



Project Implementation Report

(1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023)

Project Title:	<i>Promoting the Transition to a Circular Economy in Uruguay through Cleantech Innovations</i>
GEF ID:	<i>10453</i>
UNIDO ID:	<i>180291</i>
GEF Replenishment Cycle:	<i>GEF-7</i>
Country:	<i>Uruguay</i>
Region:	<i>LAC - Latin America and Caribbean</i>
GEF Focal Area:	<i>Climate Change Mitigation (CCM)</i>
Integrated Approach Pilot (IAP) Programs¹:	<i>N/A</i>
Stand-alone / Child Project:	<i>Child Project of Global Cleantech Innovation Programme (GCIP) to accelerate the uptake and investments in innovative cleantech solutions (10408)</i>
Implementing Department/Division:	<i>TCS/DSE/CTI</i>
Co-Implementing Agency:	<i>N/A</i>
Executing Agency(ies):	<i>LATU</i>
Project Type:	<i>Medium-Sized Project (MSP)</i>
Project Duration:	<i>60 Months</i>
Extension(s):	<i>0</i>
GEF Project Financing:	<i>\$US 1,303,162</i>
Agency Fee:	<i>\$US 117,284</i>
Co-financing Amount:	<i>\$US 9,827,100</i>
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	<i>12/14/2021</i>
UNIDO Approval Date:	<i>1/14/2022</i> <i>Insert EB approval date of the project</i>
Actual Implementation Start:	<i>3/11/2022</i>
Cumulative disbursement as of 30 June 2023:	<i>\$US 485,305</i>

¹ Only for GEF-6 projects, if applicable

Mid-term Review (MTR) Date:	<i>N.A.</i>
Original Project Completion Date:	<i>12/31/2026</i>
Project Completion Date as reported in FY22:	<i>12/31/26</i>
Current SAP Completion Date:	<i>12/31/2026</i> <i>Insert the project completion date as currently seen in the system</i>
Expected Project Completion Date:	<i>2/28/2026</i>
Expected Terminal Evaluation (TE) Date:	<i>3/30/2026</i>
Expected Financial Closure Date:	<i>3/30/2027</i>
UNIDO Project Manager²:	<i>Manuel Albaladejo</i>

I. Brief description of project and status overview

Project Objective		
<p><i>The project objective is to accelerate the uptake of innovative, affordable, and scalable cleantech solutions for climate action and sustainable and inclusive green value chains, in selected sectors, through a Circular Economy perspective. This project identifies two strategic sectors, the food system and energy, considering its relevance to the country's economy and the existing challenges</i></p>		
<i>Project Core Indicators</i>		<i>Expected at Endorsement/Approval stage</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mitigated (metric tons of CO2e)</i>	<i>516000</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>Number of direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co-benefit of GEF investment</i>	<i>Female 156 Male 234 TOTAL: 390</i>

Baseline
<p><i>In 2016, Uruguay approved the National Climate Change Policy (PNCC), as an instrument which provides a long-term strategic framework to guide Uruguay's climate change mitigation strategy. This policy seeks to meet the national commitments to the Paris Agreement through its National Determined Contributions (NDCs). Additionally, Uruguay has joined the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the General</i></p>

² Person responsible for report content.

Assembly of the United Nations through the resolution of September 25, 2015, which proposes the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The country periodically reports indicators, reflected transparently at: www.ods.gub.uy.

In the NDC context, in 2017 Uruguay established to make greenhouse gas reductions of 29% in CO₂, 59% in CH₄ and 52% in N₂O emission intensity per GDP unit (base year 1990) by 2025, according to GWP 100 AR2. The sectors of implementation of these objectives include: Energy Sector (including transport), Agricultural Sector (including livestock), Waste Management Sector and Industrial Processes. Other objectives, and also conditional on additional specimens of implementation, are to avoid CO₂ emissions from Soil Organic Carbon (SOC) in 30% of the grasslands and in 100% of the peatlands area.

In December 2022, Uruguay presented its second NDC, which represents a significant increase in ambition compared to the first, with the particularity that it establishes an absolute cap on CO₂ emissions by 2030, deepening commitments in the energy sector.

