

UNEP GEF PIR Fiscal Year 2023

Reporting from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THIS PIR

1. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1. Project details

Identification Table	GEF ID.: 9808	Umoja WBS: SB-009803
	SMA IPMR ID: 36865	Grant ID: P1-33GFL-001452
	Project Short Title: <i>Benin CCCD Project</i>	
Project Title	Building Core Capacity for Implementation, Monitoring and Reporting of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and Relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Benin	
Duration months	<i>Planned</i>	36
	<i>Age</i>	21 November 2018/ (56 months)
Project Type	Medium Size Project	
Parent Programme if child project	None	
Project Scope	National	
Region	Africa	
Country	Benin	
GEF Focal Area(s)	Multi focal area	
GEF financing amount	USD 1,150,000	
Co-financing amount	USD 300,000	
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval	1 March 2018	
UNEP Project Approval Date (on Decision Sheet)	<i>Insert the date as per Decision Sheet (As per date on the project approval sheet signed by the Divisional Director approving the UNEP GEF Project)</i>	
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force)	26 February 2019	
Date of Inception Workshop, if available	21 November 2018	
Date of First Disbursement	14 August 2018	
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2023	650,000 USD	
Total expenditure as of 30 June 2023	616,563 USD	
Midterm undertaken?	Yes	
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken	17 January 2023 – See clarification in section 2.3	
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken	-	
Completion Date	<i>Planned – original PCA</i>	30 May 2022
	<i>Revised – Current PCA</i>	31 December 2023
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date	30 June 2024	
Expected Financial Closure Date	30 December 2024	

1.2. Project description

The overall objective of this project is to strengthen national capacities for environmental information and knowledge management for the implementation, monitoring, and reporting of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Benin. It comprises two components executed by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MESD) in collaboration with the indicated ministries above. The project is implemented under the responsibility of the General Director of Environment and Climate.

Component 1: Development of a coordinated environmental knowledge and information management system: this component is related to the development of an environment information system (EIS) for Benin. It comprises one outcome, six outputs which address the development and the implementation of the EIS detailed as below:

Outcome 1.0: A system for the management of environmental information and knowledge is operational for use in decision-making, planning and reporting

- **Output 1.1:** Reporting and analysis of the current environmental information systems, data flows, statistics and reporting mechanisms related to the Rio Convention, other MEAs and relevant SDGs utilized by line ministries and other relevant agencies and institutions.
- **Output 1.2:** Implementation, information and communication network to help MEA Focal Points access and share available information.
- **Output 1.3:** Inventory of nationally appropriate environmental indicators based on MEAs and SDGs
- **Output 1.4:** Agreement among key line ministries and agencies on the streamlining of data collection and sharing to fill data gaps and reduce unnecessary duplication.
- **Output 1.5:** Training on data collection and management methodologies including the UNEP Live platform
- **Output 1.6:** Streamlined reporting system to MEAs and indicators for the environmental dimension of SDGs.

The six outputs include twenty (20) activities.

Component 2: Enhancement of institutional and technical capacities to mainstream, develop, and utilize policies, plans and programs for effective implementation of the Rio Conventions, other MEAs and relevant SDGs. The component comprises one outcome and six outputs detailed as below:

Outcome 2.0 Enhanced capacities to develop and implement policies, plans and programmes integrating MEAs and related SDGs

- **Output 2.1:** National dialogue for the different actors in charge of environmental management in the country
- **Output 2.2:** Enhanced consultative, experience sharing and decision-making platform for the implementation of obligations under Rio Conventions, other relevant MEAs and related SDGs, including shared environmental information systems, collaborative institutional inter-ministerial and decentralized mechanisms
- **Output 2.3:** Training of MEA Focal Points on the Conventions' technical and financing mechanisms
- **Output 2.4:** Demonstration projects on the application of an integrated approach to environmental information management of different MEAs and SDGs at local levels in key sectors
- **Output 2.5:** Public environmental education for sustainable development and awareness raising activities with a focus on climate change, biodiversity and land degradation
- **Output 2.6:** Sustainability strategy for the continued implementation of MEAs and the environmental dimension of SDGs, including a mechanism for regular contributions by Benin to Conventions' functioning.

The six outputs include twenty-one (21) activities.

1.3. Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Early Warning and Assessment
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Name of co-implementing Agency	
Executing Agency(ies)	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MESD)
Names of Other Project Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Economic and Finances. • Ministry of Planning and Development (National Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis. • General Directory of SDGs' Coordination and Monitoring). • Ministry of Water and Mines. • Ministry of Energy. • Ministry of University and Scientific Research. • Ministry of Agriculture. • Ministry in charge of Meteorology. • Ministry of Decentralization and Local Governance. • The Media for outreach activities. • Environmental NGOs Coordination (Pro Environment). • UN Agencies (UNDP – Benin). • MEA Nationals Focal Points.
UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Jochem Zoetelief
UNEP Task Manager(s)	Jochem Zoetelief
UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	Florence Kahiro
UNEP Support/Assistants	Ayda Villalobos-Castro
EA Manager/Representative	Jeanne ADANBIOKOU AKAKPO, Deputy Minister in charge of environment
EA Project Manager	Ibila DJIBRIL
EA Finance Manager	Alban CAPO CHICHI
EA M&E	Pascal GNONZAN

2. OVERVIEW OF PROJECT STATUS

2.1 UNEP PoW and UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s)	Foundational Science-Policy subprogramme
PoW Indicator(s)	<p><i>SP (i): Number of countries and national, regional, and subnational authorities that, as a result of UNEP support, have strengthened capacity to develop sound environmental data, statistics, scientific assessments and early warning systems.</i></p> <p><i>SP (ii): Number of relevant global, regional, and national forums, institutions and Governments using data, statistics, scientific assessments and early warning and foresight systems provided by UNEP for catalysing policymaking and action.</i></p>
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s)	<p><i>The project begun implementation during UNEPs 2018-2019 PoW under Sub Programme 7 (Environment Under Review) and also remains compliant with UNEPs 2022–2025 medium term strategy for tackling climate change, loss of nature and pollution.</i></p> <p><i>Under current UNEP PoW, the cross-cutting nature of this GEF capacity building project also remains aligned with UNEPs 2022-2023 PoW integrated results frameworks designed to ensure countries apply sound science to inform policies, as a foundation</i></p>

	<p><i>for delivering climate stability, living in harmony with nature and a pollution-free planet.</i></p>
<p>UNSDCF / UNDAF linkages</p>	<p><i>The Benin GEF funded cross-cutting capacity development (CCCD) project contributes to the first and second strategic objectives of the 2019 – 2023 United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for Benin.</i></p> <p><i>2019-2023 UNDAF strategic objective 1: Strong, inclusive and sustainable economic growth promotion: Within this objective, the UNS interventions are focussed on delivering the following outcome/ goal: “By 2023, the people of Benin - particularly the most vulnerable -become more resilient and have a better quality of life by access to decent work, food security and nutrition, and clean energy, through the sustainable management of natural resources, and enhanced adaptation capacities to the adverse effects of climate change, other crisis and natural disasters”</i></p> <p><i>2019-2023 UNDAF strategic objective 2: Enhancing human capital. Within this objective, the UNS interventions are focussed on delivering the following outcome/ goal: “By 2023, the people of Benin -especially the most vulnerable- use more quality basic social services characterized by universal health coverage, an inclusive and comprehensive basic education, protection against all forms of violence and abuse, as well as access to safe and adequate drink water, basic hygiene and sanitation”.</i></p> <p><i>The project contributes to these objectives through establishing/ improving the technical/ institutional/ systematic capacities of environmental institutions in Benin for coordinated and synergistic implementation, monitoring, mainstreaming, and fulfilling reporting obligations under the Rio conventions, other Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</i></p> <p><i>The project continues to captivate better cooperation and collaboration in the national implementation and reporting of MEAs through</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>(i) the establishment of a national MEAs/ SDGS monitoring and coordination mechanism.</i> <i>(ii) training of MEA focal points on data management & synergistic implementation of MEAs/ SDGs.</i> <i>(iii) the development and deployment of a shared environmental knowledge/ data/ information management system (EIS/ SEIS).</i> <i>(iv) the development, adoption and application of an environmental indicator framework that underpins the design of the SEIS system.</i> <p><i>the development of a national inter-agency/ ministry protocol/ MoU that creates a framework for environmental data collection and management in the Country (whose adoption processes are ongoing) and based of which the EIS will be developed.</i></p>
<p>Link to relevant SDG Goal(s)</p>	<p><i>Although this GEF CCCD project has been designed to create enabling environment and enhance the implementation, monitoring and reporting of all SDGs with an environmental dimension, majority of the project interventions primarily contribute to the following SDGs, targets and indicators:</i></p>

