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Summary of the development services to be provided:

The project delivers technical assistance under EU leadership through a policy-first, dialogue-driven approach that enables countries to identify priorities and strengthen enabling conditions for implementation. UNDP, through the Multi-Country Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, is one of several implementing agencies for EUROCLIMA Caribbean.

UNDP's contribution focuses on strengthening policy coherence, institutional capacities, analytical foundations and financing readiness related to climate action, biodiversity, Nature-based Solutions and green transitions. Rather than financing infrastructure or fixed investments, the project supports catalytic and enabling interventions that improve readiness for sustainable investment and implementation. Expected results include strengthened policies and capacities, improved coordination and evidence-based decision-making, and enhanced access to climate and environmental finance, contributing to increased resilience and sustainable development outcomes across the Caribbean.

Total value:	EUR 7,000,000
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I. Objectives and Scope of Work

UNDP-implemented actions are expected to contribute to strengthened policy and planning instruments, improved analytical evidence, enhanced coordination mechanisms, institutional capacity-building and inclusive stakeholder engagement processes in priority thematic areas. These expected results are achieved through technical assistance outputs, including policy support, analytical work, institutional strengthening, coordination mechanisms and capacity development, rather than through direct investment or infrastructure financing.

II. Risks/Mitigation Measures, including any due diligence as may be required

Risk Category and Sub-Category	Risk Description	Impact, Likelihood and Risk Level	Risk Owner	Risk Treatment and Treatment Owner
<i>Strategic – Alignment with national and partner priorities</i>	Risk that supported actions become misaligned with evolving national priorities or EU policy directions due to political change, institutional turnover or shifting strategic focus, reducing relevance and uptake of technical assistance.	Impact: High (4) Likelihood: Moderate (3) Risk level: Substantial	EU-led programme governance bodies, with support from Implementing Agencies	Continuous policy dialogue; adaptive programme design; regular review through PSC and MC. (Treatment owner: EU-led governance, supported by Implementing Agencies.)
<i>Financial – Budget execution and cash flow</i>	Risk of uneven expenditure or delayed budget execution arising from the adaptive, dialogue-driven approval of actions, affecting financial planning and cash flow.	Impact: Moderate (3) Likelihood: Low–Moderate (2–3) Risk level: Moderate	UNDP MCO (for UNDP implemented actions)	Progressive budget release; close financial monitoring; resource re allocation as permitted. (Treatment owner: UNDP MCO.)
<i>Reputational / Compliance – Procedural and visibility requirements</i>	Risk of non-compliance with EU or UNDP procedures, reporting or visibility requirements, leading to reputational impacts or corrective measures.	Impact: Moderate (3) Likelihood: Low (2) Risk level: Moderate	UNDP MCO and Project Management Unit	Strong internal controls; compliance checks; regular coordination with EU Delegations and PSU. (Treatment owner: UNDP PMU.)

III. Monitoring and Reporting Arrangements

UNDP reports only on indicators and results that derive from actions assigned to UNDP under the Programme. The monitoring plan will therefore be revised periodically to reflect any changes in roles, assignments and actions. The information generated through the processes and activities outlined will be used to:

- Support adaptive implementation and risk management;
- Strengthen policy dialogue and technical assistance delivery;
- Inform revisions to work plans, monitoring arrangements and risk registers;
- Provide accountability to the European Union; and
- Meet UNDP internal quality assurance, learning and compliance requirements.

M&E activities will be implemented proportionately and in coordination with EU-led frameworks, ensuring efficiency, coherence and clarity across all levels of the Programme.