Aligned with the PNCC, the National Environmental Plan for Sustainable Development was approved on December 20, 2018, and with a 2030 horizon, by the National Environmental Cabinet (composed of 6 ministries and the President of the Republic). It was created in a participatory manner throughout the territory and was proposed as a strategic and adaptive instrument, which identifies the country's main environmental challenges in order to guide policies and actions in the coming years. The plan proposes to work in three dimensions:

- a) A healthy environment for a good quality of life: with a focus on environmental systems and the conservation of ecosystems*
- b) Sustainable economic and productive activity: with a focus on productive processes and their link in the use and management of natural resources and their environmental impacts*
- c) Environmental management and citizenship, with a focus on the generation of awareness and appreciation of the environment and nature, deepening educational and cultural transformations*

One particular emphasis within the plan's framework, inspired by the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, is the promotion of an inclusive and sustainable economy for climate change mitigation. This principle will be achieved by promoting areas that align with the circular economy concept such as, clean energies, as well as preserving ecosystems and biodiversity, promoting sustainable use of land and resources, including the adoption of lifestyles in harmony with nature; and promoting sustainable production and consumption patterns.

Please refer to the explanatory note at the end of the document and select corresponding ratings for the current reporting period, i.e. FY23. Please also provide a short justification for the selected ratings for FY23.

In view of the GEF Secretariat's intent to start following the ability of projects to adopt the concept of adaptive management³, Agencies are expected to closely monitor changes that occur from year to year and demonstrate that they are not simply implementing plans but modifying them in response to developments and circumstances or understanding. In order to facilitate with this assessment, please introduce the ratings as reported in the previous reporting cycle, i.e. FY22, in the last column

³ Adaptive management in the context of an intentional approach to decision-making and adjustments in response to new available information, evidence gathered from monitoring, evaluation or research, and experience acquired from implementation, to ensure that the goals of the activity are being reached efficiently.

Overall Ratings ^[1]	FY23	FY22
Global Environmental Objectives (GEOs) / Development Objectives (DOs) Rating	<i>Satisfactory (S)</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
Implementation Progress (IP) Rating	<i>Satisfactory (S)</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
Overall Risk Rating	<i>Low Risk (L)</i>	<i>Unknown</i>

^[1] Please refer to the explanatory note at the end of the document and assure that the indicated ratings correspond to the narrative of the report

II. Targeted results and progress to-date

Please describe the progress made in achieving the outputs against key performance indicator's targets in the project's **M&E Plan/Log-Frame at the time of CEO Endorsement/Approval**. Please expand the table as needed.

Project Strategy	KPIs/Indicators	Baseline	Target level	Progress in FY23
Component 1 : Policy and regulatory framework strengthened				
Outcome 1.1 Policy framework to promote cleantech solutions for low GHG emissions and circular economy in priority sectors (food systems, energy) strengthened				
Output 1.1.1 Assessment framework (1) including indicators developed and baseline values quantified to evaluate the performance of circular and low GHG emission technologies	Number of indicators developed (gender responsive) Baseline determined	No existing national indicators to track and evaluate the GHG emission reduction impacts of low GHG emission technology solutions. No existing national Baseline.	1 set of indicators (gender responsive) is developed to track and evaluate low-carbon technologies in the targeted sectors Baseline determined.	Experts Group it's being conformed in order to start developing adequate indicators
Output 1.1.2 Three evidence-based policy instruments developed and compiled as a policy recommendation report (3 instruments developed)	Number of policy recommendation reports developed (incorporating gender and youth dimensions)	Current policy and institutional frameworks not focused on clean energy technology innovations and financing	1 policy recommendation report (incorporating gender and youth dimensions) is developed and shared with national decision-making institutions 3 regulatory instruments developed	No progress for FY23 to report
Output 1.1.3 Draft policy (1) for financial and non financial incentives developed including guidelines (1) for establishment of a non-grant instrument	Number of policy recommendations report for the creation of financial incentives developed (incorporating gender and youth dimensions) Number of guidelines developed for non-grant instruments developed (including guidelines on how to		Policy best practices are documented and disseminated on a national level to promote linkages, collaboration and synergies across cleantech sector	No progress for FY23 to report

