# Design & Appraisal Stage Quality Assurance Report

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Overall Project Rating: Exemplary

Decision: Approve: The project is of sufficient quality to continue as planned.

Any management actions must be addressed in a timely manner.

Project Number: 00104540

Project Title: Préparation de la 4e Communication nationale et le 2e rapport biennal

actualisé du Togo sur les CC

Project Date: 15-Jun-2018

Strategic Quality Rating: Exemplary

- 1. Does the project's Theory of Change specify how it will contribute to higher level change? (Select the option from 1-3 that best reflects the project)
- 3: The project has a theory of change with explicit assumptions and clear change pathway describing how the project will contribute to outcome level change as specified in the programme/CPD, backed by credible evidence of what works effectively in this context. The project document clearly describes why the project's strategy is the best approach at this point in time.
- 2: The project has a theory of change. It has an explicit change pathway that explains how the project intends to contribute to outcome-level change and why the project strategy is the best approach at this point in time, but is backed by limited evidence.
- 1: The project does not have a theory of change, but the project document may describe in generic terms how the project will contribute to development results, without specifying the key assumptions. It does not make an explicit link to the programme/CPD's theory of change.

Evidence

Management Response

Le document de projet s'appuie sur une théorie du changement visant à doter le pays d'informations et données pertinentes pour mettre en oeuvre des politiques stratégies et programmes et assurer un développement durable.

- 2. Is the project aligned with the thematic focus of the UNDP Strategic Plan? (select the option from 1-3 that best reflects the project)
- 3: The project responds to one of the three areas of development <u>work</u> as specified in the Strategic Plan; it addresses at least one of the proposed new and emerging <u>areas</u>; an issuesbased analysis has been incorporated into the project design; and the project's RRF includes all the relevant SP output indicators. (all must be true to select this option)
- 2: The project responds to one of the three areas of development work as specified in the Strategic Plan. The project's RRF includes at least one SP output indicator, if relevant. (both must be true to select this option)
- 1: While the project may respond to one of the three areas of development work as specified in the Strategic Plan, it is based on a sectoral approach without addressing the complexity of the development issue. None of the relevant SP indicators are included in the RRF. This answer is also selected if the project does not respond to any of the three areas of development work in the Strategic Plan.

Evidence

Le projet est en lien avec le nouveau plan stratégie (Data and risk-informed development policies, plans, systems and financing incorporate integrated and gender-responsive solutions to reduce disaster risks, enable climate change adaptation and mitigation, and prevent risk of conflict) et répond aux signature solutions du nouveau plan stratégique du PNUD

Relevant Quality Rating: Highly Satisfactory

- 3. Does the project have strategies to effectively identify, engage and ensure the meaningful participation of targeted groups/geographic areas with a priority focus on the excluded and marginalized? (select the option from 1-3 that best reflects this project)
- 3: The target groups/geographic areas are appropriately specified, prioritising the excluded and/or marginalised. Beneficiaries will be identified through a rigorous process based on evidence (if applicable.) The project has an explicit strategy to identify, engage and ensure the meaningful participation of specified target groups/geographic areas throughout the project, including through monitoring and decision-making (such as representation on the project board) (all must be true to select this option)
- 2: The target groups/geographic areas are appropriately specified, prioritising the excluded and/or marginalised. The project document states how beneficiaries will be identified, engaged and how meaningful participation will be ensured throughout the project. (both must be true to select this option)
- 1: The target groups/geographic areas are not specified, or do not prioritize excluded and/or marginalised populations. The project does not have a written strategy to identify or engage or ensure the meaningful participation of the target groups/geographic areas throughout the project.

O Not Applicable

Evidence

Management Response

le projet vise à renforcer l'expertise pour conduire les études devant alimenter la communication nationale et le rapport biennal.

- 4. Have knowledge, good practices, and past lessons learned of UNDP and others informed the project design? (select the option from 1-3 that best reflects this project)
- 3: Knowledge and lessons learned (gained e.g. through peer assist sessions) backed by credible evidence from evaluation, corporate policies/strategies, and monitoring have been explicitly used, with appropriate referencing, to develop the project's theory of change and justify the approach used by the project over alternatives.
- 2: The project design mentions knowledge and lessons learned backed by evidence/sources, which inform the project's theory of change but have not been used/are not sufficient to justify the approach selected over alternatives.
- 1: There is only scant or no mention of knowledge and lessons learned informing the project design. Any references that are made are not backed by evidence.