	SDG 13 (13.b.1); SDG 16 (16.10.2); and SDG 17 (17.18.3)
Link to relevant SDG Target(s)	SDG 13 (13.b.1); SDG 16 (16.10.2); and SDG 17 (17.18.3)

2.2. GEF Core Indicators:

GEF6: Enhance capacity of countries to implement MEAs and mainstream into national and sub-national policy, planning financial and legal frameworks)

GEF7: Number of direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co-benefit of GEF investment

NB: This project was designed and approved to contribute to following replenishment targets under the sixth (6) core indicator during GEF6

Replenishment Targets:

- a) *Development and sectoral planning frameworks integrate measurable targets drawn from the MEAs in at least (1) country,*
- b) *Functional environmental information systems are established to support decision-making in at least (1) country*

In relation to GEF-8 core indicators, the project contributes significantly to the 11th indicator concerning the "Number of people benefiting from GEF-financed investments."

<i>Indicator</i>		<i>Expected values at</i>	
		<i>Mid-term</i>	<i>End-of-project</i>
GEF-8 Core indicator: 11. People benefiting from GEF-financed investments		2, 600, 000	4,000,000
Total projected direct beneficiaries for the entire 4-year project duration (e.g., from capacity building workshops, recruitments, demonstration projects, MEA coordination groups, public outreach programmers & TV broadcasts, Project steering committees & technical working group etc.)		2023 PIR Update How many direct beneficiaries have been reached ever since the project started? The number of direct beneficiaries increased from 1,276 to 1,585 between June 2022 and June 2023. The direct beneficiaries, disaggregated by gender as a co-benefit of GEF investment, are as follows: 84.1% males and 15.9% females, compared to 14.34% females at the end of June 2022. The participation rate of females in the project activities saw a slight increase from June 2022 to June 2023.	
Males	1 600 000	Males	1333
Females	2 400 000	Females	252
Total	4,000,000	Total	1585

2022 Update

From July 2021 to June 2022, the project awareness activities consisted in two (02) TV broadcasting, which reached approximately 1,300,000¹ people.

Considering the project activities (workshops, working groups and meetings) under the review period (from 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022), the direct beneficiaries reached **271 participants comprising 36 (13.29 %) females and 235 (86.71 %) Males.**

So, at the end of June 2022, the project activities gathered as direct beneficiaries, 1276 participants for the project events (sectorial ministries' authorities, National Focal Points of MEAs, sectorial ministries' officers, and members of NGOs) comprising 183 females (14.34%) and 1093 males (85.66%).

2023 Update

During the period from July 2022 to June 2023, the project awareness activities focused on TV and local radios broadcasts. These efforts successfully reached an estimated audience of approximately 1,200,000² people. So, since the project started, the indirect beneficiaries can be estimated to 5,000,000 persons (3,800,000 at the end of June 2022 plus 1,200,000 at the end of June 2023 equal 5,000,000).

Considering also, the project engaged the expertise of consultants and collaborators to enhance the implementation, they can be estimated to 50 persons.

Considering the project activities (workshops, working groups and meetings), the direct beneficiaries reached **309 participants comprising 69 (22.33 %) females and 240 (77.67 %) Males.** So, at the end of June 2023, the project activities gathered as direct beneficiaries, 1585 participants for the project events (sectorial ministries' authorities, National Focal Points of MEAs, sectorial ministries' officers, and members of NGOs) comprising 252 females (15.9%) and 1333 males (84.1%).

In total, the project has impacted approximately 5,000,359 people (auditors, viewers, consultants hired, and direct participants of the project events) since the starting date of the activities to the end of June 2023.

Indicators	Targets – Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total target	
<i>Insert relevant indicator</i> Indirect beneficiaries	2,600,000	4,000,000	5,000,359	<i>The progress noted results of the increasing of the number of which the PMU contracted for radio broadcasting's (9 against 3)</i>
<i>Insert relevant indicator</i>	1 276	1 585	1 735	<i>The Project has involved new consultants, particularly those for the establishment of the</i>

¹ This number is obtained by the application of Bernoulli statistical formula. According to the national television (ORTB) statistics, each environmental broadcasting organized by Benin CCCD Project audience is about 775 000 viewers.

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Direct beneficiaries				<i>environment information system and the new local radios.</i>
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2.3. Implementation Status and Risk

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
PIR #	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Rating towards outcomes (DO) (section 3.1)	S	S	S	S
Rating towards outputs (IP) (section 3.2)	S	S	S	HS
Risk rating (section 4.2)	L	L	L	L

2022 PIR Update

At the end of June 2022, the implementation rate is **80.83%** against **71.76%** at the end of June 2021. The progress recorded at the date under review contributed to strengthening the technical capacities of the stakeholders of the project as well as institutional arrangement.

Specifically, during the reporting period, the main achievements recorded are:

Output 1.1: The finalization and adoption of the strategic plan for environment statistics and purchase of the necessary equipment for the functioning of the environment information system,

Output 1.2: Purchasing of complementary equipment for the functioning of the environment information system,

Output 1.3: The inventory of nationally appropriate environmental indicators based on MEAs and SDGs

Output 1.4: Adoption and signature of the memorandum of collaboration by the key stakeholders of the project (key line ministries, NGOs and agencies on the streamlining of data collection and sharing to fill data gaps and reduce unnecessary duplication)

Output 2.2:

- The organization of two sessions of the consultative platform in November 2021 and January 2022, which gathered stakeholders intervening in the project.
- The organization of an awareness workshops for the governmental actors.
- The organization of awareness workshops for the NGOs actors.

Output 2.5: Two television broadcasts were organized on the national television (ORTB) on the activities related to the RIO conventions (Biodiversity, climate change and desertification).

It is important to note that the project budget and workplan are reviewed for a no-cost extension to the Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA), which extends the duration of the project for an additional one year, ending 30 May 2023. The project is currently under the Midterm Review (MTR), and once it is done, a detailed budget revision will be conducted to reflect the changes made as per the costed workplan in the results-based budget approved by the GEF Secretariat and also reflect recommendations from the MTR.

Some challenges are highlighted as below:

- 1) The complexity, the requirements, and the frequent changes in the national procurement process.
- 2) Difficulty accessing the mobilized national resources for the project activities implementation.
- 3) A slowdown of the project implementation due to the long process of the prorogation of the project completed date.

The PMU has undertaken initiatives to avoid a great delay in the implementation and to maintain the dynamic of the prior PIR (PIR 2021). Among them, we can highlight:

- 1) The establishment of the close professional relationship with the Procurement Office Unit.
- 2) Periodical meetings with the directory of planning, management, and finance to explain the content of Benin CCCD Project workplan and the commitment taken by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development to deliver its co-finance part. This started on the second quarter of 2022.

2023 PIR Update

During the reporting period, 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023, the Project Management Unit has undertaken many activities, the main achievements recorded are:

Under output 1.1. Reporting and analysis of the current environmental information systems, data flows, statistics and reporting mechanisms related to the Rio Convention, other MEAs and relevant SDGs utilized by line ministries and other relevant agencies and institutions.

- Edition and outreach of the strategic plan and other documents elaborated by the project to increase the stakeholders' commitments and to awareness the public on the main actions taken by the project.

Under output 1.2 Implementation, information, and communication network to help MEA focal points access and share available information.

- Participation of the UNEP GEF Cross-Cutting Capacity Development (CCCD) Knowledge Exchange Session from 17 to 19 January 2023.

Under output 1.5. Training on data collection and management methodologies including the UNEP Live platform.

- **Training on data collection and management methodologies, including the UNEP Live platform:** A session was organized at Cotonou city with the assistance of an UNEP Statistical Expert Mr Dany GHAFARI, who came from Nairobi for the occasion. The training session was held from 25th October to 27th October 2022. [The report](#) and [the list of participants of this training session](#) are available.
- Updating of a training plan for the stakeholders, December 2022.