Project Strategy	KPIs/Indicators	Baseline	Target level	Progress in FY23
	consider gender and youth dimensions)			
Output 1.1.4 Financial mechanism (1) designed to promote investments in circular economy and low GHG emission technologies	Financing mechanism is designed (incorporating gender and youth dimensions)	No existing financing mechanism for Promoting investments into circular economy and low carbon technologies	Financing mechanism for promoting investments into circular economy and low carbon technologies established (incorporating gender and youth dimensions)	No progress for FY23 to report
Component 2: Circular economy solutions are identified and implemented in Uruguay through acceleration and commercialization of cleantech innovations				
Outcome 2.1: Business opportunities mainstreaming low GHG emissions identified and facilitated in priority sectors				
Output 2.1.1 Early-stage circular economy and cleantech innovations identified and accelerated into enterprises (at least 60) through GCIP or related processes, with at least 3-5 solutions receiving intensive support	Number of cleantech accelerator rounds conducted (incorporating gender and youth dimensions)	Limited coordination between stakeholders Limited awareness of cleantech and low-carbon technology solutions	3 accelerators are held (1 per year) 20 cleantech or low-carbon SMEs or entrepreneurs are accelerated per round (of which 40% are women-led)	No progress for FY23 to report
Output 2.1.2 Capacity needs assessment to promote cleantech solutions conducted (1), and formal education program on circular economy developed (1)	Number of needs assessment conducted for systematic production and acceleration of cleantech commercialization Number of comprehensive education programme at university level in Circular Economy established	Limited capacity to conduct cleantech innovation accelerators and provide business growth services	1 needs assessment conducted 1 education programme established	No progress for FY23 to report.
Outcome 2.2 Innovative cleantech solutions for circular economy with low GHG emissions in priority sectors demonstrated in full-size scale				
Output 2.2.1 Feasibility studies (at least 5) conducted and financing mobilized resulting in at least two fully functional food system cleantech solutions demonstrated	Number of business plans for innovative low-carbon and cleantech solutions for circular economy in the priority sectors developed	No existing financing mechanisms exist for cleantech solutions in the targeted sectors Lack of access to early-stage financing opportunities for SMEs in the food systems sector	5 feasibility and technical designs are evaluated and validated by the PMU (fully incorporating ESS considerations including gender dimensions)	No progress for FY23 to report.
	Number of technical and financial feasibility studies, product verification assessments and business plans developed Number of fully functional food system pilot implemented	Insufficient capacity and technical skills to prepare technical and financial feasibility studies in the targeted sectors	At least 2 pilot projects are implemented for food system sector	No progress for FY23 to report.

Project Strategy	KPIs/Indicators	Baseline	Target level	Progress in FY23
Output 2.2.2 Feasibility studies (at least 3) conducted and financing mobilized resulting in at least two fully functional Power-to-X plants commissioned	Number of business plans for innovative low-carbon and cleantech solutions for Power to X sector	No existing financing mechanisms exist for cleantech solutions in the targeted sector Lack of access to early-stage financing opportunities for SMEs in the Power to X sector	3 feasibility and technical designs are evaluated and validated by the PMU (fully incorporating ESS considerations including gender dimensions)	No progress for FY23 to report.
	Number of technical and financial feasibility studies, product verification assessments and business plans developed. Number of Power-to-X plants commissioned	No Power-to-X plants commissioned	At least 2 Power-to-X plants commissioned	No progress for FY23 to report.

Component 3 – Project monitoring, impact capturing and evaluation

Outcome 3.1: Deliver skills and promotion of circular economy at a national level, and efficiency and sustainability of the project is ensured through coordination and coherence with other circular and sustainability of the project is ensured through coordination and coherence with other circular economy initiatives and GCIP country projects

Output 3.1.1 The GCIP internal guidelines for project management teams are reviewed and adapted by the project	#Global GCIP methodologies, tools and standards adapted and followed #PMU or other training sessions attended GCIP Uruguay sustainability and exit strategy % of PMU staff that completed the UN I-Know-gender training, and the UNIDO gender lens investing e-training	N/A	Operational GCIP methodologies, tools and standards adapted and followed for Uruguay GCIP Uruguay sustainability and exit strategy 100%	Work in progress
Output 3.1.2 Programme-level knowledge management, communication and advocacy strategy is adapted and implemented by the project	Knowledge management, communication and advocacy strategy and action plan for GCIP Uruguay Awareness raising and marketing material available for the public Awareness raising and marketing material available for entrepreneurs and officials # briefing sessions # press releases # social media activity #gender focal points identified and trained on project elements % of knowledge/ communication/awareness raising products that are gender responsive	Lack of awareness of cleantech Shortage of effective and good quality public awareness raising and marketing material on cleantech	Knowledge management, communication and advocacy strategy and action plan for GCIP Uruguay Public awareness raising, marketing and training material developed and adapted for Uruguay and made available in printed and electronic format >3 briefing sessions >6 press releases Monthly social media activity 100%	No progress for FY23 to report.