Evidence

Management Response

Les leçons apprises lors des communications nationales et le premier rapport biennal actualisé ont permis de mieux cibler les acteurs et les activités à mener.

5. Does the project use gender analysis in the project design and does the project respond to this gender analysis with concrete measures to address gender inequities and empower women? (select the option from 1-3 that best reflects this project)

- 3: A participatory gender analysis on the project has been conducted. This analysis reflects on the different needs, roles and access to/control over resources of women and men, and it is fully integrated into the project document. The project establishes concrete priorities to address gender inequalities in its strategy. The results framework includes outputs and activities that specifically respond to this gender analysis, with indicators that measure and monitor results contributing to gender equality. (all must be true to select this option)
- 2: A gender analysis on the project has been conducted. This analysis reflects on the different needs, roles and access to/control over resources of women and men. Gender concerns are integrated in the development challenge and strategy sections of the project document. The results framework includes outputs and activities that specifically respond to this gender analysis, with indicators that measure and monitor results contributing to gender equality. (all must be true to select this option)
- 1: The project design may or may not mention information and/or data on the differential impact of the project's development situation on gender relations, women and men, but the constraints have not been clearly identified and interventions have not been considered.

### Evidence

# Management Response

Le projet s'est appuyer sur une analyse genre qui a permis de noter une faiblesse des capacités et une faible participation des femmes au processus. Des activités ont été identifier pour corriger ces déséquilibres et les indicateurs ont étés désagrégés en fonction du genre pour mesurer les efforts.

- 6. Does UNDP have a clear advantage to engage in the role envisioned by the project vis-à-vis national partners, other development partners, and other actors? (select the option from 1-3 that best reflects this project)
- 3: An analysis has been conducted on the role of other partners in the area where the project intends to work, and credible evidence supports the proposed engagement of UNDP and partners through the project. It is clear how results achieved by relevant partners will contribute to outcome level change complementing the project's intended results. If relevant, options for south-south and triangular cooperation have been considered, as appropriate. (all must be true to select this option)
- 2: Some analysis has been conducted on the role of other partners where the project intends to work, and relatively limited evidence supports the proposed engagement of and division of labour between UNDP and partners through the project. Options for south-south and triangular cooperation may not have not been fully developed during project design, even if relevant opportunities have been identified.
- 1: No clear analysis has been conducted on the role of other partners in the area that the project intends to work, and relatively limited evidence supports the proposed engagement of UNDP and partners through the project. There is risk that the project overlaps and/or does not coordinate with partners' interventions in this area. Options for south-south and triangular cooperation have not been considered, despite its potential relevance.

### Evidence

Management Response

Le PNUD est l'agence qui accompagne le pays dans la préparation des Communications nationales et les rapports biennaux. A ce titre le PNUD a déjà accompagné le pays dans la préparation de la CNI, DCN, TCN et PRBA. Social & Environmental Standards

Quality Rating: Highly Satisfactory

- 7. Does the project seek to further the realization of human rights using a human rights based approach? (select from options 1-3 that best reflects this project)
- 3: Credible evidence that the project aims to further the realization of human rights, upholding the relevant international and national laws and standards in the area of the project. Any potential adverse impacts on enjoyment of human rights were rigorously identified and assessed as relevant, with appropriate mitigation and management measures incorporated into project design and budget. (all must be true to select this option)
- 2: Some evidence that the project aims to further the realization of human rights. Potential adverse impacts on enjoyment of human rights were identified and assessed as relevant, and appropriate mitigation and management measures incorporated into the project design and budget.
- 1: No evidence that the project aims to further the realization of human rights. Limited or no evidence that potential adverse impacts on enjoyment of human rights were considered.

#### Evidence

### Management Response

Le projet touche tous les secteurs et évalue comment les changements climatiques impacts ces secteurs. Il est donc évident que le projet vise à évaluer comment les changements climatiques touchent aux droits des populations à l'eau potable, à la santé, à l'alimentation etc.