IV. Deliverables and Indicators

Deliverable(s)	INDICATORS	Expected Date of Achievement
Deliverable 1 Climate and green transition-related policies and instruments are revised and the capacity to implement them is improved.	<i>100% of the activities related completed as per annual work plan</i>	12/31/2026 12/31/2027
Deliverable 2 Increased number of countries with climate and green transition related action plans being increasingly implemented.	<i>100% of the activities related completed as per annual work plan</i>	12/31/2026 12/31/2027
Deliverable 3 Caribbean countries have increased access to climate change and disaster-related finance and investments.	<i>100% of the activities related completed as per annual work plan</i>	12/31/2026 12/31/2027
Deliverable 4 Strengthening Knowledge Management and Communications Support	<i>100% of the activities related completed as per annual work plan</i>	12/31/2026 12/31/2027
Deliverable 5 Project Management, Travel and Office Costs covered	<i>100% of the PMU positions filled in each year of the project</i>	12/31/2026 12/31/2027

V. Multi-Year Work Plan/Budget

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	Planned Budget by Year (EUR)						RESPONSIB LE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET			
		Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Total		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount	
Output 1.1*: Climate and green transition-related policies and instruments are revised and the capacity to implement them is improved.	Activity 1.1.1 Provide technical assistance and Implementation support in the development, updating and implementation of national strategies, and actions as informed through country dialogues to support effective NDC implementation.	50,000	125,000	100,000			275,000	UNDP (001981)	European Commissio n (30079)	71200/ 71300/ 72100	152,500	
										74500/ 75700	122,500	
	Activity 1.1.2 Provide technical support in the implementation of actions for a transition to fully risk informed, sustainable, carbon neutral and circular economies in the Caribbean are improved.	50,000	150,000	150,000			350,000			71200/ 71300/ 72100	350,000	
	Activity 1.1.3 Provide capacity building support using strategic policy dialogues with partners, to enhance and strengthen the knowledge and capacity of government practitioners in the implementation of their NDC targets.		100,000	100,000			200,000			71200/ 71300/ 72100	173,200	
										74500/ 75700	26,800	
	Sub-total for Output 1.1		100,000	375,000	350,000	0	0			825,000		

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		Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Total		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount
Output 1.2*: Increased number of countries with climate and green transition related action plans being increasingly implemented.	Activity 1.2.1 Provide technical support in the implementation of specific actions identified through the policy dialogue to ensure climate and green transition-related action plans are increasingly implemented.		150,000	300,000	300,000		750,000	UNDP (001981)	European Commissio n (30079)	71200/ 71300/ 72100	729,225
										74500/ 75700	20,775
	Activity 1.2.2 Provide technical support in the implementation of specific actions identified through the policy dialogues in the areas of climate adaptation as it relates to the following sectors: biodiversity and ecosystem protection/restoration, Nature-based Solutions (NbS), ocean governance/blue economy.			300,000	300,000	150,000	750,000			71200/ 71300/ 72100	649,500
										72300/ 74500/ 75700	100,500
	Sub-Total for Output 1.2	0	150,000	600,000	600,000	150,000	1,500,000				
Output 1.3*: Caribbean countries have increased access to climate change and disaster-	Activity 1.3.1 To provide technical support in the facilitation of private/public sector dialogues leading to the identification of private sector projects to accelerate countries climate and green transitions.		100,000	100,000	100,000		300,000	UNDP (001981)	European Commissio n (30079)	71200/ 71300/ 72100	264,300
										74500/ 75700	35,700

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		Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Total		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount
related finance and investments.	Activity 1.3.2 Technical support provided in the development and implementation of country specific climate investment plans.			250,000	250,000	227,531	727,531			71200/ 71300/ 72100	622,531
										74500/ 75700	105,000
	Sub-Total for Output 1.3	0	100,000	350,000	350,000	227,531	1,027,531				
Output 2*: Strengthening Knowledge Management and Communications Support	Activity 2.1: Improved knowledge management and coordination mechanisms for countries to accelerate the climate and green transition			10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	UNDP (001981)	European Commission (30079)	63400	22,500
										74500/ 75700	7,500
	Activity 2.2: Enhance communication and visibility efforts among country's implementation actions	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	100,000			71200/ 71300/ 72100	45,000
										72500/ 74200/ 75700	55,000
	Activity 2.3: To strengthen engagement, knowledge management and coordination support in Belize, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	500,000			71200/ 71300/ 72100	385,000
										72500/ 74200/ 74500/ 75700	115,000
	Sub-Total for Output 2	120,000	120,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000			630,000	