Project Strategy	KPIs/Indicators	Baseline	Target level	Progress in FY23
Output 3.1.3 Awareness raising campaign conducted and knowledge products (at least 50) for circular economy concepts and tools, including the promotion of new and smart cleantech solutions and business model opportunities	Number of awareness raising campaigns conducted nationally % of knowledge/communication/awareness raising products that are gender responsive	Weak nationwide campaigns for the promotion of circular economy concepts and tools	Materials on major takeaways and lessons learned are disseminated 100%	No progress for FY23 to report.
Outcome 3.2. Project management, monitoring and evaluation				
Output 3.2.1 Project activities monitored and reported based on the M&E framework conducted	Project-level MRV system established, indicators tracked (incl . GHG emissions) and disaggregated by gender Impact of GCIP tracked according to programme-level guidelines % of progress and review reports tracking progress of gender action plan	N/A	Monthly progress reports Mid-term review report Annual progress report 100%	No progress for FY23 to report.
Output 3.2.2 Independent final technical review is conducted	Final technical review report	N/A	1 Final technical review report	No progress for FY23 to report.

III. Project Risk Management

1. Please indicate the overall project-level risks and the related risk management measures: (i) as identified in the CEO Endorsement document, and (ii) progress to-date. Please expand the table as needed.

	(i) Risks at CEO stage	(i) Risk level FY 22 (previous)	(i) Risk level FY 23 (current)	(i) Mitigation measures	(ii) Progress to-date	New defined risk ⁴
1	Political environment: The national Government would withdraw political support for environmental control measures and for RE surplus usage.	N/A	Low	Three Ministries are involved directly with the project, participating as members of the Steering Committee. One of them is Environmental Ministry. There's been several initiatives promoted by the government through these ministries aligned with project's tasks	Uruguay has maintained and strengthened initiatives and policies related to the environment. Below we share some of them at the national level, and in particular some that will be linked to the execution of this project. The commitment of National government has been ratified. Actually, the Steering Committee includes several national authorities from different national directorates in its conformation. In December 2022, Uruguay presented its second NDC, which represents a	<input type="checkbox"/>

⁴ New risk added in reporting period. Check only if applicable.

					significant increase in ambition compared to the first. In August 2022, Uruguay exempted this project from taxes.	
2	Macroeconomic/	N/A	Low	There are no direct mitigation measures that can be taken by the project. Since approval of the project, Uruguay's economic situation has been as stable as previous periods. Several international credit rating agencies reports indicate stability in the foreseeable future	In October 2022, Uruguay published a new bond indexed to climate change indicators (BIICC) to the global market..	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Coordination: The variety of the actors/ Agencies interested could create an inadequate coordination between stakeholders.	N/A	Low	The project will centralize the management organization in a group with a coordination to: 1- Ensure adequate information availability for decision making and sharing information with all stakeholders for transparency. 2- Adjust capacity to needs, including staffing, awareness, skills, logistics, tools and infrastructure, in order to accomplish tasks and targets.	The members of the Technical Committee were already appointed by all institutions involved in the project. This Committee will be the technical counterpart and will work in coordination with the Project Management Unit, and it is currently working on the first phase of the project.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Legal and regulatory framework	N/A	Low	The Integral Solid Waste Management Law was elaborated aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, which integrate into its objectives the minimization of solid waste generated in the origin, the promotion of the recovery, and added value processes as recycling. The law will create a framework of action bringing new business opportunities, and at the same time, it will minimize the environmental pollution and will reduce the pressure on the use of some raw materials. In this way, the Law will contribute to boost the creation of Circular Economy schemes associated with the recovery and valorization of materials.	Uruguay has maintained the policies related to the environment and energy and continues to work on their execution.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Private sector engagement: Private sector could be hesitant to promote and invest on circular economy projects	N/A	Moderate	The successful demonstration of a number of pilot facilities under this Project is expected to greatly reduce the perceived risks and create more confidence among end-users In addition, Uruguay has instruments that allow promoting private investment in projects with clean technologies, such as the Investment Promotion Law.	No progress for FY23 to report.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Limited interest shown by the public, and industry, for the GCIP support leads to too few applications or applications of low quality	N/A	Low		No progress for FY23 to report.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Sustainability risk	N/A	Moderate	Exit strategies will be developed for each project and it is envisaged that the management and financing of the PMU will be handed over to a national entity	The members of the Technical Committee were already appointed by all institutions involved in the project and will be the technical counterpart of the Project Management Unit. The knowledge generated will be incorporated by the technicians of the beneficiary ministries.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Incentive and financial	N/A	Low	The project will seek linkages to other	The Renewable Energy Innovation	<input type="checkbox"/>