- 8. Did the project consider potential environmental opportunities and adverse impacts, applying a precautionary approach? (select from options 1-3 that best reflects this project)
- 3: Credible evidence that opportunities to enhance environmental sustainability and integrate poverty-environment linkages were fully considered as relevant, and integrated in project strategy and design. Credible evidence that potential adverse environmental impacts have been identified and rigorously assessed with appropriate management and mitigation measures incorporated into project design and budget. (all must be true to select this option).
- 2: No evidence that opportunities to strengthen environmental sustainability and poverty-environment linkages were considered. Credible evidence that potential adverse environmental impacts have been identified and assessed, if relevant, and appropriate management and mitigation measures incorporated into project design and budget.
- 1: No evidence that opportunities to strengthen environmental sustainability and poverty-environment linkages were considered. Limited or no evidence that potential adverse environmental impacts were adequately considered.

# Evidence

Management Response

Le projet est exempté des évaluations environnementales du fait de sa spécificité. Mais il s'agit d'un projet d'environnement qui n'a pas d'impacts négatifs

- 9. Has the Social and Environmental Screening Procedure (SESP) been conducted to identify potential social and environmental impacts and risks? [If yes, upload the completed checklist as evidence. If SESP is not required, provide the reason(s) for the exemption in the evidence section. Exemptions include the following:
  - Preparation and dissemination of reports, documents and communication materials
  - Organization of an event, workshop, training

- Strengthening capacities of partners to participate in international negotiations and conferences • Partnership coordination (including UN coordination) and management of networks • Global/regional projects with no country level activities (e.g. knowledge management, inter-governmental processes) • UNDP acting as Administrative Agent O Yes O No SESP not required Evidence Not required Management & Monitoring Quality Rating: Exemplary 10. Does the project have a strong results framework? (select from options 1-3 that best reflects this project) • 3: The project's selection of outputs and activities are at an appropriate level and relate in a clear way to the project's theory of change. Outputs are accompanied by SMART, resultsoriented indicators that measure all of the key expected changes identified in the theory of change, each with credible data sources, and populated baselines and targets, including gender sensitive, sex-disaggregated indicators where appropriate. (all must be true to select this option) 2: The project's selection of outputs and activities are at an appropriate level, but may not cover all aspects of the project's theory of change. Outputs are accompanied by SMART, results-oriented indicators, but baselines, targets and data sources may not yet be fully specified. Some use of gender sensitive, sex-disaggregated indicators, as appropriate. (all must be true to select this option) 1: The results framework does not meet all of the conditions specified in selection "2" above. This includes: the project's selection of outputs and activities are not at an appropriate level and do not relate in a clear way to the project's theory of change; outputs are not accompanied by SMART, results-oriented indicators that measure the expected change, and have not been populated with baselines and targets; data sources are not specified, and/or no gender sensitive, sex-disaggregation of indicators. Evidence Management Response Le projet dispose 'un cadre logique intégré au document de projet 11. Is there a comprehensive and costed M&E plan with specified data collection sources and methods to support evidence-based management, monitoring and evaluation of the project? Yes O No Evidence Il existe en plan de suivi-évaluation qui est budgétisé
- 12. Is the project's governance mechanism clearly defined in the project document, including planned composition of the project board? (select from options 1-3 that best reflects this project)
- 3: The project's governance mechanism is fully defined in the project document. Individuals have been specified for each position in the governance mechanism (especially all members of the project board.) Project Board members have agreed on their roles and