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Output 3*: Project Management, Travel and Office Costs**	Project Coordinator	80,045	80,045	80,045	80,045	80,045	400,225	UNDP (001981)	European Commission (30079)	7xxxx	400,225	
	Technical Analyst	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	375,000			7xxxx	375,000	
	Liaison Officer	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	250,000			7xxxx	250,000	
	Project Assistant	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	200,000			7xxxx	200,000	
	Monitoring and Evaluation Analyst	20,950	20,950	20,950	20,950	20,950	104,750			6xxxx	104,750	
	Communications Analyst	20,910	20,910	20,910	20,910	20,910	104,550			6xxxx	104,550	
	Programme Manager, Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	150,000			6xxxx	150,000	
	Procurement Analyst, Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	100,000			6xxxx	100,000	
	Programme Associate, Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	100,000			6xxxx	100,000	
	Operations/Finance Analyst, Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	100,000			6xxxx	100,000	
	Travel Costs	50,000	100,000	100,000	75,000	75,000	400,000			71600	400,000	
	Office Costs	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	275,000			72500/74500	275,000	
	Sub-Total for Output 3	481,905	531,905	531,905	506,905	506,905	2,559,525					
	Total Direct Costs		701,905	1,276,905	1,961,905	1,586,905	1,014,436			6,542,056		
Total Indirect Eligible Costs (7% GMS)		49,133	89,383	137,333	111,083	71,011	457,944					
TOTAL COST OF THE ACTION		751,038	1,366,288	2,099,238	1,697,988	1,085,447	7,000,000					

VI. Annexes

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Annex A: About the EUROCLIMA Caribbean Programme

This Development Services project forms part of the European Union (EU)'s flagship regional climate cooperation programme for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), EUROCLIMA, which has evolved over successive phases to support partner countries in advancing climate-resilient, low-carbon and environmentally sustainable development. EUROCLIMA Caribbean builds on this legacy by adapting the programme's policy-first, dialogue-driven approach to the specific context of Caribbean small island developing states (SIDS), under EU leadership and through coordinated technical assistance delivered by multiple Implementing Agencies (IAs).

Programme-Level Theory of Change

The programme-level Theory of Change (ToC) of the overall EUROCLIMA framework is based on the premise that sustainable climate and environmental progress in the Caribbean depends primarily on strengthened enabling conditions. These include coherent and implementable policies, institutional capacity, inclusive governance and credible pathways to climate and environmental finance, rather than on pre-defined or stand-alone investments.

The ToC assumes that structured, inclusive, EU-led policy dialogues enable countries to identify and prioritise actions aligned with national development plans, nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and other relevant national and regional commitments. When these priorities are supported through targeted technical assistance and catalytic support, countries are better positioned to operationalise commitments, improve policy coherence, strengthen institutions and enhance readiness for sustainable investment.

In line with EUROCLIMA design principles, outputs and activities are not fixed at programme inception. Instead, they are progressively defined through EU-led dialogue processes and formalised through agreed action plans and implementation arrangements. This adaptive approach allows the programme to remain responsive to evolving priorities while maintaining coherence with the EUROCLIMA results framework.

Strategic Approach and Rationale

The strategic approach is wholly informed by lessons learned from previous phases of EUROCLIMA, including EUROCLIMA+, EUROCLIMA LAC, and early implementation under EUROCLIMA Caribbean. These phases demonstrated that flexible, policy-first and dialogue-driven technical assistance models are more effective than rigid programming approaches in contexts characterised by high vulnerability, institutional constraints and rapidly changing priorities.

Accordingly, this programme emphasises:

- Enabling and catalytic technical assistance rather than direct investment;
- EU policy leadership through EU Delegations (EUDs);
- Country ownership through structured dialogue; and
- Agility to respond to changing national needs and EU strategic priorities.

Therefore, it is explicitly designed as a technical assistance programme, focusing on policy development and review, analytical and feasibility work, investment planning, institutional strengthening, and coordination and knowledge exchange intended to de-risk and unlock future public and private investment, rather than financing infrastructure or large-scale implementation.

