United Nations Development Programme

Country		ZAMBIA – Project Initiation Plan
Project Title		Enhancing Climate action and Disaster response
Expected Outcome(s)	**UNSDCF/CPD**	By 2027, Zambia's ecosystems are healthier, and more people, including the marginalized and vulnerable groups, are more resilient and contribute to and benefit from the sustainable management and use of natural resources and environmental services, and more effective responses to climate change, shocks, and stresses
Expected CPD Output(s)		**Output 1.1.:** National and community-level capacities strengthened for sustainable natural resources management **Output 1.2.:** Public and private sector led solutions developed and applied at scale to improve access to clean energy. **Output 1.3.:** Strengthened capacities of institutions and communities at national and subnational levels to integrate and implement international conventions for enhanced mitigation and adaptation to climate change and disaster risk reduction. **Output 2.2** Gender-responsive solutions developed and implemented to promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth benefitting poor people
Initiation Plan Start/End Dates		1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026
Implementing Partner		UNDP Zambia CO

Brief Description

Zambia is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change due to its geographical location, dependence on rain-fed agriculture, and limited adaptive capacity. Rising temperatures, shifting rainfall patterns, and extreme weather events such as floods and prolonged droughts have already disrupted communities, strained the economy, and threatened food security. These challenges underscore the urgent need for integrated strategies that combine climate action with effective disaster response.

Climate Action in Zambia

Zambia has developed a National Adaptation Plan (NAP, 2023) to strengthen resilience across sectors, focusing on agriculture, water resources, energy, and health. The efforts include promoting renewable energy, climate-smart agriculture, and sustainable land management to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance resilience.To achieve the efforts international cooperation and financing are vital, as Zambia's economy faces constraints in implementing large-scale climate initiatives.

Disaster Response in Zambia

The National Disaster Risk Management Policy (2024–2028) provides a framework for preparedness, mitigation, and rapid response. The key priorities include strengthening early-warning systems, improving coordination among government agencies, and building community-level capacity to respond to emergencies. The Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU) plays a central role in mobilizing resources and coordinating relief efforts.

In this context, the Project aims to ehnace Zambia's climate efforts according to the Paris Agreement by delivering the following objectives, in alignment with the country's climate priorities, challenges and opportunities:

- Raise the ambition of the country's climate commitments by enhancing both mitigation and adaptation measures;
- Determine Zambia's need for financial resources, technology transfer, and capacity-building for the effective implementation of the NDC; and
- Promote Disaster response that protects lives and livelihoods when climate shocks occur, ensuring communities recover quickly

Programme Period:	December 1 2025 to December 2026
Quantum Project Number:	
Quantum Output Number:	_____
Gender Marker:	**2**

Total resources required	**$486,400**
Total allocated resources:	**$486,400**
• Regular	_____
• Other:	
○ Donor	_____
○ Donor	_____
○ Government	_____
Unfunded budget:	_____
In-kind Contributions	_____

Agreed by UNDP:

Date:

I. PURPOSE AND EXPECTED OUTPUT

The purpose of developing climate action and disaster response projects in Zambia is to enhance the country's resilience to climate change impacts and improve disaster management. Key objectives include:

- Addressing Vulnerability: Zambia's economy is highly vulnerable to climate change, with significant impacts on sectors like agriculture, energy, and infrastructure.
- Implementing National Plans: The development of the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) and other strategies aims to integrate climate adaptation into development planning and budget processes.
- Strengthening Community Resilience: Projects focus on improving the adaptive capacity of vulnerable communities, particularly in rural areas, through institutional capacity building and community-level support.
- Promoting Sustainable Development: The projects aim to foster sustainable development and build national resilience against climate risks and disasters.

These efforts are crucial for achieving Zambia's Vision 2030 and ensuring the country's long-term sustainability particularly in priority areas such as water security, agriculture, climate resilient infrastructure, and biodiversity.

Result 1: A Circular Economy Assessment

- Assess opportunities to embed circular economy as a crosscutting indicator across all sectors using the UNDP's Circular Economy Toolbox.
- Edit the finalize final NDC 3.0 document and resubmit on the UNFCCC platform
- Launch NDC 3.0 and associated frameworks.

Result 2: Implementation of Energy Initiatives

- Hire the DREI consultant to undertake assessments
- Depolyment of electric mobility project development

Result 3: Increase Zambia's access to adaptation finance

- Develop bankable project for funding from vertical funds
- Strengthened domestication of Zambia's Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)
- Bankable projects developed through the GEF, GCF and Loss and Damage Programme

Result 4: Disaster Risk reduction implementation

- Community Education and Training: Implementing educational programs to raise awareness about disaster risks and preparedness. Training community members in first aid, emergency response, and evacuation procedures is crucial for effective disaster management.
- Nature-Based Solutions: Utilizing natural ecosystems to mitigate disaster risks, such as restoring wetlands to absorb floodwaters or planting trees to prevent landslides. These solutions are often cost-effective and sustainable.

- Capacity Building: Strengthening the capabilities of local governments, organizations, and communities to implement DRR strategies effectively

II. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The project will be implemented through UNDP's Direct Implementation Modality (DIM). UNDP CO will oversee the running of the project on a day-to-day basis and be accountable for the delivery of planned outcomes as well as M&E of project interventions, achievement of project results, and effective and efficient use of project resources.

