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Sixth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) of the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS) in the Wider Caribbean Region

Virtual, 01 February 2023 – 03 February 2023

DECISIONS OF THE GEF CREW+ PSC MEETING

This meeting is being convened virtually. Delegates are kindly requested to access all meeting documents electronically for download as necessary.

Decisions of the Project Steering Committee

Terms of reference for the Project Steering Committee

1. Reconfirmed the terms of reference of the Project Steering Committee as presented.

Role of Focal Points and National Steering Committees:

2. Reconfirmed the terms of reference as presented.

Detailed budget:

3. Provisionally adopted the budget, and required a two-week deadline so that members of the PSC to review the document in detail, provide additional comments and adopt same. If no comments are received within this period, the document will be considered as approved.

Detailed Work Plan:

4. Provisionally adopted the work plan budget, and required a two-week deadline so that members of the PSC to review the document in detail, provide additional comments and adopt same. If no comments are received within this period, the document will be considered as approved.

Results Matrix:

5. Provisionally adopted the result matrix, and required a two-week deadline so that members of the PSC to review the document in detail, provide additional comments and adopt same. If no comments are received within this period, the document will be considered as approved.

Monitoring & Evaluation plan:

6. Noted the importance of the monitoring and evaluation plan and committed to providing reports in a timely manner.

Communication strategy, the draft communication plan and the handbook:

7. Provisionally adopted the communication strategy, the draft communication plan and the brand handbook, and required a two-week deadline so that members of the PSC to review the documents in detail, provide additional comments and adopt same. If no comments are received within this period, the documents will be considered as approved.
8. Encouraged the project countries to:
 - a) Document experiences and lessons learnt during implementation to facilitate reporting.
 - b) Promote the project through participation in environmental events and meetings.
 - c) Promote the coordination between communications units and the Project at national level.

Mid-Term Review:

9. Provisionally adopted the mid-term review, and required a two-week deadline so that members of the PSC to review the document in detail, provide additional comments and adopt same. If no comments are received within this period, the document will be considered as approved.

General

10. Acknowledged the importance of organize bilateral meetings between GEF CReW+ participating countries, PCG and executing agencies to accelerate implementation. Requeried to evaluate the format of the meetings for each case (virtual, face-to-face or hybrid).
11. Encouraged GEF CReW+ participating countries and National Focal Points to take full advantage of past resources provided by the CReW+ academy and actively participate in future training opportunities.
12. Requested that all participating countries provide continuously document approximate levels of cash or in-kind co-financing.
13. Encouraged GEF CReW+ participating countries that are also members of the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific grouping (ACP) to request support from the Cartagena Convention secretariat from projects such as ACP MEA III and activities that contribute to GEF CReW+.
14. Encouraged GEF CReW+ participating countries that that have Project Cooperation Agreements with Cartagena Convention Secretariat, to submit their expenditure and narrative reports in time.
15. Recognized the importance of the ratification of the Land-Based sources of Marine Pollution Protocol and the financial and technical support available through the GEF CReW+ Project for ratification. It encourages all countries who have not yet ratified the Protocol to actively promote ratification in their respective countries.
16. Acknowledged the importance of starting national implementation as soon as possible and requests all countries who have not yet completed the elaboration of national activities to finalize with the co-executing agencies no later than end of June 2022 so that all contracts, where required, can be completed by end of August 2022.
17. Requested that all participating countries that have not identified a Focal Point yet, provide formal indication of their national project focal points as soon as possible and no later than June 2022 to ensure smooth flow and exchange of information.