EU-Led Dialogues as the Core Mechanism

EU-led policy dialogues constitute the primary mechanism through which the ToC is operationalised. Conducted under the leadership of EUDs and in coordination with National Focal Points, these dialogues follow approved EUROCLIMA methodologies and provide a structured platform to identify priority gaps, align actions with national strategies and NDCs, and improve coordination among government entities and stakeholders, IAs and development partners.

Actions emerging from these dialogues are formalised through agreed action plans and implementation arrangements. This approach reflects core lessons from previous EUROCLIMA phases that country-led prioritisation embedded within EU-led governance enhances relevance and effectiveness.

Technical Assistance and Output-Level Change

As a technical assistance programme, supported actions are primarily enabling and/or catalytic. At output level, actions are expected to contribute to:

- Strengthened policy and regulatory frameworks;
- Enhanced institutional coordination and capacity;
- Improved analytical evidence; and
- Increased readiness to access and leverage climate and environmental finance.

While the Programme does not function as an investment facility, it plays a catalytic role in strengthening enabling environments for sustainable investment, supporting the development of investable concepts and alignment with financing opportunities.

Assumptions Underpinning the Theory of Change

The ToC rests on several core causal assumptions. These include sustained EU leadership and coordination under the EUROCLIMA governance structure; continued engagement of national institutions in structured policy dialogue processes; and the relevance and effectiveness of technical assistance in strengthening enabling conditions for climate and environmental action.

It is further assumed that dialogue-driven prioritisation supports national ownership and policy relevance, and that adaptive implementation approaches allow the Programme to respond effectively to evolving national and regional contexts.

UNDP Contribution within the Programme Architecture

Within the overall EUROCLIMA Programme, UNDP operates as one IA among several¹, delivering agreed technical assistance actions in selected countries and thematic areas under EU leadership. UNDP implements actions in accordance with agreed action plans, EU guidance and programme governance decisions. Final authority on priorities, scope and continuation of actions rests with the EU. Effectiveness, adaptability and responsiveness to EU and country priorities underpin UNDP's engagement in the Programme.

¹ Implementing Agencies under the EUROCLIMA Programme comprise of European member state agencies and UN agencies: AECID; AFD, ECLAC; EF; FIAP; GIZ; UNDP; UNEP.

Annex B EUROCLIMA Programme Governance Arrangements

EUROCLIMA Caribbean is governed as an integral component of the overall EUROCLIMA Programme that covers the LAC region. The programme's governance framework is established in the EU-UNDP Contribution Agreement. The programme-level governance and accountability arrangements are outlined here, without duplicating provisions formalised in the Contribution Agreement.

Programme-Level Governance

EUROCLIMA Caribbean operates under a joint, EU-led EUROCLIMA programme governance structure, comprising three core bodies:

1. The Programme Steering Committee (PSC) is the supreme decision-making body of the EUROCLIMA Programme. It provides strategic direction, oversees overall programme performance and addresses major risks and corrective actions. The PSC is co-chaired by the EU and a partner country on a rotating basis. UNDP participates in the PSC in its capacity as one of the IAs.
2. The Management Committee (MC) supports operational governance and supervises programme coordination, resource deployment, monitoring and evaluation, reporting, communication and visibility, and compliance with European Commission cross-cutting and mainstreaming requirements. The MC operates under EU leadership and includes representatives of all IAs.
3. The Programme Support Unit (PSU) provides coordination and technical support to IAs, including facilitation of country dialogues and consolidation of monitoring and reporting inputs. UNDP assigns a Liaison Officer part-time (50 per cent) to the PSU to support information flow and coordination.

This governance structure is summarised in the **Figure 1** diagram. Given the iterative nature of the EUROCLIMA Programme, governance arrangements may evolve throughout the period.

Donor Accountability and Reporting

The EU enters into the financing arrangement for this programme with the UNDP Multi-Country Office (MCO) for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean (Barbados MCO). As signatory to the Contribution Agreement, the Barbados MCO is ultimately accountable to the EU for the results achieved under UNDP's contribution and is responsible for submitting consolidated technical and financial reports in line with EU requirements.