Under output 1.6 Streamlined reporting system to MEAs and indicators for the environmental dimension of SDGs

- Validation of the EIS (<https://siseb.gouv.bj/>) during a national workshop from 12 to 14 December 2022 which brought together stakeholders on the national process of environmental statistical, and Authorities of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development. The [list of participants](#) and the [report](#) are available <https://youtube.com/watch?v=6T8bkSaGL04&feature=share>
- Integration of the indicators framework into the EIS, by using IRIS
- Presentation of the Environmental Information System (EIS) to the various actors during the semester through working groups and meeting organized by the project

Under output 2.3: Training of MEAs focal points on the Conventions' technical and financing mechanisms

- Contract signature with English training Centre to have the second-round training on the technical English applied to environmental issues for gaining more opportunities offered by the MEAs.
- Organization of two workshops to prepare Benin participants at the 15th Conference of the parties of the biodiversity convention in Canada (COP15) and at the 27th Conference of parties of the climate change in Egypt respectively (COP27), on 29 and 30 September 2022 in Grand-Popo and on 25 and 26 October 2022 in Cotonou. [Participants list and the report of biodiversity workshop](#) are available and [the list of participants of the workshop on climate change](#).

Under output 2.5 Public environmental education for sustainable development and awareness raising activities with a focus on climate change, biodiversity and land degradation.

- Organization of mission in four departments in order to prepare the organization of the four remaining workshops in Dassa-Zoumè, Pobè, Cotonou and Allada, for local governments related to environmental management and SDGs.
- Identification of thirteen local radio stations throughout the country to achieve a program on environmental conventions for six months. Nine contracts are drawn up with the local radio stations to cover the departments in which awareness has not yet been carried out. Radio broadcastings are started in these radios.

Under output 6 Sustainability strategy for the continued implementation of MEAs and the environmental dimension of SDGs, including a mechanism for regular contributions by Benin to Conventions' functioning.

- Contract signature to elaborate a strategy for sustaining the actions undertaken by Benin CCCD Project. The report of the strategy sustaining is still in progress and it is expected to be finalized at the end of August.
- Contract signature for the reviewing of the project achievements and lessons learned.
- Three quarterly physical reports and three financial progress reports are elaborated.
- Two semester progress reports are elaborated.
- Organization of the ordinary session of the PSC has held on 15th to 16th December 2022 at Cotonou city which brought together the members of the PSC and the representative of UNEP. This PSC session was held in-person. [The report](#) and [the list of participants are available](#)
- Launching of the elaboration of the audit of project management in May 2023. A contract was signed with the National budget resources. It is expected to receive the report before the end of July.

Some challenges are highlighted as below:

The complexity of the requirements and the frequent changes in the national procurement process. Difficulty in accessing the mobilized national resources for the implementation of project activities. Government's restriction on organizing workshops outside of Cotonou and using hotels to host workshops. All meetings and workshops must be held on Government premises.

The PMU has undertaken initiatives to avoid a great delay in the implementation and to maintain the dynamic of the prior PIR (PIR 2022). Among them, we can highlight:

The establishment of the close professional relationship and frequent concertation with the Procurement Office Unit.
 Periodical meetings with the directory of planning, management, and finance in order to explain the content of Benin CCCD Project workplan and the commitment taken by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MENT) to deliver its co-finance part.
 Negotiations with Secretariat Permanent of the Ministry in order to obtain some derogation to this Government's restriction.

It is important to underline that the update quarterly virtual meetings between the Project Management Unit and the Project UNEP Team are organized. The advantage of these virtual is to follow up the progress of project, to raise its difficulties and challenges and to propose the appropriate solutions to overcome them.

These virtual meetings between the UNEP team and the project management unit allow the prorogation of the project until December 2023.

Clarification on the Mid-Term Review Evaluation:

The CCCD project in Benin, funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF): "Building Core Capacity for Implementation, Monitoring and Reporting of MEAs and Relevant SDGs in Benin", (the GEF CCCD Benin project) started a Medium-Term Review Evaluation process in early 2022, a consultant was hired to take over the evaluation.

The selected consultant submitted the first deliverable, which was a detailed work plan for the Medium-Term Review on 13 May 2022. He proceeded to work on the second deliverable, which was a draft Medium-Term Review report. As part of his work, he conducted a stakeholder mapping analysis, held interviews, and drafted the report's outline.

However, due to unforeseen and severe health issues that eventually led to the consultant's death, he was unable to complete the second part of the consultancy. However, UNEP received the stakeholder mapping analysis and the draft of the reports. The interviews could not be shared due to confidentiality clauses.

As an alternative, UNEP organized a 3-day knowledge exchange session in Naivasha, Kenya (from 17 January 2023 to 19 January 2023) by way of Medium-Term Review. The project members from both projects presented the achievements, challenges, and lessons learned from the project's lifespan during the session.

It was decided to use this as Medium-Term Review process, following by a discussion of findings and recommendations in respective project steering-committees, and reflect in the Project Implementation Report (PIR). Please find the following:

- [Note to file](#)
- [GEF CCCD Exchange Knowledge Benin Presentation](#)
- [GEF CCCD Exchange Knowledge Report](#)

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2.4. Co-financing

Planned Co-finance Total:	The total planned co-finance is \$300,000, comprising \$100,000 in cash and \$200,000 in kind. To date, the total co-finance amount is \$283,022, consisting of \$5,400 in cash and \$277,622 in kind. This total of \$283,022 represents 94.34% of the planned \$300,000.
Actual to date:	

	<p>In terms of actual cash co-finance, which is \$5,400, the percentage is 5.4% of the intended \$100,000. Meanwhile, the expenditure for in-kind co-finance (totaling \$277,622) represents 138.81% of the planned amount.</p> <p>This noteworthy percentage reflects the total expenditure of in-kind co-finance until June 30, 2023. This rate exceeds the scheduled target.</p>
Progress	<p>This progress is a result of the expenses incurred for the organization of the PSC in December 2022 and the contract amount for hiring the national firm to prepare the project audit report (\$5,400).</p>

2.5. Stakeholder engagement

Date of project steering committee meeting	<p>The PSC is held on 15 and 16 December 2022, with the participation of the UNEP Team project representative. The report and the list of participants are inserted in these links.</p> <p>The opening ceremony of this session is covered by Benin media: https://youtube.com/watch?v=t3kfH02zFmM&feature=share</p>
Stakeholder engagement	<p><u>2022 PIR</u></p> <p>A high number of stakeholders (sectorial ministries authorities, officers and NGO actors) participated actively in the workshops related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultative platform: Two consultative platform sessions have been organized in 2021 and 2022. They allowed the project stakeholders to better understand the environmental development statistic framework and to collect available appropriate data related to each component of the framework, to streamline these data and to highlight data gap collection. • The third awareness workshop for the governmental actors on the necessity to collaborate and to share experiences in MEAs implementation allowed the governmental actors from various ministries to recognize the necessity of cooperation and to share their experiences in the field of the implementation of MEAs in Benin. They expressed the engagement to continue to participate in the implementation of the project's activities. They also recommended the continuity of the cooperation even if the project ended. The report and list of participants are available. • The third awareness workshop for the NGO actors to share experiences and actions for the implementation of MEAs was organized, from 27 June 2022 to 29 June 2022, for the benefit of NGOs actors. This workshop allowed the NGOs actors to recognize the necessity of cooperation and share experiences in the implementation of MEAs in Benin at the local level. Furthermore, they recognized the add value of the project in the understanding to access the environmental fund resources, such as Green Climate Fund (GCF), Adaptation Fund (FA), and Global Environmental Facility (GEF). The report and the list of participants are available. • Excellent technical support from the GEF implementing Agency (the Science Division of UNEP) to the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MESD) throughout the project development and ongoing implementation phases. In order to facilitate the implementation of the project, the UNEP team often

