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**Annual Report 2022**

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## Acronyms

BCSDZ	Business Council for Sustainable Development
CBT	Climate Budget Tagging
COP <sub>27</sub>	Conference of the Parties 27
FBCH	First Banking Corporation Holdings Limited
GBCZ	Green Building Council of Zimbabwe
GCF	Green Climate Fund
HCFC	Hydrochlorofluorocarbons
IDBZ	Infrastructure Development Bank of Zimbabwe
LEDs	Low Emissions Development Strategy
MRV	Monitoring, Reporting and Verification
NDC	Nationally Determined Contribution
WGBC	World Green Building Council

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## Project Status Information

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<b>ZUSDCF Outcome</b>	<b>Outcome 2:</b> By 2026, all people in Zimbabwe, especially the most vulnerable and marginalised, benefit from greater environmental stability and robust food systems in support of healthy lives and equitable, sustainable and resilient livelihoods.
<b>UNDP CPD outcome</b>	<b>Outcome 2:</b> By 2026, all people in Zimbabwe, especially the most vulnerable and marginalized, benefit from greater environmental stability and robust food systems in support of healthy lives and equitable, sustainable and resilient livelihoods.
<b>UNDP Strategic Plan RRF outcome</b>	<b>Outcome 3.</b> Strengthen resilience to shocks and crises.
<b>UNDP Strategic Plan RRF output</b>	<b>Output 2.3.</b> Solutions scaled up for sustainable management of natural resources, ecosystem services, chemicals and waste management
<b>Project outputs</b>	<p><b>Output 1:</b> Inclusive policy, strategies, plans and regulatory frameworks (national, sectoral or sub-national) in place to support NDC implementation and drive green recovery.</p> <p><b>Output 2:</b> Institutional capacities and whole-of-government coordination mechanisms at all levels strengthened to support effective, gender-responsive and inclusive NDC implementation processes.</p> <p><b>Output 3:</b> Inclusive and gender-responsive financing strategies, plans or investment frameworks developed to define and mobilise diverse sources of finance.</p> <p><b>Output 4:</b> Data and transparency systems and processes for the Enhanced Transparency Framework established or strengthened to measure the achievement of NDC targets</p> <p><b>Output 5:</b> Implementation of priority NDC measures in key sectors and cross-cutting thematic areas are advanced by adopting an integrated approach.</p> <p><b>Output 6:</b> Stakeholder engagement platforms and/or mechanisms established or strengthened and key actors are empowered to lead NDC implementation processes and long-term climate action.</p>

		<b>Output 7: Project managed effectively</b>	
<b>Project Budget (US\$)</b>	<b>Total Project expenses (against annual budget) (US\$)</b>	<b>Annual Budget (US\$)</b>	<b>Delivery Rate (% of total budget)</b>
500,000	33,931.71	226,000.00	15%

## Executive Summary

The funds for Climate Promise 2 were received in July 2022. Because of this delay the implementation of the project could not start until early in the fall of 2022. However, the project still managed to get started on several activities.

The Principles of the Climate Change Bill were finalised and submitted to the cabinet for approval in November 2022 for consideration. A legal gap analysis report was also produced to support the principles that had been developed. Once the principles have been approved, the draft bill will be introduced in parliament which will be used for stakeholder consultations in 2023. Further, the Energy Efficiency Policy was submitted to Cabinet for approval. The policy is still under consideration and should be given the green light for launch in 2023.

The Gender Action Plan was officially launched at COP27 by the Minister of Women Affairs on 10 November. The action plan seeks to support the country's vision for 2030 towards a transformed, more effective, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable economy that leaves no one behind through addressing climate change vulnerabilities. A subsequent local launch of the Gender Action Plan on Climate Change will be held in March 2023 in Harare. The launch follows the first session on Training of Trainers meeting that was held on 19-21 August 2022 targeting stakeholders implementing NDC actions in the mitigation sector were subsequently undertaken after the training materials had been developed. A follow up training targeting adaptation stakeholder is planned for spring 2023.

Several positions for external consultants were advertised, namely for:

- A) Developing a framework, institutional arrangements and procedures for a Zimbabwean International Carbon Market,
- B) Conducting energy, water and HCFC audits of private companies and Universities to facilitate the adoption of energy efficiency measures and the use of renewable energy sources,
- C) Developing a concept note on solar power supply, greenhouse construction and electric mobility at two state universities on behalf of the Infrastructure Development Bank of Zimbabwe (IDBZ) to be submitted to the Green Climate Fund,
- D) Developing a Climate Finance Investment Plan for Zimbabwe.