	support system are insufficient			financing schemes for clean energy technology promotion from the onset, including Uruguay's Renewable Energy Innovation Fund (REIF) approved by SDG UN Fund. In addition, the project will design a financial mechanism to promote investments in circular economy and low GHG emission technologies.	Fund (REIF) began to be implemented. It seeks to support the second energy transition in Uruguay. This fund is a financing platform that combines private capital and United Nations funds to promote energy transition projects, along with a technical assistance mechanism to help.	
9	Low success rate of new innovative cleantech businesses	N/A	Moderate	This project will focus on comprehensive post-competition acceleration, by linking Alumni with potential investors and by "de-risking" them for financial institutions. This approach will support selected innovators and entrepreneurs to turn their innovative ideas into market-ready products and services ready for international commercialization.	Uruguay has current mechanisms that promote entrepreneurship and innovation and has two government agencies that focus on its execution.	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Climate Change risk	N/A		To safeguard against climate risks the screening of technologies for selection for support from the project will include an assessment of the climate risks, over the next 30 years, and where a risk is identified it will be necessary for the SME/entrepreneur to propose suitable adaptation or management measures. Climate risk will be included in the E&S criteria used in selecting solutions to be supported by the project. GIZ's Climate Expert Tool could be used as one tool available to the enterprises. Technologies that will receive support from the project will continue to be reviewed against local climate risks, as part of the support provided within the accelerator. Adaptation strategies will also be prepared if necessary and could again use the GIZ' Climate Expert Tool.	No progress for FY23 to report	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. If the project received a **sub-optimal risk rating (H, S)** in the previous reporting period, please state the **actions taken** since then to mitigate the relevant risks and improve the related risk rating. Please also elaborate on reasons that may have impeded any of the sub-optimal risk ratings from improving in the current reporting cycle; please indicate actions planned for the next reporting cycle to remediate this.

N/A

3. Please indicate any implication of the **COVID-19** pandemic on the progress of the project.

N/A

4. Please clarify if the project is facing delays and is expected to request an **extension**.

N/A

5. Please provide the **main findings and recommendations of completed MTR**, and elaborate on any actions taken towards the recommendations included in the report.

N/A

IV. Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS)

1. As part of the requirements for **projects from GEF-6 onwards**, and based on the screening as per the UNIDO Environmental and Social Safeguards Policies and Procedures (ESSPP), which category is the project?

Category A project

Category B project

Category C project

(By selecting Category C, I confirm that the E&S risks of the project have not escalated to Category A or B).

	E&S risk	Mitigation measures undertaken during the reporting period	Monitoring methods and procedures used in the reporting period
(i) Risks identified in ESMP at time of CEO Endorsement	Increasing GHG emissions due to selection of clean technology (e.g. blockchain, land use change...)	Not applicable for FY 2023 as the workplan for Year 1 is expected to be finalized by September 2023	N/A
	Unintended harmful environmental impacts from hazardous materials used in cleantech innovations (e.g. mining, manufacture and decommissioning of batteries/PV)	Not applicable for FY 2023 as the workplan for Year 1 is expected to be finalized by September 2023	N/A
	Unintended pollution / waste disposal from the cleantech innovations	Not applicable for FY 2023 as the workplan for Year 1 is expected to be finalized by September 2023.	N/A
	SMEs/entrepreneurs lack the capacity/ awareness to properly identify and mitigate the E&S risks related to their technology	Not applicable for FY 2023 as the workplan for Year 1 is expected to be finalized by September 2023	N/A
	Cleantech innovations do not deliver the pledged impacts	Not applicable for FY 2023 as the workplan for Year 1 is expected to be finalized by September 2023	N/A
	SMEs/entrepreneurs do not comply with national regulation requirements (e.g. products do not meet quality/safety standards)	Not applicable for FY 2023 as the workplan for Year 1 is expected to be finalized by September 2023	N/A
	Cleantech innovation has a negative social or environmental impact on SME workers or beneficiaries (e.g. hazardous materials)	Not applicable for FY 2023 as the workplan for Year 1 is expected to be finalized by September 2023.	N.A.
	Low participation rates of females in project participation	Not applicable for FY 2023 as the workplan for Year 1 is expected to be finalized by September 2023	N/A