	<p>organized virtual meetings with the PMU, and ad'hoc calls with the PMU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent support from the main national authorities (general director environment and climate, permanent secretary of the ministry, the head of cabinet, and the minister himself) and the technical directors of sectoral ministries, university Professors, and officers from NGOs in the project implementation. • Better understanding of the MEAs and the SDGs by the national Focal Points, the officers of sectorial ministries and the NGOs. <p>From PIR 2021 to PIR 2022, an increase in stakeholders' participation in project activities is noted. This number rose from 1005 in 2021 to 1276 in 2022, i.e., an increase in stakeholder participation of around 27%.</p> <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the participation of the national budget managers. <i>Retain participants to the project workshops and meetings.</i> <p><u>2023 PIR Update</u></p> <p>A high number of stakeholders (sectorial ministries authorities, officers and NGO actors) participated actively in the workshops related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Validation of the EIS during a national workshop from 12 to 14 December 2022 which brought together 27 participants coming from different sectorial ministries and NGO involved in Benin CCCD project: https://youtube.com/watch?v=6T8bkSaGL04&feature=share • Integration of the indicator's framework into the EIS, by using Indicator Reporting Information System (IRIS) • Presentation of the Environmental Information System (EIS), https://siseb.gouv.bj/, to the various actors through working groups and meeting organized by the Directory of Planning, Administration and Finances which is responsible of the EIS in collaboration with the PMU and the Directory of Information System. • Training on data collection and management methodologies, including the UNEP Live platform: A session was organized at Cotonou city with the assistance of an UNEP Statistical Expert Mr Dany GHAFARI, who came from Nairobi for the occasion. The training session was held from 25th October to 27th October 2022: https://youtube.com/watch?v=JBU1zA4PWfY&feature=share • Organization of two workshops to prepare Benin participants at the 15th Conference of the parties of the biodiversity convention in Canada, https://youtu.be/oLa1OxgMMZ4 and at the 27th Conference of parties of the climate change in Egypt respectively, on 29 and 30 September 2022 in Grand-Popo and on 25 and 26 October 2022 in Cotonou. • Updating of a training plan for the stakeholders, December 2022. • Excellent technical support from the GEF implementing Agency (the Science Division of UNEP) to the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MESD) throughout the project
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	<p>development and ongoing implementation phases. In order to facilitate the implementation of the project, the UNEP team often organized virtual meetings with the PMU, and ad'hoc calls with the PMU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent support from the main national authorities (general director environment and climate, permanent secretary of the ministry, the head of cabinet, and the minister himself) and the technical directors of sectoral ministries, university Professors, and officers from NGOs in the project implementation. • Better understanding of the MEAs and the SDGs by the national Focal Points, the officers of sectorial ministries and the NGOs. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the participation of the national budget managers. • Retain participants to the project workshops and meetings. <p>[section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]</p>
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2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	No
Gender mainstreaming	<p><u>2022 PIR</u></p> <p>From 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022, the Benin CCCD project involved men and women as following: The participation of women in the project activities, workshops, and meeting is appreciable. The project activities gathered 1276 participants comprising 183 females (14,34%) and 1093 males (85,66%) by the end of June 2022. It is noticed that female participation in the project activities is relatively remained the same. However, it is worth highlighting that the project steering committee (PSC) is chaired by a woman who is also the deputy minister of environment and sustainable development.</p> <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing women's participation in the implementation of project activities considering that only a handful with necessary capacities exists at the ministerial level. <p>The Project Management Unit is working with the sectoral ministries in order to take up this challenge.</p> <p><u>2023 PIR Update</u></p> <p>From 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023, the Benin CCCD project involved both men and women as follows:</p> <p>The participation of women in project activities, workshops, and meetings is notable. The project activities brought together a total of 1585 participants, with 252 females (15.9%) and 1333 males (84.1%) by the end of June 2023. It is evident that female participation in project activities has made considerable progress. Additionally, it is noteworthy that the project steering committee (PSC) is chaired by a woman who</p>

	<p>also holds the position of Deputy Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing women's participation in the implementation of project activities, considering that only a handful with necessary capacities exists at the ministerial level. <p>The Project Management Unit is working with the sectoral ministries to take up this challenge. At any meeting and workshop, it is fill up the participants list where there is column for gender (male and female). PMU explains the purpose of list which is to have more and more female's participation. The PMU urges sector ministry representatives to encourage the participation of ladies.</p> <p>[section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]</p>
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2.7. Environmental and social safeguards management

Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)	<p>Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage?</p> <p>No</p>
New social and/or environmental risks	<p>Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period?</p> <p>No</p>
Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts	<p>Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?</p> <p>No</p>
Environmental and social safeguards management	<p><u>PIR 2023 Update</u></p> <p>This being a capacity-building project that does not involve physical infrastructure or other activities that degrade ecosystems, this project had been assigned an overall Low (L) risk category during project development. As a result, no substantial or negative environmental risk was anticipated during project development as outlined in the UNEP Environmental, Social and Economic Review Note (ESERN)/risk assessment tool.</p> <p>The UNEP ESERN risk assessment tool is used to identify all potential environmental hazards posed by the implementation of projects activities and outlines proposed risk mitigations measures to be applied in managing these risks during implementation. All possible risks are classified into the following categories below [<i>SS1: Biodiversity, natural habitat & sustainable management of living resources; SS2: Resource efficiency, pollution prevention & management of chemicals & wastes; SS3: Safety of dams; SS4: Involuntary resettlement; SS5: Indigenous peoples; SS6: Labor and working conditions; SS7: Cultural heritage; SS8: Gender equity; and SS9: Economic sustainability</i>], all of which were not expected nor were any mitigation options/ plans proposed.</p>

	<p>As earlier anticipated, no project risk was experienced during the reporting period that could alter the overall Low risk category assigned during project design, this assures the application of any environmental and social safeguard-responsive measures.</p> <p>[section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]</p>
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2.8. Knowledge management

<p>Knowledge activities and products</p>	<p><u>2022 PIR Update</u></p> <p>During the period under review, the following activities related to knowledge management were conducted. In this regard, we can highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The finalization and adoption of the strategic plan for environment statistics, including an inventory of existing data and a data sharing, and compilation plan. That strategic plan will serve as the basis of the design and establishment of the environmental information system. After its establishment, the different studies related to the environmental indicators including data collecting during the consultative platform sessions, which can be consulted by the actors of environmental and MEAs actors. - Review the public policies and consultation with sectors to make possible amendments to the list of existing indicators. This activity allowed completion of the list of environmental indicators listed on the first inventory. As a result, we have more complete environmental indicators integrating the indicators of activities conducted by sectorial ministries. - The organization of two sessions of the consultative platform in November 2021 and January 2022, which gathered stakeholders intervening in the project. They allowed the project stakeholders to better understand the environmental development statistic framework and to collect available appropriate data related to each component of the framework, to streamline these data and to highlight data gap collection. - The organization of awareness workshops for the governmental actors and for the NGOs actors on the necessity to collaborate and to share experiences in MEAs implementation. Theses workshops have constituted an appropriate framework for the ministry of environment and sustainable development to know how the different actors (Ministry of Economic and Finances: National Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis, General Directory of national budget; Ministry of Development and governmental actions coordination: General Directory of SDGs' Coordination and Monitoring; Ministry of Water and Mines, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of University and Scientific Research, Ministry of Agriculture, livestock and Fishing; Ministry in charge of Meteorology, Ministry of Decentralization and Local Governance, the Media for outreach activities, Environmental NGOs Coordination (Pro Environment), MEA Nationals Focal Points) implement the different MEAs and how they integrate SDGs indicators. <p>There are here some videos and images of some of these activities:</p> <p>https://youtu.be/dzuLLW7G_Ss (awareness workshop for governmental actors on the necessity to collaborate and to share experiences in MEAs implementation)</p>
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<https://youtube.com/watch?v=GFkOVxQt8Ag&feature=share> (awareness workshop for NGOs and other actors involved in the management of environmental conventions).



From left to right: Prof. Martin Pépin AÏNA, Supervisor of the Project; Ms. Jeanne ADANBIOKOU AKAKPO, Head of Minister Cabinet and Chair of the Project Steering Committee and Mr. Ibila DJIBRIL, the Project Coordinator at the opening ceremony public actors' workshop.



The Family photo of workshop for NGO actors.





The Vice-chair of the Project Steering Committee, Mr. Memanton BONI YALLA, Director of Planning, Administration and Finance of MESD, and the Coordinator of Benin CCCD Project Coordinator, Mr. Ibila DJIBRIL at the opening ceremony of the workshop.