By the end of 2022, the only consultant that was hired and had commenced his work was the consultant for the Climate Finance Investment Plan. The basis for developing a Framework, institutional arrangement and procedures for a Zimbabwean International Carbon Market is potentially no longer present, as the Ministry of Environment, Climate, Tourism and Hospitality has undertaken the work inhouse. Neither the position for a consultant to conduct the Energy, Water and HCFC Audits nor the position for a consultant to develop a concept note to be submitted to the Green Climate Fund for IDBZ received satisfactory applications and had to be re-advertised, the plan is for these consultants to commence their work in the first quarter of 2023.

A supplier was identified to deliver on six increment borers which should take place early in 2023.

Climate Promise 2 organised a local conference in Bulawayo in September for Youth and Government of Zimbabwe to develop a COP27 Position Paper. Further, the project supported one youth to attend COP27 and represent the collective interests of Zimbabwean youths as established during the conference in Bulawayo. The youth that attended COP facilitated a side event at the Zimbabwe Pavillion on the 'Role of Youths in Sustainable wetlands management for climate mitigation and adaptation'. Key lessons derived from the participation included the need for climate negotiation training and boot camp for youths; capacity building on climate finance for local mitigation and adaptation; Post COP feedback to institutions of higher learning, project proposal and development for sustainable wetlands management and training and capacitation of more GHG inventory experts.

Training on NDC implementation for the Business Council for Sustainable Development was conducted on 18 -19 July. Zimbabwe's revised NDC mitigation target is a 40% per capita GHG emissions reduction across all sectors of the economy below the projected business as usual scenario by 2030, relative to the 2017 emission baseline. The Revised NDC identified a list of economy-wide adaptation measures which were included based on a national climate vulnerability and risk assessment. Compliance with the Revised NDC remains fully conditional on affordable international financial support, investment, technology development and transfer and capacity development. Industry in Zimbabwe plays a key role in mitigating climate change through implementing business solutions to climate change. Capacitating industry, through collaboration among the BCSDZ members, should improve climate change MRV in the sector. Tracking of both the climate change mitigation and adaptation progress and outcomes will also be enhanced through enhancing the capacity of industry players

A stakeholder conference under the theme *Net Zero Roadmap for the Built Environment: Building Awareness towards Green Building Standards Implementation and a sustainable built environment* was organized in partnership with the Green Building Council of Zimbabwe (GBCZ) on 13 December. The workshop was held right after the GBCZ received accreditation by the World Green Building Council (WGBC) earlier in December. The Climate Promise 2 supported the GBCZ to begin the process of reimagining the sustainability of existing buildings and reinventing the future of the built environment in Zimbabwe.

The Climate Promise 2 provided support to First Banking Corporation Holdings Limited (FBCH) in the beginning stages of seeking accreditation from the Green Climate Fund (GCF). This included reviewing internal policies such as their ethics policy, gender policy and sustainability policy to guarantee that they comply with the GCF's requirements as well as organizing a two-day capacity building workshop for FBCH executives that will be conducted on 16 - 17 January 2023.

## Progress towards Development Results

### Section 1: Overall progress against the CPD outcome

**CPD Outcome 2:** By 2026, all people in Zimbabwe, especially the most vulnerable and marginalized, benefit from greater environmental stability and robust food systems in support of healthy lives and equitable, sustainable and resilient livelihoods.

*Summary achievements based on CPD Outcome targets for 2026*

CPD outcome target 2026	Summary achievement to date	Status <i>On-track, Off-track, Achieved, Partially Achieved, Not Achieved</i>
<p>Proportion of local governments that adopt and implement local disaster risk reduction strategies in line with national disaster risk reduction strategies</p> <p><b>Baseline: TBD</b> <b>Target: TBD</b></p>	<p>Training sessions have been held with the Zimbabwe private sector that is involved on sustainability matters. A further training workshop with the Green Building Council on Sustainable building standards on 13. December aimed at ensuring the cooperation of sustainability standards in the built environment. Zimbabwe hosted a climate change conference aimed at implementation of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Low Emissions Development Strategy (LEDS) and other climate-related policies and strategies with stakeholder coordination to ensure knowledge and skills at all levels of society in all affected sectors nationwide.</p> <p>Collaborations with government entities and United Nations Organizations such as UNICEF continue to be strengthened on climate change mitigation efforts through platforms that the project has established such as the Zimbabwe Climate Change Conference, COP discussion and Youth networks.</p>	Partially Achieved
<p>Total greenhouse gas emissions per year</p> <p><b>Baseline: TBD</b> <b>Target: TBD</b></p>	<p>The country is now in the process of taking stock of the progress made at the sectoral level, as well as clearly defining the complementarities of the NDC with broader development strategies</p>	Partially Achieved



and sectoral agendas which will then be able to quantify the greenhouse gas emission reductions.