responsibilities as specified in the terms of refeattached to the project document. (all must be to	2 0
2: The project's governance mechanism is institutions are noted as holding key governance specified yet. The prodoc lists the most import director/manager and quality assurance roles.	ce roles, but individuals may not have been ant responsibilities of the project board, project
• 1: The project's governance mechanism is mentioning key roles that will need to be filled responsibilities of key positions in the governance	at a later date. No information on the
Evidence	Management Response
Les organes du projet sont bien définis dans le document de projet	
13. Have the project risks been identified with risks? (select from options 1-3 that best reflects	•
log, based on comprehensive analysis drawing Environmental Standards and screening, situat	
<ul> <li>2: Project risks related to the achievement of with mitigation measures identified for each risks.</li> </ul>	of results identified in the initial project risk log sk.
1: Some risks may be identified in the initial and no clear risk mitigation measures identified clearly identified and no initial risk log is included.	d. This option is also selected if risks are not
Evidence	Management Response
Le projet dispose d'un cadre de gestion des risques avec des proposition de mesures d'atténuation.	
Efficient	Quality Rating: Exemplary
14. Have specific measures for ensuring cost-enmentioned as part of the project design? This cato explore different options of achieving the mausing a portfolio management approach to improther interventions; iii) through joint operations partners.	an include: i) using the theory of change analysis aximum results with the resources available; ii) rove cost effectiveness through synergies with
• Yes	
○ No	
Evidence	
L'approche concurrentielle sera utilisée à tous une gestion efficiente des ressources. Le burea procurment (recrutement, achats).	les niveaux dans la mise en uvre du projet pour u du PNUD appuiera le projet dans le
15. Are explicit plans in place to ensure the proprojects and initiatives, whether led by UNDP,	

efficient results (including, for example, through sharing resources or coordinating delivery?)

Yes

○ No	
Evidence	
Le document de projet a prévu une section pour avec les autres projets et / ou initiatives en cour	relever les synergies que le projet devra établir s dans le pays
16. Is the budget justified and supported with va	alid estimates?
3: The project's budget is at the activity level duration of the project period in a multi-year but using benchmarks from similar projects or activity foreign exchange exposure have been estimated.	vities. Cost implications from inflation and
2: The project's budget is at the activity lever specified for the duration of the project in a mulestimates based on prevailing rates.	
○ 1: The project's budget is not specified at the multi-year budget.	ne activity level, and/or may not be captured in a
Evidence	
Le Budget détaillé a été présenté dans le docum	ent de projet
17. Is the Country Office fully recovering the co	osts involved with project implementation?
including programme management and develop country programme planning, quality assurance services, finance, procurement, human resource	e, pipeline development, policy advocacy es, administration, issuance of contracts, ation and communications based on full costing
○ 2: The budget covers significant direct project based on prevailing UNDP policies (i.e.	•
○ 1: The budget does not reimburse UNDP fo subsidizing the project and the office should ad budget revisions.	1 0
Evidence	Management Response
Le Budget couvre tous les co ts liés au projet y compris les DPC, les ressources humaines, la gestion du projet, le suivi évaluation etc, en utilisant les politiques du PNUD en la mati re	
Effective	Quality Rating: Exemplary
18. Is the chosen implementation modality most reflects this project)	appropriate? (select from options 1-3 that best
<ul> <li>3: The required implementing partner assess assessment) have been conducted, and there is a modalities have been thoroughly considered. The selected modality, based on the development conducted.</li> <li>2: The required implementing partner assess</li> </ul>	evidence that options for implementation here is a strong justification for choosing the ontext. (both must be true to select this option)
assessment) have been conducted and the imple the results of the assessments.	` = · · ·

 $\bigcirc$  1: The required assessments have not been conducted, but there may be evidence that

options for implementation modalities have been considered.

La Direction de l'environnement qui est la principale agence de mise en oeuvre a fait l'objet d'une micro-évaluation. Sur la base de cette micro-évaluation, la procédure NIM sera utilisée pour ce projet