	Low participation rates of youth in project	Not applicable for FY 2023 as the workplan for Year 1 is expected to be finalized by September 2023	N/A
	Increase in carbon emissions due to travel, meetings, training and events related to the project	Not applicable for FY 2023 as the workplan for Year 1 is expected to be finalized by September 2023	N/A
	Climate change risks that may affect the SMEs supported under the project (for example impacts due to a reduction in bioenergy or water sources, or logistic disturbances, disruptions to production, effects to working conditions or to the market, increased utility prices and costs for insurance, finance or imports.	Not applicable for FY 2023 as the workplan for Year 1 is expected to be finalized by September 2023	N/A
	Participants are not able to access information from the global programme.	Not applicable for FY 2023 as the workplan for Year 1 is expected to be finalized by September 2023	N/A
(ii) New risks identified during project implementation (if not applicable, please insert 'NA' in each box)	N/A	N/A	N/A

V. Stakeholder Engagement

1. Using the previous reporting period as a basis, please provide information on **progress, challenges and outcomes** regarding engagement of stakeholders in the project (based on the Stakeholder Engagement Plan or equivalent document submitted at CEO Endorsement/Approval).

No progress at this time

2. Please provide any feedback submitted by national counterparts, GEF OFP, co-financiers, and other partners/stakeholders of the project (e.g. private sector, CSOs, NGOs, etc.).

N/A

3. Please provide any **relevant stakeholder consultation** documents.

N/A

VI. Gender Mainstreaming

1. Using the previous reporting period as a basis, please report on the **progress** achieved on **implementing gender-responsive measures** and **using gender-sensitive indicators**, as documented at CEO Endorsement/Approval (in the project results framework, gender action plan or equivalent).

- *In the selection of the Project Coordinator gender measures were considered*
- *Gender-sensitive recruitment at all levels where possible, especially in selection of project staff. In the selection of the Project Coordinator, as well as in the selection of Project Technical Assistant (ongoing process) gender measures were considered*
- *Considering gender dimensions in all decision-making processes, including Project Steering Committee meetings.*
- *Collection of gender-disaggregated data*
- *Consultations with and involvement of stakeholders focusing on gender equality and women's empowerment issues*

VII. Knowledge Management

1. Using the previous reporting period as a basis, please elaborate on any **knowledge management activities / products**, as documented at CEO Endorsement / Approval.

According to Project, a key aspect in knowledge management will be the creation of a national pool of cleantech experts. There's already government institutions that has access to a pool of experts or have formed one, and collaboration with those institutions will be part of achieving project's task++

2. Please list any **relevant knowledge management mechanisms / tools** that the project has generated.

First Annual Work Plan will be validated by PSC by early October. Since it's approval, knowledge management mechanisms and tools will be generated.

VIII. Implementation progress

1. Using the previous reporting period as a basis, please provide information on **progress, challenges and outcomes achieved/observed** with regards to project implementation.

The Project Executing Agreement (PEA) was duly countersigned in March 2nd. 2023, and TSC as the PEE had prepared the Inception Report, including the activities to be executed during the inception period and the corresponding.

The Project Management Unit (PMU) is being established. The National Project Technical Expert and Coordination position was recruited and started on June 5th 2023.

Progress, challenges and outcomes achieved/observed with regards to project implementation:


Not applicable for FY 2023 as the workplan for Year 1 is expected to be finalized by September 2023

2. Please briefly elaborate on any **minor amendments**⁵ to the approved project that may have been introduced during the implementation period or indicate as not applicable (NA).