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During the period under review, the following activities related to knowledge management were conducted. In this regard, we can highlight:

- ✓ The participation in [knowledge exchange session organized by UNEP on GEF Cross-cutting Capacity Development Portfolio \(CCCD\)](#) from 17 to 19 January 2023 in Naivasha at Kenya.
- ✓ The training on data collection and management methodologies, including the UNEP Live platform: A session was organized at Cotonou city with the assistance of an UNEP Statistical Expert Mr Dany GHAFARI, who came from Nairobi for the occasion. The training session was held from 25th October to 27th October 2022, <https://youtube.com/watch?v=JBU1zA4PWfY&feature=share> .
- ✓ The validation of the EIS during a national workshop from 12 to 14 December 2022 which brought together stakeholders on the national process of environmental statistical, and Authorities of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, <https://youtube.com/watch?v=6T8bkSaGL04&feature=share> .
- ✓ The organization of the sessions to integrate the indicators from the environmental statistics development framework elaborated for UNEP, into the national EIS.
- ✓ The organization of different sessions to present the platform of the Environmental Information System (EIS) to the stakeholders of the environmental statistic.
- ✓ The organization of two workshops to prepare Benin participants at the 15th Conference of the parties of the biodiversity convention in Canada (COP15 CBD), <https://youtu.be/oLa1OxqMMZ4>, and at [the 27th Conference of parties of the](#)

	<p>climate change in Egypt respectively (COP27), on 29 and 30 September 2022 in Grand-Popo and on 25 and 26 October 2022 in Cotonou.</p> <p>[section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]</p>
<p>Main learning during the period</p>	<p>These activities achieved brought together various stakeholders who originated from the public sector and NGOs. They collaborated, exchanging knowledge and sharing information to solidify the accomplishments of the project.</p> <p>The experience-sharing workshop, organized by UNEP in Naivasha, Kenya, in January 2023, united representatives from countries including Benin, Botswana, Iraq, Mauritania, and South Sudan. These nations are active participants in the GEF's CCCD program. The event provided a platform for each country to share its unique experiences and best practices. At the national level, it is organized a national capacity-building workshop for stakeholders involved in environmental data management, data collection methodologies and the use of the United Nations Environment Programme platform, led by Gafar Dany of UNEP. The participants who came from line ministries have shared the experiences on environmental data management, collection methodologies through based on the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES 2013). They have shared the internal organisation to filling up this framework. This allows Benin to design its EIS which is operational since many months. The representatives of the various ministries and of the ridge of Benin environmental NGOProEnvironnement meet frequently in technical working meeting to feed this environmental platform. In the same vein, the MEAs national focal points who are all included in this EIS work in groups to feed this environmental information system. They are very enthusiastic to provide to the public their activities (participation in Conferences of Parties, technical meetings and national workshops) and the different national reports on these environmental conventions.</p>

2.9. Stories to be shared

<p>Stories to be shared</p>	<p><u>2022 PIR</u> Benin CCCD project implementation activities conducted to achieve concrete results as following that worth to be shared:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The establishment of a cooperation framework and partnership with sectoral ministries, NGOs and local governments, national focal points of the conventions for sharing information and experiences in the implementation of environmental conventions. This framework is materialized through two key elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the memorandum of understanding between the ministry of environment and sustainable development (MESD), the sectoral ministries and NGOs; - the consultative platform bringing together the technical officers of the various sectoral ministries and NGOs for the constitution of environmental data in accordance with the framework for the development of environment statistics (FDES).
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	<p>2) Establishment of clear links between the various national reports required by environmental conventions and the various environmental SDGs (SDGs 11, 12, 13, 14, 15). The stakeholders are familiarized with the notions of environmental targets and indicators as formulated in the SDGs.</p> <p>3) Strengthening cooperation between the MESD and local governments in the implementation of environmental agreements.</p> <p><i>Establishment of a clear monitoring mechanism for the payment of statutory contributions due by Benin under environmental conventions. As a result, Benin has almost paid its outstanding contributions under the MEAs.</i></p> <p><u>2023 PIR</u></p> <p>Benin's CCCD project implementation activities were carried out to achieve tangible results, as outlined below, which are worth sharing: The establishment of a cooperation framework and partnership with sectoral ministries, NGOs, national focal points of the conventions for sharing information and experiences in the implementation of environmental conventions. This framework is materialized through two key elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <u>The memorandum of understanding</u> between the ministry of environment and sustainable development (MESD), the sectorial ministries and NGOs. This MoU is signed by the Permanent Secretaries of ministries. The advantage to place these actors in the heart of this process is that they have a permanent position within the Government for many years, and they are also the hierarchic authorities of the General Directors of ministries. Therefore, the application of the MoU will be facilitated. ✓ The consultative platform bringing together the technical officers of the various sectoral ministries and NGOs for the constitution of environmental data in accordance with the framework for the development of environment statistics (FDES 2013). <p>Beyond the results achieved by the project and described above, the project obtained a first extension in May 2022 for 12 months and a second extension phase in May 2023 for six months.</p> <p>Also, the good collaboration between Benin and UNEP during the project formulation and implementation phases contributed greatly to flexibility in procedures on the part of UNEP. In this respect, UNEP is a privileged partner for Benin.</p> <p>It is important to highlight that the update quarterly virtual meetings between the Project Management Unit and the Project UNEP Team are organized. The advantage of these virtual is to follow up the progress of project, to raise its difficulties and challenges and to propose the appropriate solutions to overcome them.</p>
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	<p>These virtual meetings between the UNEP team and the project management unit allow the prorogation of the project.</p> <p>The institutional arrangement put in place by Benin CCCD Project allows the sustainability of the project actions and achievements. In this regard, the statistic framework is already conducted by the Directory of Planning, Administration and Finances and the platform website is managed by the Directory of Information System which are the permanent structures of the Government.</p> <p>The statistical platform on environmental data in Benin: https://siseb.gouv.bj</p> <p>[section to be shared with communication division/ GEF communication]</p>
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3. PROJECT PERFORMANCE AND RISK

Based on inputs by the Project Manager, the **UNEP Task Manager**³ will make an overall assessment and provide ratings of:

- (i) Progress towards achieving the project Results(s)- see section 3.1
- (ii) Implementation progress – see section 3.2

Section 3.3 on Risk should be first completed by the Project Manager. The UNEP Task Manager will subsequently enter his/her own ratings in the appropriate column.

3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes (Development Objectives)

³ For joint projects and where applicable ratings should also be discussed with the Task Manager of co-implementing agency.

Project objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June 2023	Progress rating ⁴
Outcome 1.0: A system for the management of environmental information and knowledge is operational for use in decision-making, planning and reporting	EIS with complete and updated data entry is operational. % of required MEA reports submitted.	MEAs are addressed through thematic working groups but there is no mechanism for information sharing amongst MEAs FPs	Final list of priority environmental indicators published. Establishment of the SCP and PMU Better information sharing between MEAs Focal Points is noticed.	<i>The established EIS system, including the list of priority indicators and the Coordination Unit enable users to produce better MEA and SDG reports, and to identify and close data gaps.</i>	79.5%	The EIS is fully put in place with the clear definition of the role and mandate of each actor. For example, in each ministry: The statistic focal point is appointed to fill up the data base related to his ministry activities. Also, a validator of these data is appointed, and he transmits the validated data to the national validator who is the Ministry of Environment Director of Planning, Administration and Finances. This national validator has the mandate to publish in the platform the validated data provided by other ministries. For the NGOs, the same mechanism is established (focal point and validator who also transmits the NGOs environment data validated to the national validator). After these appointments, they will be trained to have the technical capacity to fulfil their mandate. https://siseb.gouv.bj	HS

Project objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June 2023	Progress rating ⁴
Outcome 2.0: Enhanced capacities to develop and implement policies, plans and programmes integrating MEAs and related SDGs	% of new policies, plans and programmes (PPPs) that	Many policies, plans and programs are elaborated but do not integrate the	<i>100% of decisions made in the SPC are inclusive of major groups' voices</i>	80% of new PPPs integrate MEAs and related SDGs at the end of the project	80.77%	The development and implementation policies, plans and programmes integrate systematically MEAs and related SDGs. This is the national requirement. Benin CCCD Project is reinforced this requirement by providing technical guidance to policy makers, project developers.	S

⁴ Use GEF Secretariat required six-point scale system: Highly Satisfactory (HS), Satisfactory (S), Marginally Satisfactory (MS), Marginally Unsatisfactory (MU), Unsatisfactory (U), and Highly Unsatisfactory (HU).

