Unit.
3. City Terms of Reference in Kingston to be finalized and shared for inputs/no objection with Project Management Unit.
4. Signature of country agreements to be prioritized by UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat (CCS) and the countries. CCS should prioritize sending funds within 6-8 weeks upon counter signature of the Legal Agreement.
5. Executing Agency and PMU to design a comprehensive risk management plan incorporating new and updated risks and mitigation measures to be included in the upcoming Project Implementation Review (PIR) cycle and to be shared with countries.
6. PSC welcomed increased oversight of the project by the Implementing Agency (IA).
7. Ministry of Local Government (Jamaica) is recommended to be included in Project Steering Committee.
8. PMU to accelerate current financial and substantive project delivery across all projects components to balance Project Management Costs (PMC) costs.
9. The PSC approves the 2025 project workplan and budget as presented at the second Project Steering Committee meeting contingent upon the submission of Jamaica's revised documents.
10. Jamaica to accelerate development/finalisation of the national workplan within 2 months from signature of their Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA). Panama/Colombia to finalise theirs based on discussions at the Project Steering Committee Meeting 2.0. The PSC recognises that it is key for all countries to collaborate and requests that the PMU facilitate collaboration amongst partners as needed.
11. The PMU to report project progress and co-financing within the upcoming Project Implementation Report (PIR) cycle. EA and national implementation partners to increase



their engagement with the project's existing co-financing partners and other potential co-financing partners.

12. A framework for regional knowledge management, communications and monitoring to be developed / defined by the Project Management Unit.
13. UNEP to refine the governance structure of the Intercity Network to align with the cities and the intergovernmental network of Plastics Integrated Program (IP), among other initiatives.
14. The Intercity Network will identify possible opportunities for resource mobilization to promote greater sustainability of its activities.
15. UNEP, together with the cities, to refine the approach to private sector engagement, including in connection with the Plastic Reboot Integrated program, amongst others.
16. The project countries request a no cost project extension until June 30, 2028, given the delays in initiating the project by two years.
17. PMU to consider how marginalized, vulnerable, local and ethnic communities, as relevant to the country context, are reflected in the gender strategy.
18. PMU to consider “twinning” opportunities through IW: LEARN with relevant regions and projects.
19. PMU, together with MEGJC (Jamaica), to look at enhancing capacity to initiate project implementation to avoid delays in project execution.