**Overall**

**Partially Achieved**

## **Section 2: Progress against CPD Outputs and Project Outputs**

**CPD output 2.3.:** Solutions scaled up for sustainable management of natural resources, ecosystem services, chemicals and waste management.

**Project output 2:** Institutional capacities and whole-of-government coordination mechanisms at all levels strengthened to support effective, gender-responsive and inclusive NDC implementation processes.

*Summary achievement based on Project AWP output targets for 2022*

<b>Project output target 2022</b>	<b>Summary achievement to date</b>	<b>Status</b> <i>On-track, Off-track, Achieved, Partially Achieved, Not Achieved</i>
Activity 1.1: Trainer of Trainers meeting to implement the Gender action plan developed during the NDC revision process.	The Zimbabwe Climate Change Gender Action Plan was officially launched at COP27 at Sharm El Sheikh.	Partially Achieved

<b>Overall status</b>	<b>Partially Achieved</b>
<b>Annual activity results – related to the AWP</b>	
<b>Output 2: Institutional capacities and whole-of-government coordination mechanisms at all levels strengthened to support effective, gender-responsive and inclusive NDC implementation processes.</b>	

### **Expected activity result: Gender Action Plan Training of Trainers, Training Report Developed**

#### **Activity 1.1.: Training of Trainers meeting to implement the Gender Action Plan developed during the NDC revision process**

**Achievements:** The Government of Zimbabwe intends to commence gender mainstreaming into NDC implementation in line with the implementation of the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan, National Climate Policy and Zimbabwe’s Climate Change Gender Action Plan. To ensure that the process is systematic, the activity commenced utilisation of the Gender and Climate Change Training Manual for the purposes of strengthening the integration of gender into NDC implementation in Zimbabwe. Relevant training materials for gender mainstreaming into NDC Implementation using the Gender and Climate Change Training Manual were developed as well as recommendations for subsequent Gender and NDC Implementation Training programmes. The first training targeting stakeholders implementing NDC actions in the mitigation sector were subsequently undertaken after the training materials had been developed. The second training for the adaptation stakeholders will be undertaken in 2023.

**CPD output 2.3.:** Solutions scaled up for sustainable management of natural resources, ecosystem services, chemicals and waste management.

**Project output 2:** Inclusive and gender-responsive financing strategies, plans or investment frameworks developed to define and mobilise diverse sources of income

*Summary achievement based on Project AWP output targets for 2022*

<b>Project output target 2021</b>	<b>Summary achievement to date</b>	<b>Status</b> <i>On-track, Off-track, Achieved, Partially Achieved, Not Achieved</i>
Activity 2.1: Develop Concept notes for Direct Access Entities to access International Climate Finance to finance measures articulated in the Revised NDCs	Support provided to FBCH in their journey to accreditation with the GCF.  TOR written and procurement set in motion for a consultant for IDBZ.	On-track
Activity 2.2: Develop Framework, Institutional arrangement and Procedures for Zimbabwe International Carbon Market Engagement.	Zimbabwe has commenced the process of developing its own carbon trading framework.	On-track
Activity 2.3: Develop a Climate Finance Investment Plan for Zimbabwe	Hired an international Climate Finance Consultant.	On-track
<b>Overall status</b>		<b>Partially Achieved</b>

#### **Annual activity results – related to the AWP**

**Output 2: Inclusive and gender-responsive financing strategies, plans or investment frameworks developed to define and mobilise diverse sources of finance**

**Expected activity result:** Bankable Concept Notes Developed

**Activity 2.1. Develop Concept Notes for Direct Access Entities to access International Climate Finance to finance measures articulated in the Revised NDCs**

**Achievements:** Climate Promise 2 provided support to FBCH in revising several internal policies as well as laying the groundwork for a Capacity Building Workshop for executives at FBCH to support their accreditation process for the Green Climate Fund. UNDP has also embarked on the path and discussions to have a gender seal for the private sector piloted with FBCH.