Project objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June 2023	Progress rating ⁴
	integrate MEAs and SDGs % of decision made by the MEA platform that have taken major groups' contribution into account	questions linked to management of MEAs and related SDGs		100% of decisions made in the committee are inclusive of major groups' voices.	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This rule is systematically adopted and applied inside the project committee and all other national and subnational frameworks (Ministries, Municipalities and NGOs). <i>The Project Steering Committee (PSC) is composed of high authorities and experts of various ministries, including Ministry of Economic and Finances.</i> • Ministry of Planning and Development (National Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis). • General Directory of SDGs' Coordination and Monitoring. • Ministry of Water and Mines. • Ministry of Energy. • Ministry of University and Scientific Research. • Ministry of Agriculture. • Ministry in charge of Meteorology. • Ministry of Decentralization and Local Governance. • The Media for outreach activities. • Environmental NGOs Coordination (Pro Environment). <p>The Chair of this Committee is the Deputy Minister in charge of environment and the vice-chair is the Director of Planning, Administration and Finance of this ministry. He is the national authority of environmental data and the national manager of the EIS.</p>	

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3.2 Rating of progress implementation towards delivery of outputs (Implementation Progress)

Outputs/Activities ⁵	Expected completion date ⁶ : 30 December 2023	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2023 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Progress rating justification ⁷ , description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress rating ⁸
COMPONENT 1: Development of a coordinated environmental knowledge and information management system					
Output 1.1: Reporting and analysis of the current environmental information systems, data flows, statistics and reporting mechanisms related to the Rio Convention, other MEAs and relevant SDGs utilized by line ministries and other relevant agencies and institutions.	Q4, 2018 Q3, 2021 Q4, 2020	100%	100%	All the activities related to the output 1.1 are executed. The main challenge is implementation of the strategic plan recommendations and its monitoring and evaluation. Thus, after completion of the Benin CCCD project, this output will be sustained through the support of national budget resources or other partners.	HS
Act1.1.1: Organize a national project launch event	Q4,2018	100%	100%	Inception workshop held on 20-21 November 2018 at the city of Cotonou, and inception workshop report shared with UNEP.	HS

⁵ Outputs and activities (or deliverables) as described in the project logframe (and workplan) or in any updated project revision.

⁶ The completion dates should be as per latest workplan (latest project revision).

⁷ As much as possible, describe in terms of immediate gains to target groups, e.g. access to project deliverables, participation in receiving services; gains in knowledge, etc.

⁸ To be provided by the UNEP Task Manager

<p>Act 1.1.2: Develop and implement a strategic plan for environment statistics, including an inventory of existing data and a data sharing and compilation plan.</p>		100%	100%	<p>Before developing the strategy plan, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development has to design its sectorial statistics development strategy. The strategy of the statistic development for the environment sector has been validated throughout a national workshop from 29th to 30th December 2020, which brought together key stakeholders in the implementation of the environmental statistics information system in Benin and some members of the Project Steering Committee.</p> <p>The strategy plan will be derived from the strategy that is developed and validated in 2020.</p> <p>The strategic plan is finalized and validated from 17th to 19th November 2021 at Grand Popo city, by the stakeholders of the information system on environmental statistics. The finalization of this strategic plan intervened after the elaboration and the validation of the sectoral strategy for the development of statistics. The document of this <u>strategic plan</u> is available as well as the <u>participants 'list</u> of its validation workshop.</p> <p>Hardware and equipment have already been purchased and will be installed soon. Before developing the strategy plan, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development has to design its sectorial statistics development strategy. The strategy of the statistic development for the environment sector has been validated throughout a national workshop from 29th to 30th December 2020, which brought together key stakeholders in the implementation of the environmental statistics information system in Benin and some members of the Project Steering Committee.</p> <p>The strategy plan will be derived from the strategy that is developed and validated in 2020.</p> <p>The strategic plan is finalized and validated from 17th to 19th November 2021 at Grand Popo city, by the stakeholders of the information system on environmental statistics. The finalization of this strategic plan intervened after the elaboration and the</p>	S
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Outputs/Activities ⁵	Expected completion date ⁶ : 30 December 2023	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2023 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Progress rating justification ⁷ , description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress rating ⁸
				validation of the sectoral strategy for the development of statistics. The document of this <u>strategic plan</u> is available as well as the <u>participants 'list</u> of its validation workshop. Hardware and equipment have already been purchased and were installed and is being using.	
Act 1.1.3: Organize a workshop to validate the report & discuss implementation of technical assessment	Fill	100%	100%	The strategic plan was validated throughout a national workshop, which brought together key stakeholders in the implementation of the environmental statistics information system in Benin and some members of the Project Steering Committee. <u>The final version is available.</u>	S
Output 1.2: Implementation, information and communication network to help MEA focal points access and share available information	Q1, 2019 Q3, 2021 Q4, 2021 Q2, 2023	93%	95.31%	Apart from the activities related to South-South cooperation exchanges to share experiences all the other activities are performed. South-South cooperation exchange is scheduled in the fourth quarter of 2022. The delay caused under this activity (1.2.4) is due to the COVID-19 pandemic travel restrictions since 2020. Under Activity 1.2.3, hardware and equipment have already been purchased at the end of December 2021 and will be installed soon to help the unit in charge of statistics issue in the MESD.	S
Act 1.2.1: Restructure the Unit (Service de Gestion des Systèmes d'Information) in charge of data and information management to support MEAs and environmental SDGs coordination within the ministry	Q1, 2020	100%	100%	This output depends on the achievement of the output 1.1. A structural reorganization took place through a Ministerial order. The department in charge of statistics has been reorganized to be more efficient.	S

Outputs/Activities ⁵	Expected completion date ⁶ : 30 December 2023	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2023 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Progress rating justification ⁷ , description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress rating ⁸
Act 1.2.2 Strengthen the capacities of the staff of the Unit	Q2, 2021	100%	100%	<p>The training of ministry's officers in charge of statistics on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing of the statistical information systems and database management • Environmental Performance Indicator construction techniques • Technics for setting up and handling the IRIS tool for managing environmental indicators in relation to the SDGs. • Mastery of the basic notions necessary for the administration of databases, sharing and dissemination of data of the statistical information system to be set up through the MS tool. • Presentation of the appropriate methodological guide for data collection, processing, management, dissemination and archiving, including environmental data. <p>The report of the training, its annexes (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) and the list of participants are available.</p>	HS
Act 1.2.3: Purchase necessary equipment for function of the Unit	Q4,2021	100%	100%	Hardware and equipment were purchased at the end of December 2021 and will be installed soon to help the unit in charge of statistics issue in the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development.	S
Act 1.2.4: Organize South-South cooperation exchanges to share experiences	Q4,2022 Q1,2023	10%	33%	An experience sharing visit was organized to Kenya with the countries implementing the GEF CCCD projects (at Naivasha city in Kenya in January 2023).	HS
Output 1.3: Inventory of nationally appropriate environmental indicators based on MEAs and SDGs	Q2, 2020 Q3, 2020	100%	100%	All the activities related to this output are executed and <u>the validation report is available.</u>	S

Outputs/Activities ⁵	Expected completion date ⁶ : 30 December 2023	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2023 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Progress rating justification ⁷ , description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress rating ⁸
Act 1.3.1: Review existing environmental indicators on relevance and feasibility	Q2, 2020	100%	100%	An inventory of relevant environmental indicators related to MEAs, and SDGs has been completed. The inventory report is validated and available. This inventory allowed the National MEA Focal Points to better coordinate their activities through the obligations and the commitments under each MEA.	S
Act1.3.2: Review the public policies and consultation with sectors to make possible amendments to the list of existing indicators.	Q2, 2020	100%	100%	The reviewing report of the public policies and consultation with sectors to make possible amendments to the list of existing indicators is completed.	S
Act1.3.3: Organize a workshop to validate the indicators framework	Q2, 2020 Q3, 2020	100%	100%	A workshop was organized and brought together the sectoral ministries to validate the report. Comments and amendments were made to improve the report. <u>The final version is available</u> .	HS
Output 1.4: Agreement among key line ministries and agencies on the streamlining of data collection and sharing to fill data gaps and reduce unnecessary duplication	Q1-Q4, 2019 Q2-Q4, 2021	100%	100%	<u>The agreement</u> between key line ministries and agencies on the streamlining of data collection and sharing to fill data gaps and reduce unnecessary duplication is adopted and signed by the permanent secretariat of these ministries and the national coordinator of environmental NGOs (Pro environment) in December 2021. The challenge is the effective application of the provisions of this agreement by each party.	HS