All IAs, including UNDP, report against the overall EUROCLIMA results framework through established programme -level monitoring and reporting systems. Decisions relating to the continuation, adjustment or suspension of actions fall within the remit of EU led governance bodies.

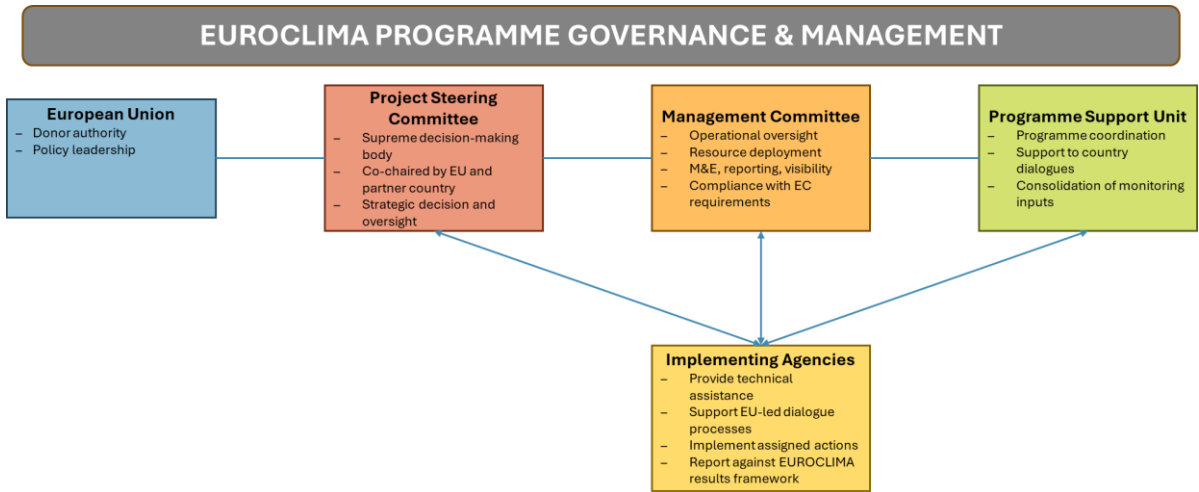


Figure 1 shows who governs, who decides, and where UNDP sits within the overall EUROCLIMA Programme architecture.

Stakeholder Engagement and Decision-Making

Country level stakeholder engagement and prioritisation take place through EU-led dialogue processes conducted in coordination with National Focal Points and relevant national institutions. These processes are designed to ensure that stakeholders have opportunities to contribute to the identification and prioritisation of actions.

While UNDP may support or facilitate dialogues in specific contexts, final authority over priorities, scope and continuation of actions rests with the EU and programme governance bodies.

Annex C: UNDP's Internal Arrangements for EUROCLIMA Caribbean Programme Delivery

This annex describes the internal project management arrangements through which UNDP will deliver its contribution to the EUROCLIMA Caribbean Programme, in line with EU-led governance structures and the strategic approach. It focuses on UNDP's implementation modality, leadership and coordination mechanisms, including how responsibilities are organised within the UNDP Barbados MCO and, where applicable, across other UNDP Country Offices (COs). The arrangements set out here are designed to ensure efficient, accountable and flexible delivery of UNDP-implemented technical assistance, while respecting the adaptive, dialogue-driven nature of the Programme and the final decision-making authority of EU-led governance bodies.

UNDP Implementation Modality and Leadership

UNDP implements its contribution to EUROCLIMA Caribbean under the Direct Implementation Modality (DIM). In accordance with UNDP POPP, UNDP assumes responsibility for the technical, administrative and fiduciary aspects of implementation for actions assigned to it, while operating within the parameters established by EU-led programme governance structures.

The UNDP Barbados MCO serves as the lead UNDP entity for this project and acts as UNDP's contractual focal point *vis-à-vis* the EU under the Contribution Agreement. The Barbados MCO holds overall responsibility within UNDP for coordinating implementation, consolidating reporting, and ensuring compliance with donor requirements for UNDP-implemented actions.