Further, Climate Promise 2 advertised for a consultant to develop a concept note on behalf of IDBZ to be submitted to the Green Climate Fund. Unfortunately, no suitable applications were received so the position will be re-advertised in 2023 with targeted bids planned for experts on the roster.

**Expected activity result: A Framework for Zimbabwe's Engagement in the International Carbon market developed**

**Activity 2.2: Develop a Framework, Institutional arrangement and procedures for Zimbabwe International Carbon market Engagement**

**Achievements:** Zimbabwe has commenced the process of developing its own carbon trading framework. The zero draft framework done internally by government is envisaged to be used to initiate discussion in public. UNDP through the Carbon office has invited stakeholders to enrol for an online course on Operationalizing Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement: Achieving ambitious climate action through cooperative approaches – Learning for Nature. On the other hand, capacity gaps assessment, in-country training and Article 6 Framework technical assessment report for the country will be developed for the country to utilize in strengthening the zero-draft report

**Expected activity result: Report on Zimbabwe's Climate Finance Landscape developed**

**Activity 2.3.: Develop a Climate Finance Investment Plan for Zimbabwe**

**Achievements:** An international Climate Finance Consultant was hired that will commence this work in January 2023. The climate finance report that will be developed will enhance the capacity of Zimbabwe's public and private sector for climate finance mobilization by undertaking a landscape mapping to identify the main sectoral priorities, policy and strategic frameworks and actors within the climate finance arena in Zimbabwe.

**CPD output 2.3.:** Solutions scaled up for sustainable management of natural resources, ecosystem services, chemicals and waste management.

**Project output 3:** Data and transparency Systems and Processes for Enhanced Transparency Framework established or strengthened to measure the achievement of the NDC targets

*Summary achievement based on Project AWP output targets for 2022*

<b>Project output target 2021</b>	<b>Summary achievement to date</b>	<b>Status</b> <i>On-track, Off-track, Achieved, Partially Achieved, Not Achieved</i>
<b>Activity 3.1:</b> Procurement of 6 increment borers for forest carbon quantifications	A supplier was identified, the increment borers will arrive in 2023	Achieved

**Overall status**

**Achieved**

**Annual activity results – related to the AWP**

**Output 1: Data and transparency systems and processes for the Enhanced Transparency Framework established or strengthened to measure the achievement of the NDC targets**

**Expected activity result: 6 equipment procured**

**Activity 3.1: Procurement of 6 increment borers for forest carbon quantifications**

**Achievements:** A supplier was identified, the procurement process will be finalised in 2023.

**CPD output 2.3.:** Solutions scaled up for sustainable management of natural resources, ecosystem services, chemicals and waste management.

**Project output 4:** Implementation of priority NDC measures in key sectors and cross-cutting thematic areas are advanced by adopting an integrated approach

*Summary achievement based on Project AWP output targets for 2022*

<b>Project output target 2021</b>	<b>Summary achievement to date</b>	<b>Status</b> <i>On-track, Off-track, Achieved, Partially Achieved, Not Achieved</i>
<b>Activity 4.1 :</b> Roll out energy, water and HCFC audits of private companies and Universities to facilitate the adoption of energy efficiency measures and the use of renewable energy sources.	A position for an international consultant was advertised in December 2022. Unfortunately, no suitable applications were received so the position will be re-advertised in 2023.	On Track
<b>Overall status</b>		On Track

**Annual activity results – related to the AWP**

**Output 1: Implementation of priority NDC measures in key sectors and cross-cutting thematic areas are advanced by adopting an integrated approach**

**Expected activity result: Business case report for EE, RE and efficient water use for at least three private institutions in Zimbabwe key economic sectors**

**Activity 4.1.: Roll out energy water and HCFC audits of private companies and Universities to facilitate the adoption of energy efficiency measures and the use of renewable energy sources.**

Achievements: The terms of references are ready; the consultancy position will be re-advertised in 2023.

**CPD output 2.3.:** Solutions scaled up for sustainable management of natural resources, ecosystem services, chemicals and waste management.

