



Centre de Suivi Ecologique

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Implementing Entity: Centre de Suivi Ecologique

Country: Mauritius Island

Adaptation Fund Grant I.D.:

Grant Type: South-South Cooperation Grant

Project Description/Project Title: This South-South cooperation grant was requested by CSE to support the Designated Authority of Mauritius to identify a potential NIE candidate and to provide technical assistance to this latter for the preparation and submission of its accreditation's application.

Project Sector: peer-peer support

Activity	Expected Output	Progress (include completion Date "month & year")	Comments/Explanation (also explain any deviation from initial plan)
1. Screening exercise, including an information workshop on the AF and the main features of an operational NIE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Call of interest- Institutions completed the expression of interest form- Screening report- Check-list of key questions addressed during assessment- Presentation and set of slides- Evaluation sheet- NIE nominated	Completed (February 2020)	CSE prepared and shared a work plan with the Designated Authority (DA). Then, a call for interest was prepared by CSE and launched by the Designated Authority. Four institutions expressed their interest to undertake the accreditation process. The applications have been reviewed by CSE in collaboration with the DA. CSE organized a mission in Mauritius from 1 st to 13 th of February in order to provide guidance to the DA for the final selection of the best NIE candidate. The Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste and Climate Change (MoESWCC) was selected as NIE candidate. During this mission, a task-force was set up within the selected institution and a road map developed for collecting the supporting documents.

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2. Train the NIE on accreditation process, set up a Task Force and elaborate a road map to collect supporting document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation and set of slides - Road map to collect supporting document 	Completed (February 2020)	Key profiles have been identified to be part of the MoESWCC accreditation task-force for the collection of the supporting documents. The roles and responsibilities of the task-force have been presented and the documents collection began. For the missing documents, a road map was developed and while some of these documents were to be collected from other ministries, others were to be developed by the MoESWCC.
3. Collecting supporting documents - Collecting and analyzing relevant supporting documents for each performance criteria required in the application form - Review of questions raised by the Accreditation Panel during previous applications submitted with CSE support (to better understand what is expected) - Preparing and sharing a note on accreditation standards (to better understand what is expected), using the AF's guidance document on its accreditation standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - List of supporting documents / information collected - Summary of previous questions raised by the AF panel and the Board to applicants during accreditation process - Note on accreditation standards 	Completed (June 2021)	Many documents have been collected. The roadmap has been completed and sent to the colleagues in Mauritius. However, due to the health situation with the coronavirus pandemic, delays have been noted and CSE could not undertake any mission in Mauritius.
4. Review of the adequacy of all required back-up documentation to ensure it meets the requirements of	-Supporting documents check-list including a brief description of AF requirements	Completed (June 2021)	The review of the adequacy of the required documentation have been done by CSE on all the documents sent by the MoESWCC.

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the AF accreditation panel and filling gaps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Checking the documents collected against AF requirements - Identifying potential gaps or weaknesses - Providing guidance on how to overcome issues identified - Supporting the task-force in organizing supporting documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Documentation of the main findings 		
5. Translation of supporting documents	Supporting documents in English	Not applicable	Mauritius is an English-speaking country; documents are available in English. There is no need for translation.
6. Submission of the application folder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An application for accreditation as a NIE - A one-page summary report 	Not started yet	CSE does not have access to the system to assist MoESWCC during the submission process. CSE has requested the credentials to be shared in order to support potential NIE during the submission process.
7. Responding to AP comments		Not started yet	
Overall comment on progress	<p>The coronavirus pandemic led to delays for collecting the supporting documents. In fact, the lockdown has impacts both on CSE and on the MoESWCC regarding the documents to be developed and the rest of the documents to be collected from other Ministries.</p> <p>To expedite the accreditation process, calls via Zoom were undertaken to finalize the collection of documents. Unfortunately, the situation did not allow to organize a second mission for the submission before the end of the year (December 2021).</p> <p>It is important to note that the colleagues from MoESWCC in Mauritius are not very responsive. In fact, the roadmap for the review of the last batch of documents has been sent to MoESWCC in June 2021 but despite numerous reminders, CSE did not receive any feedback to date. Since all the documents have been collected, CSE needs to close the project.</p> <p>A call via Zoom has been held with MoESWCC in January in order to discuss about the next steps and the following actions will be taken in the coming months with the objective of closing the project no later than June 2022:</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uploading the collected documents on the system - Proposing description for each document - Submitting the folder 		The actions will be done by MoESWCC with CSE's support.
New completion date or Expected completion date	June 2022		

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