Dynamic Country Participation and Inter-Country Office Arrangements

The geographic scope of the EUROCLIMA Caribbean Programme extends beyond the service area of the Barbados MCO. The specific countries in which UNDP implements activities under this project, and therefore the UNDP COs involved, are not fixed at programme inception. Rather, UNDP's roles are determined dynamically, based on assignments agreed through EU-led dialogue processes and subsequent programme-level decisions.

Where UNDP is assigned responsibility for implementation in a country outside the direct service coverage of the Barbados MCO, implementation is carried out through inter-Country Office (inter-CO) arrangements between the Barbados MCO and the relevant UNDP CO. Inter-CO arrangements are operational mechanisms to support UNDP delivery and do not constitute governance or decision-making structures. These arrangements enable UNDP COs to provide technical, fiduciary and administrative support for implementation on behalf of the project as required, while strategic direction, prioritisation and approval of actions remain under EU-led programme governance.

The terms and conditions governing inter-CO arrangements—including responsibilities, financial parameters, reporting obligations and compliance requirements—are formalised through written instruments issued by the Barbados MCO. Inter-CO arrangements are activated only once UNDP has been formally assigned a role under the Programme and may be adjusted or discontinued over time to reflect evolving responsibilities.

Country Dialogues and Implementation Support

In line with the programme strategy, country-level engagement and prioritisation are undertaken through EU-led dialogue processes, conducted under the leadership of the relevant EUDs and National Focal Points. These dialogues follow approved EUROCLIMA methodologies and constitute the primary mechanism through which priorities and actions are identified.

Where UNDP is assigned a facilitation role, it may lead or co-lead dialogue processes in close coordination with EUDs and other IAs. UNDP's support may include providing technical advice and analytical inputs, undertaking analytical or feasibility studies, facilitating inclusive multi-stakeholder consultations, analysing country needs against agreed programme criteria, and supporting the definition of action plans that formalise agreed priorities.

Final decisions on the scope, sequencing and implementation of actions rest with EU-led programme governance bodies.

Internal Coordination and Project Management Unit

To ensure effective coordination across UNDP entities involved in implementation, UNDP will establish a Project Management Unit (PMU) within the Barbados MCO. The PMU is led by a Project Coordinator and serves as UNDP's central internal coordination mechanism for this project. The Project Coordinator will be supported by a small, functionally integrated team reflecting the technical assistance, coordination and reporting requirements of the programme.

The PMU is responsible for:

- Coordinating planning and implementation across UNDP entities involved in the execution of assigned actions;
- Technical support for focal thematic areas;
- Monitoring and tracking progress and results for UNDP-implemented components;
- Consolidating narrative and financial inputs for programme-level and internal project reporting;
- Facilitating communication and coordination with EUDs, EUROCLIMA governance bodies, and other IAs;
- Identifying and addressing implementation risks;
- Supporting evaluation processes, as required; and
- Administrative and financial management to ensure compliance with both EU and UNDP operational and fiduciary requirements.

The internal structure to enable UNDP’s contribution to the Programme is summarised in the Figure 2 illustration below:

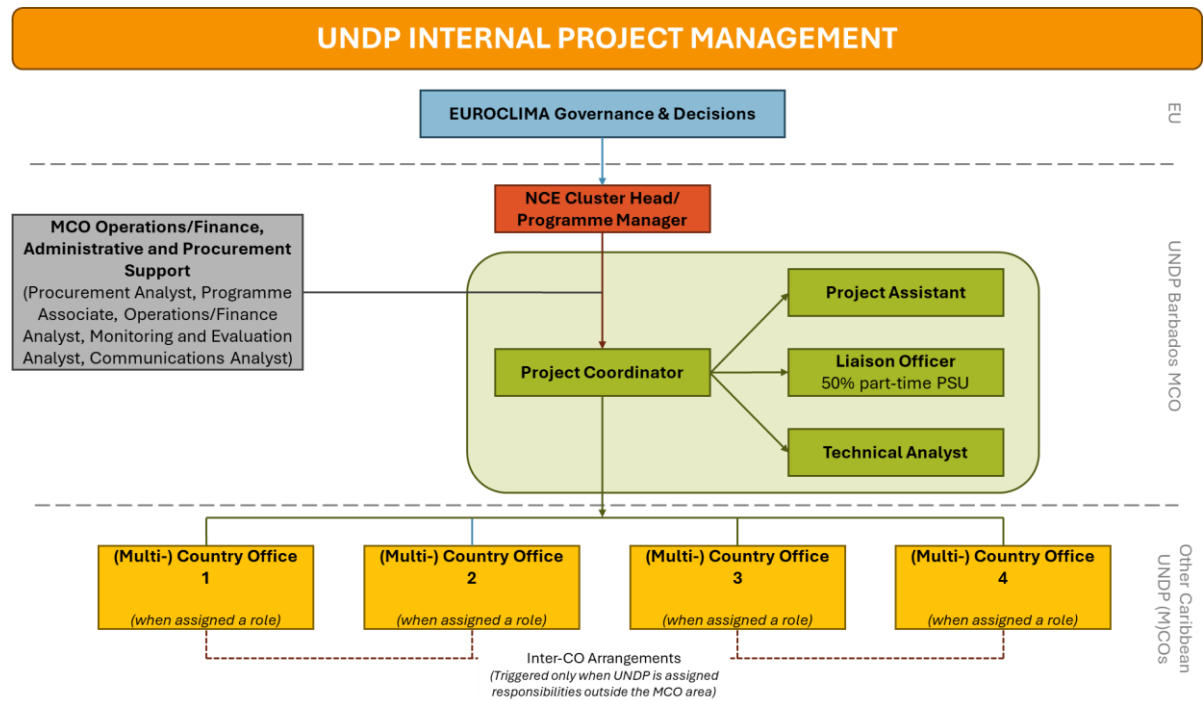


Figure 2 explains how UNDP manages its contribution internally while remaining embedded in EU-led governance.

Through these arrangements, UNDP ensures that its contribution to EUROCLIMA Caribbean is delivered in a coherent, accountable and responsive manner, fully aligned with EU-led governance and programme objectives.

The Barbados MCO may establish, as needed, additional mechanisms and arrangements to further support adaptive implementation, technical alignment, peer learning, and accountability considering the matrixed, inter-CO delivery reality.

Annex D: EUROCLIMA Caribbean's Strategic Alignment (Indicative)

Alignment with the UNDP Strategic Plan 2026–2029

The EUROCLIMA Caribbean Development Services are consistent with the strategic direction of the UNDP Strategic Plan 2026–2029 and contribute to its overarching goal of advancing human development on a healthy planet.

Implemented under a Development Services modality and guided by externally agreed action plans and implementation arrangements, the initiative reflects the Strategic Plan's emphasis on integrated, systems-based approaches, country-driven priorities, and multi-sectoral solutions addressing interconnected development challenges.

EUROCLIMA Caribbean contributes primarily to the Strategic Plan objective of a **Healthy Planet** through support to climate action, environmental sustainability, biodiversity, and sustainable energy transitions. At the same time, the initiative delivers cross-cutting contributions to additional strategic objectives. It *supports* **Crisis Resilience** through strengthening adaptive capacity, disaster risk management, and climate resilience systems. It *contributes to* **Effective Governance** through the development of climate policy frameworks, institutional strengthening, and regulatory support. It also *contributes indirectly to* **Prosperity For All** by enabling sustainable livelihoods, green economic pathways, and resilience of economic systems.

This multi-dimensional contribution reflects the Strategic Plan's recognition that development challenges are interconnected and require integrated responses that link environmental, economic, and governance systems. The initiative also supports the Strategic Plan accelerators. Gender equality is advanced through integrated gender equality and social inclusion approaches in line with UNDP and EU standards. Sustainable finance is promoted through climate finance, policy support, and mobilization of resources for environmental and resilience investments. Where applicable, digital and innovation approaches are applied to strengthen data systems, knowledge sharing, and technical cooperation.