⁵ As described in Annex 9 of the *GEF Project and Program Cycle Policy Guidelines*, **minor amendments** are changes to the project design or implementation that do not have significant impact on the project objectives or scope, or an increase of the GEF project financing up to 5%.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Results Framework	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Components and Cost	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Institutional and Implementation Arrangements	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Management	NA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Implementation Schedule	The project implementation starting date is 14 th January 2022 and the actual implementation start is 2nd, March 2023, following the duly countersigned date of the Project Execution Agreement for year one.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Executing Entity	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Executing Entity Category	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor Project Objective Change	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Safeguards	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Analysis	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase of GEF Project Financing Up to 5%	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Co-Financing	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Location of Project Activities	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Others	NA

3. Please provide progress related to the **financial implementation** of the project.


 PROJECT DELIVERY REPORT		Project:	180291 - PROMOTING THE TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN URUGUAY THROUGH CLEANTECH INNOVATIONS	Project Manager:	Manuel Javier Albaladejo Garcia	Project Validity:	01.01.2020 - 31.12.2026
Reporting Period:	11.03.2022 - 30.06.2023	Project Theme:	Energy and Environment	Country:	Uruguay	Status:	Implement
Sponsor Nr.	Sponsor	Grant	Grant Description	Fund	Currency	Grant Status	Grant Validity
400150	GEF - Global Environment Facility	2000004774	GFURU_180291	GF	USD	Authority to implement	11.03.2022 - 11.03.2027

	Description	Released Budget Current Year (a)	Obligations Current Year (b)	Disbursements Current Year (c)	Expenditures Current Year (d=b+c)	Total Agreement Budget (e)	Released Budget (f)	Obligations + Disbursements (g)	Funds Available* (h=f-g)	Support Cost (i)	Total Expenditures (j=g+i)
2000004774											
180291-1-01-01	1.1.1 Assessment framework	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
2100	Contractual Services	122,000.00	122,000.00	0.00	122,000.00	122,000.00	122,000.00	122,000.00	0.00	0.00	122,000.00
9300	Support Cost IDC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,980.00	10,980.00
180291-1-01-01	Total	122,000.00	122,000.00	0.00	122,000.00	122,000.00	122,000.00	122,000.00	0.00	10,980.00	132,980.00
180291-1-03-01	2.1.1 Early-stage innovations	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
2100	Contractual Services	108,000.00	108,000.00	0.00	108,000.00	148,000.00	148,000.00	108,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	108,000.00
9300	Support Cost IDC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,720.00	9,720.00
180291-1-03-01	Total	108,000.00	108,000.00	0.00	108,000.00	148,000.00	148,000.00	108,000.00	40,000.00	9,720.00	117,720.00
180291-1-03-02	2.1.2 Capacity needs assessments	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
2100	Contractual Services	128,000.00	128,000.00	0.00	128,000.00	812,000.00	812,000.00	128,000.00	684,000.00	0.00	128,000.00
9300	Support Cost IDC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,520.00	11,520.00
180291-1-03-02	Total	128,000.00	128,000.00	0.00	128,000.00	812,000.00	812,000.00	128,000.00	684,000.00	11,520.00	139,520.00
180291-1-06-01	3.1.1 The GCIP internal guidelines	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
2100	Contractual Services	34,693.00	34,693.00	0.00	34,693.00	40,693.00	40,693.00	34,693.00	6,000.00	0.00	34,693.00
9300	Support Cost IDC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,122.37	3,122.37
180291-1-06-01	Total	34,693.00	34,693.00	0.00	34,693.00	40,693.00	40,693.00	34,693.00	6,000.00	3,122.37	37,815.37
180291-1-51-02	PMC	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
2100	Contractual Services	80,612.00	80,612.00	0.00	80,612.00	118,469.00	118,469.00	80,612.00	37,857.00	0.00	80,612.00
9300	Support Cost IDC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,255.08	7,255.08
180291-1-51-02	Total	80,612.00	80,612.00	0.00	80,612.00	118,469.00	118,469.00	80,612.00	37,857.00	7,255.08	87,867.08
180291-1-53-02	M&E	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
2100	Contractual Services	24,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	62,000.00	62,000.00	12,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
9300	Support Cost IDC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,080.00	1,080.00
180291-1-53-02	Total	24,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	62,000.00	62,000.00	12,000.00	50,000.00	1,080.00	13,080.00

* Does not include Unapproved Obligations

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 PROJECT DELIVERY REPORT		Project:	180291 - PROMOTING THE TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN URUGUAY THROUGH CLEANTECH INNOVATIONS	Project Manager:	Manuel Javier Albaladejo Garcia	Project Validity:	01.01.2020 - 31.12.2026
Reporting Period:	11.03.2022 - 30.06.2023	Project Theme:	Energy and Environment	Country:	Uruguay	Status:	Implement
Sponsor Nr.	Sponsor	Grant	Grant Description	Fund	Currency	Grant Status	Grant Validity
400150	GEF - Global Environment Facility	2000004774	GFURU_180291	GF	USD	Authority to implement	11.03.2022 - 11.03.2027

