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CONCEPT NOTE
ENGAGEMENT FACILITY

1. Engagement facility Information

Office/Unit	UNDP MCO Fiji - Climate Change and Resilience
Title	Accelerated Implementation of the Programme/Project Pipeline
Type	Engagement Facility
Expected starting date	16 January 2024
Expected Duration	31 December 2024

2. Description

As part of the efforts from the UNDP Pacific Office Resilience and Climate Change (RCC) (Suva, Fiji) team to deliver results towards the Multi-Country Programme Document (MCPD) outcomes, the team has secured resources ($200,000, inclusive of GMS 8%) committed by the Deputy Resident Representative from the programme cost-sharing account (11309/11888). The team is now seeking to establish an Engagement Facility to provide a rapid and flexible mechanism to support an accelerated Implementation of the Programme/Project Pipeline.

The RCC team has identified pipeline projects with concepts that contribute to the Pacific region's work with regards to climate security, renewable and sustainable energy, disaster risk reduction through early warning systems, and development of the circular economy. This Engagement Facility aims to act as a catalyst for funding of the intellectual services summarized in the table below, which are linked to the development of the respective pipeline projects:

Area of action	Pipeline project	Services
Climate security	Climate Security in the Pacific project	1. International Consultant
Renewable and sustainable energy	Medium-sized Project (MSP) proposal (1-Step) for Vanuatu on Renewable Energy	2. International Consultant
		3. National Consultant
		4. National Consultant (Safeguards and Gender)
Disaster risk reduction	Early Warnings for All (EW4ALL) Global Programme	5. International Consultant
		6. National Consultant
		7. National Consultant (Safeguards and Gender)

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Resources and services are further developed in the updated multi-year workplan for the engagement facility provided in Annex 1 to this concept note. The facility will use direct implementation. Terms of reference for the consultancies under the Engagement Facility are also provided to justify and detail expected results.

3. Scope of action

RCC team has identified expert resources to support pipeline projects to deliver on the deliver results towards the MCPD outcomes in the following sectors:

A. **Climate Security:** The proposed project will address climate induced human insecurities and build capacities leaving no one behind supporting countries to implement committed actions under the Boe Declaration and the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent. The project will also develop an evidence-base of the main drivers and potential solutions of climate induced human insecurities including potential consequences and knock-on effects on overall peace and security in the region. The project aims to support Pacific countries to identify and discuss solutions to regional climate security consequences, knock-on effects and resulting pathways and act as a vehicle to connect climate security with other and traditional areas of security. Finally, through the project Pacific countries may also be supported with impartial legal, economic and political advice concerning climate security.

B. **Renewable and Sustainable Energy:** In contribution to the GEF-8 Climate Change Focal Area, a strategy has been developed for Vanuatu to 1) Promote innovation, technology development and transfer, and enabling policies for mitigation options with systemic impacts and 2) foster enabling conditions to mainstream mitigation concerns into sustainable development strategies. The strategy aligns with Vanuatu's key national energy policy priorities and 2030 targets focus on increasing energy access, efficiency, and renewable energy. The project proposal aims to respond to the priorities and request by the Government of Vanuatu for building nation-wide long-term resilience to climate change by increasing energy efficiency, access, and renewables.

C. **Early Warning Systems:** Stemming from discussions at COP27, the Secretary-General requested action to address gaps across the entire value chain of early warning systems as part of the Early Warnings for All initiative (EW4All). One of the key priority actions identified was to stimulate and accelerate the design of a pipeline of national projects over the next 2-3 years through multi-stakeholder collaboration. Fiji has been identified as 1 of 7 countries to prepare a Funding Given the urgency of timeline indicated for Full Proposal submission as part of a Global Programme proposal submission to the Green Climate Fund (GCF), a dedication is being put in place considering the scope of the planned project.

D. **Circular Economy/Chemical and Waste Sector:** The Chemicals and Waste Focal Area Secretariat of the GEF wants to sponsor a Global Programme to support Sustainable Tourism in Island States. The overall focus of the programme in contribution to Blue Circular Economy initiatives, three focus areas will be considered: innovation and private sector development, financing and governance and ecosystem approach with key stakeholders.

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This Engagement Facility for Accelerated Implementation of the Programme/Project Pipeline, supported by programme cost-sharing account 11309/11888 resources, earmarks and accelerates resource mobilization for pipeline development via the recruitment of international and national consultants to prepare comprehensive funding proposals to be submitted to the respective donors.