Outputs/Activities ⁵	Expected completion date ⁶ : 30 December 2023	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2023 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Progress rating justification ⁷ , description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress rating ⁸
Act1.4.1: Elaborate agreement between key line ministries and agencies on the streamlining of data collection and sharing to fill data gaps and reduce unnecessary duplication	Q1-Q4,2019 Q4,2021	100%	100%	The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is approved by the Chair of the Project Steering Committee, the Deputy Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development. During the consultative platform session, the MoU was presented, discussed and validated by the key stakeholders of the project. The General Secretaries of the ministries and administrative officials of the institutions involved in the process of data collection and sharing have signed the Memorandum of Understanding during the month of December 2021.	S
Act1.4.2: Establish the steering committee of the project and define the composition	Q4,2019	100%	100%	<p>The Project Steering Committee (PSC) established through a Ministerial order. The 1stsession of the PSC took place in February 2019. UNEP participated in the 2ndPSC session for the year 2019, which held in Cotonou city from 1stto 4thOctober 2019. The report of the 2019 PSC meeting can be accessed from: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K0I1KcmZETmhgWygYF6lkJL7aiJFhT-B/view</p> <p>The 1stPSC session of 2020 has taken place in from 24th to 25thJune2020. The TV report is published on this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6O9wcjM_cU8&t=8s</p> <p>Due to the difficulties that arose during the 3rdquarter of 2020 to have the resources of the national budget, the PSC second session of 2020 is not organized. It has organized in October 2021. <u>The report and the list of participants</u> are available.</p>	HS

Outputs/Activities ⁵	Expected completion date ⁶ : 30 December 2023	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2023 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Progress rating justification ⁷ , description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress rating ⁸
Act 1.4.3: Organize a project workshop on the objective, the expected results and implementation arrangement which will conclude in the signing of the agreement	Q1,2019	100%	100%	<p>This workshop was organized from 26thto 28thFebruary 2019 in Cotonou City and brought together all stakeholders in the project. More than fifty participants, mainly focal points of conventions, took part in the three-day workshop. These are key ministries, NGOs, international institutions. This workshop was a success and allowed the convention focal points to present the actions carried out during the year 2018 and the perspectives for 2019.</p> <p>Some participants gave interviews to Benin’s national radio, ORTB.. Furthermore, the opening ceremony is covered by the National TV and private TV, Canal3. <u>The report of the workshop is available.</u></p>	S
Output 1.5: Training on data collection and management methodologies, including the UNEP Live platform ⁹	Q1-Q3,2019 Q2, 2020 Q4, 2022	85%	91.75%	<p>Except the activity 1.5.2 related to the training on data collection and management methodologies, including the UNEP Live platform, the other activities are fully executed.</p> <p>The delay caused under activity 1.5.2 is mainly due to the Covid-19 pandemic in year 2020 and 2021.</p>	S
Act 1.5.1: Establish a training plan for the stakeholders	Q1-Q2,2019	100%	100%	<p>A training plan for the stakeholders has been completed. <u>The report is validated and available.</u></p> <p>Otherwise, three years after elaboration the training plan for the stakeholders, we have engaged the process of updating this training plan. The opportunity will be given to integrate into this updated plan the needs of training of the stakeholders involved in the management of the National Environment Information System (NEIS).</p>	S

⁹ UNEP Live has been redesigned as the “World Environment Situation Room” (WESR)

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<p>Act 1.5.2: Organize training on data collection and management methodologies, including the UNEP Live platform</p>	Q1-Q3,2019 Q4, 2022	36%	67%	<p>We have to do 3 training sessions (one per year). The ToRs for the first session were elaborated and submitted for UNEP review, after which we prepared the first session of training on data collection and management methodologies including the UNEP live platform with the support of UNEP Staff. This training session was held from 20th to 22nd August 2019 with the support of an expert from UNEP at Cotonou city.</p> <p>The second session of the training was organized at Cotonou city from 25th October to 27th October. This training session was facilitated by an UNEP statistical expert Mr Dany GHAFARI. This session gathered the actors of the sectorial ministries, the platform of NGOs which intervene in environmental domains. The training session allowed the stakeholders to have better comprehension of the designing of the IT platform. <u>The list of participants is available.</u></p> <p>The third session will be organized in the third quarter of 2023 with the assistance of UNEP.</p>	MS
<p>Act 1.5.3: Train MEAs focal points on the implementation of the environmental SDGs in Benin and their specific indicators</p>	Q2, 2020	100%	100%	<p>Three Days' workshop is organized for training MEAs focal points for the implementation of environmental SDGs and their indicators. This workshop took place from 22nd to 24th May 2019 and brought together the focal points of various MEA conventions, including the Rio Conventions. The session was facilitated by an Expert on SDGs and Indicators issues. The training was appreciated by the focal points who wished that the project programs again this training next year. The report of the training session is available. Time allocated to this workshop has been deemed insufficient by the participants who have requested an additional session.</p>	HS

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Act: 1.5.4: Strengthen the capacities of the stakeholders on the main environmental assessment tools in order to compile better State Of Environment Reports (SOER)	Q3,2019	100%	100%	This capacity building session on environmental assessment tools for developing a better report on the state of the environment in Benin was held on 7-8 August 2019 in Cotonou, conducted by a panel of environmental assessment experts. This training was attended by the heads of the environmental units of sector ministries, State agencies and NGOs. Participants also expressed the need for the project to organize additional training on this issue.	HS
Output 1.6: Streamlined reporting system to MEAs and indicators for the environmental dimension of SDGs.	Q3, 2022 Q2, 2022 Q1, 2023	41,5%	79.5%	The Environmental Information System (EIS) based on recommendations from the technical assessment (Activity 1.1.2) was designed and presented to the different actors involved the collecting environmental data https://siseb.gouv.bj	S
Act1.6.1: Establish Environmental Information System (EIS) based on recommendations from the technical assessment (Activity 1.1.2)	Q3, 2022 Q1, 2023	45%	100%	The designing of the IT platform based on the recommendations of the strategic plan is completed and the IT platform was validated during a workshop which gathered the mains actors involved in the process. The validation workshop has taken place from 13 th to 14 th October 2022 at Cotonou city.	S
Act1.6.2: Integrate the Indicators Framework into the EIS, potentially by use of IRIS	Q3, 2022 Q1, 2023 Q2, 2023	65%	95%	The environment indicators which designed in the FDES (2013) by UNEP are introduced in the IT platform which was validated. The challenge now is the filling in the data by the statistical actors in the sectorial ministries and NGOs actors. Data focal points of sectoral ministries and stakeholder institutions have each received a login and password to access the platform. Thus, each of them will enter in the window of their ministry to fill in the data related to the indicators linked to their ministry's areas of activity. Then, a national administrator will be in charge of publishing the data entered.	MS

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Act 1.6.3: Train users on EIS	Q3,2023	0%	40%	The EIS was presented to the stakeholders: the sectorial ministries administrative authorities, statistical Focal Points of the sectorial ministries, the MEAs Focal Points and the mainly office which will manage the platform.	MS
Output 2.1: National dialogue for the different actors in charge of environmental management in the country	Q4, 2020 Q1, 2021 Q4, 2022	94%	94%	Activity 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 were fully executed during the previous reporting period. The follow up process is launched under activity 2.1.3. Working session was held to review the recommendations of the national dialogue and to identify the structures responsible for the implementation of these recommendations.	S
Act2.1.1: Conduct an evaluation of the implementation of the “National Charter for Environmental Governance” in Benin	Q2, 2021 Q2, 2021 Q3, 2021	100%	100%	The evaluation of the “National Charter for Environmental Governance” in Benin is completed. <u>The report</u> of the evaluation is elaborated and validated.	S
Act 2.1.2: Organize a conference for the national dialogue on environmental governance in Benin	Q1, 2022	100%	100%	The national dialogue on environmental governance in Benin took place from 23 rd to 24 th March 2021 in Cotonou city. This dialogue brought together about <u>90 participants</u> present physically and about thirty participants by video conference. The dialogue brought together all the actors of environmental governance: governmental actors, municipalities, NGOs, private sector, members of the National Assembly of Benin, partner institutions represented in Benin such as UNDP, World Bank, GIZ; NDC partnership Benin. This dialogue provided an opportunity to discuss the environmental governance model in Benin and the need for real involvement and collaboration between all stakeholders.	S