III. MONITORING

In accordance with UNDP's programming policies and procedures, the project will be monitored through the following monitoring and evaluation mechanisms: track results progress, monitor and manage risks, learn, Annual Project Quality Assurance, review and make course corrections, and project report. The Monitoring will be conducted **quarterly.**

A final report will be prepared, indicating the results of the project, including lessons learned and recommendations for future projects, which will be shared with all partners. Quarterly and annual reports for donors will be developed according to the frameworks of the Climate Promise and submitted to the team in charge of the Climate Promise in New York.

Knowledge production and sharing: UNDP will use these reports to highlight lessons learned which will also serve as an advocacy and exchange tool with other Climate Promise countries. Press articles and blogs on the project will be written to ensure the visibility of the project.

Visibility: This project benefits from the support of UNDP Climate Promise initiative. The Climate Promise is funded by the Governments of Germany, Japan, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Spain, Belgium, Iceland, Italy, Portugal and other major UNDP contributors, and underpins UNDP's contribution to the NDC Partnership. Any product developed under the Climate Promise must use the program logos in recognition of all Climate Promise donors. A guidance note on the visibility of the Program is available online.

IV. WORK PLAN[1]

EXPECTED OUTPUTS *And baseline, indicators including annual targets*	PLANNED ACTIVITIES *List activity results and associated actions*	TIMEFRAME						RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET		
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount
Global Output 1.1: *Coutries are enbaled to enhance their NDC as part of the next revision cycle and global/regional stocktaking, aligned to longer mitigation and adaptation pathways.* ***Baseline: 0*** ***Indicators:*** *Circular economy assessment conducted;* *NDC 3.0 document launched;*	**Activity Result 1.1.1:** Circular Economy Assessment										
	• **Activity Action 1.1.1.1 :** Apply UNDP's Circular Economy Toolbox to assess opportunities to embed circular economy as a cross cutting indicator across all priority sectors.	x	x						CP2-BMZ-LT LEDS 2		$50,000
	Activity Result 1.1.2: NDC 3.0 Document developed										
	Activity Action 1.1.2.1: Launch of NDC 3.0 and associated frameworks.	x							CP2-UK-DESNZ-NDC 3.0		$12,600
Output1.2: *National and community-level capacities strengthened for sustainable natural resources management* **(Environment)** ***Baseline:0*** ***Indictors:management plan developed*** ***Target:1***	**Activity Result 1.2.1:** Management plans developed for mapped and assessed pollution hotspots										
	• **Activity Action 1.2.1.1:** (i) Mapping of Pollution hotspots. (ii) development of Pollution management plans for atleast one site.		x	x				Environmental Department	UNDP	National/ International Consultancy Workshops and Meetings	$50,000.00
Output1.3: *Public and private sector led-solutions developed*	**Activity Result 1.3.1:** Development and application of Public and private sector led-solutions at scale to promote energy diversification and improved access to clean energy										

[1] Maximum 18 months

and applied at scale to promote energy diversification and improved access to clean energy **(Climate Change)** ***Baseline:0*** ***Indictors:electric mobility deployed*** ***Target: 5***	• **Activity Action 1.3.1.1**: Depolyment of electric Mobility		X	X	X			MGEE	UNDP	National/ International Consultancy Workshops and Meetings	$100,000.00
	• **Activity Action 1.3.1.2:** DREI Assessment							REA	BMWK Energy NDC 3.0)	National/ International Consultancy Workshops and Meetings	$18,000
	• **Activity Action 1.3.1.3:** Support the implementation of Africa Mini Grids (co-financing)	X	X	X	X			REA	UNDP	National/ International Consultancy Workshops and Meetings	$20,000.00
Output 1.4: *Strengthened capacities of institutions and communities at national and subnational levels to integrate and implement international conventions for enhanced mitigation and adaptation to climate change and disaster risk reduction* **(Disaster Risk Reduction)** ***Baseline:*** *RIO convetions domesticated and concept notes developed* ***Indictors:*** *Bankable proposals developed and implemented 3 RIO conventions domesticated* ***Target: 3***	**Activity Result 1.4.1:** Strengthened institutional capacities through Strategic Stakeholder Engagements and domestication of Zambia's Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)										
	• **Activity Action 1.4.1.1** Procurement of venue and Support to strategic meetings		X	X				CSO Consortium	UNDP	National/ International Consultancy Workshops and Meetings	$25,000.00
	• **Activity Action 1.4.1.2**: Support the preparation of UNFCCC COP 31, UNCCD COP17, UNCBD CO17 and the loss and damage Fund Board meeting and short term technical assistance		X	X	X			MGEE, MoT, MLNR	UNDP	National/ International Consultancy Workshops and Meetings	$120,000.00
	• **Activity Action 1.4.1.3:** Conduct needs assessment and project development targeting GEF-9, GCF and Loss and Damage Fund	X	X	X	X			MGEE-GEF OFP, NDA	UNDP	National/ International Consultancy Workshops and Meetings	$60,000.00
DPC - DREI		x	x	x	x						$2,000
GMS - DREI		x	x	x	x						$1600
GMS – NDC 3.0											

GMS (8%) - NDC		x	x	x	x				BMZ2 NDC 3.0		**$4,000.00**
GMS (8%) - NDC		x	x	x	x				UK-DESNZ NDC 3.0		**$23,200.00**
Total											**$486,400**