utilisée pour ce projet	
19. Have targeted groups, prioritizing marginalized and excluded populations that will be affected by the project, been engaged in the design of the project in a way that addresses an underlying causes of exclusion and discrimination?	y
3: Credible evidence that all targeted groups, prioritising marginalized and excluded populations that will be involved in or affected by the project, have been actively engaged the design of the project. Their views, rights and any constraints have been analysed and incorporated into the root cause analysis of the theory of change which seeks to address an underlying causes of exclusion and discrimination and the selection of project intervention.	y
○ 2: Some evidence that key targeted groups, prioritising marginalized and excluded populations that will be involved in the project, have been engaged in the design of the project evidence that their views, rights and any constraints have been analysed and incorporate the root cause analysis of the theory of change and the selection of project intervention	rated
<ul> <li>1: No evidence of engagement with marginalized and excluded populations that will be involved in the project during project design. No evidence that the views, rights and constr of populations have been incorporated into the project.</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>	
Evidence	
Not Applicable	
20. Does the project conduct regular monitoring activities, have explicit plans for evaluation and include other lesson learning (e.g. through After Action Reviews or Lessons Learned Workshops), timed to inform course corrections if needed during project implementation?  • Yes  • No	n,
Evidence	
Le projet prévoit des activités de suivi budgétisées	
21. The gender marker for all project outputs are scored at GEN2 or GEN3, indicating that gender has been fully mainstreamed into all project outputs at a minimum.	
Yes	
$\bigcirc$ No	
Evidence Management Response	
Le projet est marqué GEN2	
22. Is there a realistic multi-year work plan and budget to ensure outputs are delivered on ti and within allotted resources? (select from options 1-3 that best reflects this project)	me
• 3: The project has a realistic work plan & budget covering the duration of the project at activity level to ensure outputs are delivered on time and within the allotted resources.	
2: The project has a work plan & budget covering the duration of the project at the outplevel.	out
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le projet prévoit un plan de travail pluriannuel assorti d'un budget
Sustainability & National Ownership Quality Rating: Exemplary
23. Have national partners led, or proactively engaged in, the design of the project?
• 3: National partners have full ownership of the project and led the process of the development of the project jointly with UNDP.
<ul> <li>2: The project has been developed by UNDP in close consultation with national partners.</li> <li>1: The project has been developed by UNDP with limited or no engagement with national partners.</li> </ul>
O Not Applicable
Evidence
Le document de projet a été élaboré conjointement avec les acteurs nationaux (minist re de l'environnement) qui a été validé en atelier national avec la participation des autres acteurs du secteur public, privé et de la société civile
24. Are key institutions and systems identified, and is there a strategy for strengthening specific comprehensive capacities based on capacity assessments conducted? (select from options 0-4 that best reflects this project):
3: The project has a comprehensive strategy for strengthening specific capacities of national institutions based on a systematic and detailed capacity assessment that has been completed. This strategy includes an approach to regularly monitor national capacities using clear indicators and rigorous methods of data collection, and adjust the strategy to strengthen national capacities accordingly.
2.5: A capacity assessment has been completed. The project document has identified activities that will be undertaken to strengthen capacity of national institutions, but these activities are not part of a comprehensive strategy to monitor and strengthen national capacities
○ 2: A capacity assessment is planned after the start of the project. There are plans to develop a strategy to strengthen specific capacities of national institutions based on the results of the capacity assessment.
○ 1.5: There is mention in the project document of capacities of national institutions to be strengthened through the project, but no capacity assessments or specific strategy development are planned.
<ul> <li>1: Capacity assessments have not been carried out and are not foreseen. There is no strategy for strengthening specific capacities of national institutions.</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>
Evidence
Le projet s'est appuyé sur l'auto-évaluation de la Troisi me communication et du premier rapport biennal et vise le renforcement des capacités techniques des institution et le renforcement de l'expertise pour améliorer la qualité des communications et des rapport biennaux.
25. Is there is a clear strategy embedded in the project specifying how the project will use national systems (i.e., procurement, monitoring, evaluations, etc.,) to the extent possible?
Yes
○ No
O Not Applicable

Evidence

Il s'agit d'un projet NIM

26. Is there a clear transition arrangement/ phase-out plan developed with key stakeholders in order to sustain or scale up results (including resource mobilisation strategy)?

Yes

O No

Evidence

Not applicable

# Quality Assurance Summary/PAC Comments

Le LPAC tenu le 23 mars 2018 a fait les remarques ci-dessous: 1- Respecter le calendrier de mise en uvre et éviter des retards pouvant compromettre l'atteinte à temps des résultats du projet ; 2-Capitaliser les acquis des communications passées et du premier rapport biennal en termes d'expertise et de capacités 3- Poursuivre le renforcement de capacités de tous les acteurs impliqués dans la mise en uvre du projet ; 4- Faciliter la mise à disposition des ressources matérielles et financi res pour une réalisation optimale des activités du projet.