**Project output 6:** Stakeholder engagement platforms and/or mechanisms established or strengthened and key actors are empowered to lead NDC implementation processes and long-term climate action

*Summary achievement based on Project AWP output targets for 2022*

<b>Project output target 2022</b>	<b>Summary achievement to date</b>	<b>Status</b>
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		<i>On-track, Off-track, Achieved, Partially Achieved, Not Achieved</i>
<b>Activity 6.1:</b> Foster engagement with implementing partners through national coordination platforms to better articulate, find synergies and promote joint activities.	NDC Implementation Training for Industry through the Business Council for Sustainable Development was undertaken.  Organized the first official event for the GBCZ.	On-track
<b>Activity 6.2:</b> Local Conference of Youth and Government of Zimbabwe COP 27 Position Paper Development	Youth groups in Zimbabwe in conjunction with the government of Zimbabwe held a Climate Change Conference "Towards a Green Economy: Zimbabwe's Roadmap towards Green Economic Development in September 2022.	Achieved
<b>Overall status</b>		<b>Partially Achieved</b>
<b>Term 1 activity results – related to the QWP</b>		
<b>Output 6: Stakeholder engagement platforms and/or mechanisms established or strengthened and key actors are empowered to lead the NDC implementation processes and long-term climate action</b>		
<b>Expected activity result: National Platform for NDC coordination established</b>		
<b>Activity 6.1: Foster engagement with implementing partners through national coordination platforms to better articulate, find synergies and promote joint activities</b>		
Achievements:		
In July 2022 a capacitating training for industry in collaboration among the BCSDZ members, aimed at tracking of both the climate change mitigation and adaptation progress and outcome was held. Members of the BCSDZ committed to establishing clear communication framework between sectors, regulatory policy makers, industry, practitioners, technical committees or those with information		
In December 2022, a stakeholder conference under the theme <i>Net Zero Roadmap for the Built Environment: Building Awareness towards Green Building Standards Implementation and a sustainable built environment</i> was organized in partnership with the GBCZ.		
<b>Expected activity result: COP27 Zimbabwe Position and Youth Paper</b>		
<b>Activity 6.2.: Local conference of youth and government of Zimbabwe COP27 position paper development</b>		
Achievements: The first Conference of Youth and Climate Change Conference was held in September. This platform provided an opportunity for stakeholders to provide update on the implementation of		

climate-related projects and programmes contributing to the attainment of the country's NDC, LEDS and other climate-related policies and strategies. The meeting also fed into the country's position towards COP 27.

**CPD output 2.3.:** Solutions scaled up for sustainable management of natural resources, ecosystem services, chemicals and waste management.

**Project output 7:** Project managed effectively

*Summary achievement based on Project AWP output targets for 2022*

<b>Project output target 2021</b>	<b>Summary achievement to date</b>	<b>Status</b> <i>On-track, Off-track, Achieved, Partially Achieved, Not Achieved</i>
<b>Activity 7.1:</b> Project management, monitoring and evaluation	There has been sufficient staff in place to ensure effective programme monitoring and implementation including during programme delivery.	On-track
<b>Overall status</b>		<b>Partially Achieved</b>
<b>Term 1 activity results – related to the QWP</b>		
<b>Output 7: Project managed effectively</b>		
<b>Expected activity result: Staff costs disbursed and project monitoring missions conducted</b>		
<b>Activity 7.1: Project management, monitoring &amp; evaluation.</b>		
That the project be managed effectively and monitored appropriately.		

## Cross Cutting Issues

### Monitoring and Evaluation

UNDP staff members have been present during the delivery of the various actions with post meeting evaluation assessments provided to stakeholders after trainings. The recommendations from the meeting have also been followed up and informing next steps that should be undertaken.

### Project Board Meeting outcomes and Programmatic Revisions

The project has now been absorbed to be one of the outcomes areas under the Portfolio approach that the organization is undertaken following recommendations from the Government and cooperate position as well. The first board meeting of the portfolio will be held in the first quarter of 2023.

### Impact Stories – Compiled by Cinderella Ndlovu, Founder · Green Hut Trust.

The UNDP supported a youth representative to be part of the Zimbabwe delegation to COP 27 in Egypt. The youth representative, Cinderella Ndlovu, has been cooperated as one of the negotiating team members under the gender workstreams and is also one of the identified trainers that will roll out the Gender Action Plan for the country. During COP 27, Cinderella was nominated to attend one high level round table dialogue on mitigation with Ministers.

*“The COP27 experience really opened my horizon into what takes place behind the scenes leading to the resolutions that Parties then agree at the end of each conference of Parties. Youths need to have such an appreciation and same time read widely on previous decisions so that it does not before foreign when the discussions are taking place.”* Ms Cinderella Ndlovu, Founder · Green Hut Trust.



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