Overall, EUROCLIMA aligns with the UNDP Strategic Plan through its substantive contribution to strategic objectives and its application of integrated, systems-focused development approaches, rather than through formal programmatic alignment.

Indicative Contribution to the Integrated Results and Resources Framework 2026–2029

While EUROCLIMA Caribbean is implemented as a Development Services initiative and does not formally align to the UNDP Strategic Plan's Integrated Results and Resources Framework (IRRF) results chain, its interventions contribute substantively to relevant outcome areas under the 2026–2029 framework.

The initiative is primarily aligned with **Strategic Objective 4 (Healthy Planet)**, particularly Outcome 4, which focuses on the integration of environmental commitments into national development frameworks. EUROCLIMA contributes through support to climate policy, implementation of nationally determined contributions, biodiversity actions, and strengthening environmental governance.

The initiative also contributes to **Strategic Objective 3 (Crisis Resilience)**, particularly through strengthening disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation, and institutional capacity to respond to environmental shocks, consistent with indicators related to resilience and vulnerability reduction.

Additional cross-cutting contributions are made to **Strategic Objective 2 (Effective Governance)**, through support to policy frameworks, institutional capacity development, and improved governance processes in climate and environmental sectors.

These contributions are indicative and non-attributable, reflecting EUROCLIMA's role in supporting enabling environments, policy development, and systemic transformation rather than directly delivering outcome-level results within the IRRF framework.

Contribution to the UN Multi-Country Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2022–2026

EUROCLIMA Caribbean contributes across multiple outcomes of the UN Multi-Country Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNMSDCF) for the English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean (2022–2026), reflecting the cross-cutting nature of climate, environmental sustainability, and resilience-focused technical assistance.

The initiative is most strongly aligned with **Priority Area 3: Resilience to Climate Change and Shocks and Sustainable Natural Resource Management**, particularly **Outcome 5**, which focuses on enhancing adaptive capacity for disaster risk management and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Through its support for climate policy, adaptation planning, and resilience-building interventions, EUROCLIMA directly contributes to strengthening the region's capacity to respond to climate risks and environmental challenges.

The initiative also contributes to **Outcome 6** on sustainable natural resource management, through actions supporting ecosystem management, biodiversity protection, and nature-based solutions. In addition, EUROCLIMA contributes indirectly to **Outcome 2** under Priority Area 1, which focuses on the transition to more diversified and sustainable economies, particularly through support to climate-smart sectors, green growth, and sustainable energy systems.

EUROCLIMA's contribution across multiple UNMSDCF outcomes reflects the interconnected nature of climate change and sustainable development in the Caribbean. Climate and environmental action function as systemic enablers, influencing resilience, economic transformation, governance systems, and social inclusion.

Within the broader UN system, EUROCLIMA also reinforces the role of the United Nations as a trusted provider of technical assistance, a facilitator of policy dialogue, and a platform for partnerships supporting sustainable development.

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

The EUROCLIMA Caribbean Development Services integrate gender equality and social inclusion as a cross-cutting priority, in line with the UNDP Strategic Plan 2026–2029, which identifies gender equality as a core accelerator of sustainable development.

In accordance with corporate requirements, the initiative applies UNDP's Gender Marker and is classified as GEN2 (significant contribution to gender equality). This reflects the systematic integration of gender equality considerations across the design, implementation, and reporting of activities, while recognizing that gender equality is not the principal objective of the programme.

Gender equality is promoted through the application of gender-responsive approaches in climate action, environmental management, and resilience-building interventions. This includes the integration of gender equality and social inclusion considerations into activity design, stakeholder engagement, and results reporting, consistent with UNDP Social and Environmental Standards (SES) and relevant EU frameworks, including GAP III. As a Development Services initiative, because the project operates within the scope of partner-defined priorities and agreed action plans, gender equality is advanced through mainstreaming and influence across supported interventions, rather than through direct attribution of gender-specific outcomes.

The project will ensure, to the extent feasible, the collection and reporting of sex-disaggregated data, support inclusive participation of women and vulnerable groups, and contribute to strengthening institutional capacities for gender-responsive climate and environmental governance.