The scope of work for the respective consultants would involve baseline and feasibility studies, stakeholder engagement, economic and financial analysis, budget development, ToC and output and activity design, including social safeguards assessments. Specifically, the RCC team is intending to recruit 7 consultants to support the development of the pipeline initiatives.

1. Climate Security - International Consultant

Budget: **USD 15,000**

This International Consultant will be responsible for designing a new iteration of the Climate Security in the Pacific project. Initially, this will involve extensive literature review of relevant global, regional and country level documents. They will undertake consultations with relevant stakeholders to help identify regional and country level priorities along with synergies and complementarities with other ongoing programmes and projects. The key areas of work will focus on facilitating a design workshop, developing a finalised concept note and project proposal and creating a presentation for the socialization of designed intervention with the intention of supporting the mobilization of funds.

2. Renewable and Sustainable Energy – International Consultant

Budget: **USD 50,000**

The consultant will be responsible for developing and finalizing Medium-sized Project (MSP) proposal (1-Step) for Vanuatu and will provide guidance, manage the progress, review, oversee and comment on other consultants' work related to the national context, environmental and social safeguards (ESS), and gender. The consultancy will ensure the quality and the sufficiency of the inputs to the proposal. Specifically, the consultant will develop a succinct concept note as part of inception for preparation of the UNDP Pre-Investment Screening Committee meeting (PISC), formulate the project proposal, and lead response to comments during the GEF revision process prior to CEO endorsement/approval.

3. Renewable and Sustainable Energy – National Consultant

Budget: **USD 16,000**

Reporting to the GEF Project Development Consultant, the National GEF Project Development Support Consultant will support the GEF Project Development Team and will be responsible for inputs into the Funding Proposal, feasibility study (if required) and related annexes. The consultant will coordinate with the government partners to coordinate collation of remaining information and stakeholder engagement requirements in response to review by the GEF Secretariat reviewer.

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4. Renewable and Sustainable Energy – National Consultant (Safeguards and Gender)

Budget: **USD 8,750**

The National Gender & Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist will support the GEF Project Development Team for developing and finalizing the MSP proposal (1-Step) in ensuring that the project's tasks and activities enhance and promote gender equality, with a specific focus on vulnerable communities such as women, girls, persons with disabilities, and other key populations. The National Gender & Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist will be responsible particular to prepare the proposal's Gender Analysis and Action Plan as well as the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Social and Environmental Screening Procedure (SESP), and Stakeholder Engagement Plan and update these documents based on the feedback received from the GEF and stakeholder consultations.

5. Early Warning Systems – International Consultant

Budget: **USD 50,000**

The main objective of this consultancy is for the individual consultant to assume the role of Country Penholder for the development of Fiji's national Funding Proposal and its related annexes as part of the Early Warnings for All (EW4ALL) Global Programme. The Country Penholder will ensure that relevant information from the local context and national activities contributing to the Global Programme are integrated in the Funding Proposal in alignment with the multi-country programmatic framework as developed by the Global Programme Penholder.

6. Early Warning Systems – National Consultant

Budget: **USD 25,000**

The main objective of the consultancy for the National Consultant is to assume a supporting role to the Country Penholder for the development of Fiji's national Funding Proposal and its related annexes as part of the Early Warnings for All (EW4ALL) Global Programme. The National Consultant will provide national content and facilitate national activities, including stakeholder engagement and baseline analysis that will support in the formulation of the Fiji Funding Proposal development in close coordination with the Country Penholder. The National Consultant will be required to conduct feasibility appraisals of the proposed climate information and early warning project for all relevant sectors and segments of the population in accordance with national needs and interests.

7. Early Warning Systems – National Consultant (Safeguards and Gender)

Budget: **USD 20,000**

The main objective of the consultancy for the National Consultant is to assume a supporting role to the Country Penholder for the development of Fiji's national Funding Proposal and its related annexes as part of the Early Warnings for All (EW4ALL) Global Programme. Working in close

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coordination with the International Consultant for Safeguards and Gender, the National Consultant will provide national content and facilitate community level activities in the support of the safeguard and gender analysis that will support in the formulation of the project's safeguard and gender analysis. The National Consultant will be required to lead the integration of community level information and to support the delivery of consultations and site analysis in the project target areas.

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