The Climate Promise

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Budget (GEF): US$ 299,000

The Gambia is already a climate champion with ambitious mitigation targets. Of all the countries signed to the International Paris Climate Agreement, The Gambia and Morocco are the only two countries that have made commitments sufficient enough to limit temperature increases within the 1.5 degrees Celsius range by the end of the 21st century. Although The Gambia’s current Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are strong and have earned the country global recognition, there is still room for improvement. The Government of The Gambia is now receiving support through the Climate Promise to update its NDCs. The update will focus on inclusion of additional sectors (such as transport) and the strengthening of the adaptation component of the document. In addition, the Government aims to develop a monitoring tool to better assess the impacts of ongoing mitigation and adaptation efforts.

The Climate Promise is a commitment to support at least 100 countries to enhance their NDCs by the end of 2020. The Gambia partnered with UNDP to receive support through this initiative in January, 2020. The Climate Promise is funded and supported by Germany, European Union, Spain, Italy, and Sweden, and the NDC Partnership

Project Objective & Outcomes

The intended outcomes of the NDC update are as follows:

- Political will and societal ownership at national and sub-national levels built;
- Existing targets, policies and measures reviewed, aligned, and updated;
- New sectors and/or greenhouse gases incorporated; and
- Costs and investment opportunities assessed
- Monitoring of progress & transparency strengthened

To ensure a holistic approach to updating The Gambia’s NDCs, UNDP intends to work with a variety of technical partners.

Once the NDCs are updated, UNDP will continue to support the Government of the Gambia in resource mobilization and technical capacity building to implement the NDCs and ensure that the specified targets achieved. There is still a funding gap for implementation of the NDCs that needs to be closed.

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