	Description	Released Budget Current Year (a)	Obligations Current Year (b)	Disbursements Current Year (c)	Expenditures Current Year (d=b+c)	Total Agreement Budget (e)	Released Budget (f)	Obligations + Disbursements (g)	Funds Available* (h=f-g)	Support Cost (i)	Total Expenditures (j=g+i)
2000004774	Total	497,305.00	485,305.00	0.00	485,305.00	1,303,162.00	1,303,162.00	485,305.00	817,857.00	43,677.45	528,534.45
180291	USD Total	497,305.00	485,305.00	0.00	485,305.00	1,303,162.00	1,303,162.00	485,305.00	817,857.00	43,677.45	528,534.45

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IX. Work Plan and Budget

1. Please provide **an updated project work plan and budget** for the remaining duration of the project⁶, as per last approved project extension. Please expand/modify the table as needed.

An updated workplan is expected to be finalised by September 2023.

X. Synergies

1. **Synergies** achieved:

N/A

3. **Stories to be shared** (Optional)

No stories to be shared yet in FY23.

XI. GEO LOCATION INFORMATION

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	Geo Name ID	Location and Activity Description
<i>Montevideo, Uruguay</i>	<i>-34.9</i>	<i>-56.19</i>	3441575	

Please provide any further geo-referenced information and map where the project interventions is taking place as appropriate.

⁶ Kindly note that, the Project Executing Entity is currently on a yearly Deliverable Project Execution Agreement and the associated work plan and budget are for the Year 2 only.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. **Timing & duration:** Each report covers a twelve-month period, i.e. 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023.
2. **Responsibility:** The responsibility for preparing the report lies with the project manager in consultation with the Division Chief and Director.
3. **Evaluation:** For the report to be used effectively as a tool for annual self-evaluation, project counterparts need to be fully involved. The (main) counterpart can provide any additional information considered essential, including a simple rating of project progress.
4. **Results-based management:** The annual project/programme progress reports are required by the RBM programme component focal points to obtain information on outcomes observed.

Global Environmental Objectives (GEOs) / Development Objectives (DOs) ratings	
Highly Satisfactory (HS)	Project is expected to achieve or exceed <u>all</u> its major global environmental objectives, and yield substantial global environmental benefits, without major shortcomings. The project can be presented as “good practice”.
Satisfactory (S)	Project is expected to <u>achieve most</u> of its <u>major</u> global environmental objectives, and yields satisfactory global environmental benefits, with only minor shortcomings.
Moderately Satisfactory (MS)	Project is expected to <u>achieve most</u> of its major <u>relevant</u> objectives but with either significant shortcomings or modes overall relevance. Project is expected not to achieve some of its major global environmental objectives or yield some of the expected global environmental benefits.
Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)	Project is expected to achieve <u>some</u> of its major global environmental objectives with major shortcomings or is expected to <u>achieve only some</u> of its major global environmental objectives.
Unsatisfactory (U)	Project is expected <u>not</u> to achieve <u>most</u> of its major global environmental objectives or to yield any satisfactory global environmental benefits.
Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)	The project has failed to achieve, and is not expected to achieve, <u>any</u> of its major global environmental objectives with no worthwhile benefits.

Implementation Progress (IP)	
Highly Satisfactory (HS)	Implementation of <u>all</u> components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised implementation plan for the project. The project can be presented as “good practice”.
Satisfactory (S)	Implementation of <u>most</u> components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan except for only few that are subject to remedial action.
Moderately Satisfactory (MS)	Implementation of <u>some</u> components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with some components requiring remedial action.
Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)	Implementation of <u>some</u> components is <u>not</u> in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with most components requiring remedial action.
Unsatisfactory (U)	Implementation of <u>most</u> components in <u>not</u> in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan.
Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)	Implementation of <u>none</u> of the components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan.

Risk ratings	
Risk ratings will assess the overall risk of factors internal or external to the project which may affect implementation or prospects for achieving project objectives. Risk of projects should be rated on the following scale:	
High Risk (H)	There is a probability of greater than 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks.
Substantial Risk (S)	There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face substantial risks.
Moderate Risk (M)	There is a probability of between 26% and 50% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only moderate risk.
Low Risk (L)	There is a probability of up to 25% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only low risks.