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Act 2.1.3: Follow up on the implementation of the national dialogue's recommendations	Q1,2022 Q1-Q3,2023	80%	80%	A working session was held to review the recommendations of the national dialogue and to identify the structures responsible for the implementation of these recommendations. This progress of 10% is linked to the project's monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations of the national dialogue by the identified responsible structures.	S
Output 2.2: Enhanced consultative, experience sharing and decision-making platform for the implementation of obligations under Rio Conventions, other relevant MEAs and related SDGs, including shared environmental information systems, collaborative institutional inter-ministerial and decentralized mechanisms (including sectoral ministries, civil society organizations, technical and financial partners)	Q3, 2021 Q4, 2022 Q4, 2022 Q4, 2022	91%	91%	The Activities related to output 2.2 are almost done except the activity 2.2.3 (Organize a capacity-building workshop for stakeholders on the relationship between different MEAs and the necessity to work in synergy) This activity has been scheduled twice earlier, however, it has been postponed. This activity is now planned to be done on Q3, 2023.	S
Activity 2.2.1: Conduct an inventory of the obligations and the commitments under each MEA.	Q3, 2021	100%	100%	The report of the obligations and the commitment under each MEA is completed and it validated the 17 th August 2021. <u>The final version of the report is available as well as the list of participants</u>	S
Activity 2.2.2: Organize sessions of the consultative platform.	Q3, 2019 Q4, 2021 Q1, 2022	100%	100%	Three sessions were organized, and the reports are available.	S
Activity 2.2.3: Organize a capacity-building workshop for stakeholders on the relationship between different MEAs and the necessity to work in synergy.	Q3,2023	10%	10%	This activity has been scheduled twice earlier, however, it has been postponed. This activity is now planned to be done on Q3, 2023.	MS

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<p>Activity 2.2.4: Organize awareness workshops for governmental actors on the necessity to collaborate and to share experiences in MEAs implementation.</p>	<p>Q3, 2019 Q2, 2021 Q2, 2022</p>	<p>100%</p>	<p>100%</p>	<p>Three, 3, awareness creation workshops (one per year) are expected. <u>The first</u> (of two days) awareness workshop took place from 29th to 31st May 2019. This workshop allowed to exchange with the governmental actors on the need to collaborate and to share experiences in the field of the implementation of MEAs in Benin. The report is available. <u>The second</u> awareness workshop aimed at governmental actors was organized from 17th to 18th November 2020 and brought together sectorial ministries, MEAs National Focal Points and Environment Ministry Officers, around 36 participants. A mini workshop to sensitize public actors (General Secretaries of the EIS partner Ministries) was organized on 17th November 2021 in Cotonou City. The workshop aimed to sensitize public actors on the agreement and validation of the memorandum of understanding. The third awareness workshop with governmental actors has taken place from 22nd to 24th June 2022 and brought together 29 participants who came from sectorial ministries, public offices and National representative NGO coordination. <u>The report</u> of the workshop is available as well as the list of participants.</p>	<p>HS</p>

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Activity 2.2.5: Organize awareness workshop for NGOs and other actors involved in the management of environmental conventions.	Q3, 2019 Q2, 2021 Q2, 2022	100%	100%	<p>Three awareness workshop (one per year) are expected.</p> <p>An awareness for experience-sharing workshop was organized in 2019 for non-governmental organizations and institutions involved in the field of the environment. This workshop brought together at least 50 participants from all regions of Benin.</p> <p>The second awareness workshop aimed at NGOs was organized from 19th to 20th November 2020 and brought together the <u>NGOs actors through the country, Municipalities, Prefectures, MEAs National Focal Points, around 45 participants.</u></p> <p>The third awareness workshop with NGOs has taken place from 28th to 29th June 2022 and brought together 28 participants who came from the National and prefectural representative NGO coordination, the conventions national Focal Points. <u>The report and the list of participants</u> of the workshop are available.</p>	S
Output 2.3: Training of MEA s focal points on the Conventions' technical and financing mechanisms	Q3, 2019 Q2, 2020 Q2, 2021 Q3, 2023	85,73%	100%	<p>Activities 2.3.1, 2.3.2 and 2.3.4 were successfully completed.</p> <p>A second session for the activity 2.3.3 is rescheduled to consolidate the knowledge gained during the previous training session.</p>	S
Activity 2.3.1: Identify the capacity building needs for better technical knowledge of MEAs.	Q3, 2019	100%	100%	<p>A consultant was recruited to identify the needs on capacity building initiatives. A diagnostic analysis of the governance of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) was done and it resulted in an assessment of capacity building needs. <u>A diagnostic report of identified needs is available</u></p>	S

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Activity 2.3.2: Strengthen the Focal Points capacity on the identified needs related to the technical and financing mechanisms of the MEAs.	Q3, 2019 Q2, 2020	100%	100%	This activity is related to the 2.3.1. A consultant was recruited and about 45 permanent and alternate National MEAs focal points have been trained for better management. The 2019 training report is available. The second session of MEAs National Focal Points was organized from 13th to 15th October 2020 at the City of Cotonou, and brought together 30 participants. The report is available.	S
Activity 2.3.3: Build the capacity of the MEAs Focal Points on the technical English applied to environmental issues for gaining more opportunities offered by the MEAs.	Q2, 2021 Q3, 2023	80%	80%	The first training session has taken place from April to May 2021 and brought together the Conventions National Focal Points. The report is available. The contract to hire English building capacity firm is signed to organize the second session. The second session of the capacity building in English will be held during the third quarterly 2023.	S
Activity 2.3.4: Support the Focal Points to prepare and report to the Conferences of Parties (CoP).	Q3, 2019 Q2, 2022 Q4, 2022	46,67%	100%	A workshop was organized to prepare Benin participants for the 15 th Conference of the parties of the biodiversity convention (COP15). It was an occasion to prepare and internalize the guidelines of regional and continental positions about the biodiversity issues. That workshop was held from 29 th to 30 th September 2022 at Grand Popo city in Benin. The workshop held together about 25 participants who came from NGOs, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Universities, Government actors. Another workshop was organized for preparing national participants for the 27 th Conference of parties of the climate change which held at Egypt. This workshop held from 25 th to 27 th October at Cotonou city and brought together about 25 participants members of the national committee of climate change.	S

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Output 2.4: Demonstration projects of the application of an integrated approach to environmental information management of different MEAs and SDGs at local levels in key sectors	Q2, 2020 Q4, 2022 Q3, 2023	32.5%	32.5%	Activity 2.4.1 is completed. Two Projects Identification Form (PIF) have been elaborated and three activities to demonstrate synergy between the convention focal points have been identified. The demonstration activities were scheduled for Q3-Q4 of 2020, but due to the coronavirus pandemic, the implementation of these activities has been postponed again.	MS
Act 2.4.1: Consult with MEA Focal Points to determine priorities and develop specific demonstration projects.	Q2, 2020	100%	100%	Two Projects Identification Form (PIF) have been elaborated and three activities to demonstrate synergy between the convention focal points have been identified.	S
Act2.4.2: Implement demonstration projects.	Q4,2022	25%	25%	This activity is related to 2.4.1. During 2021, the demonstration projects haven't been implemented due to the constraints of agenda of the key stakeholders of these projects. The measures taken by the Government to combat the coronavirus pandemic did not allow to organize this activity of implementing demonstration projects throughout the country in the municipalities which are identified. The Government has lifted the measures. So, the implementation of these demonstration projects will take place in the second quarter of 2022 and funded by the GEF budget.	MS
Activity 2.4.3: Distribution of Lessons Learnt and best practice among decision-makers and environmental stakeholders for possible replication or scale-up.	Q3-Q4,2023	0%	0%	This activity is related to 2.4.2. The lessons learnt will be shared after implementing the demonstrative projects.	MS
Output 2.5: Public environmental education for sustainable development and awareness raising activities with a focus on climate change, biodiversity and land degradation	Q3, 2022 Q2, 2023 Q4, 2021	78%	81.50%	This output has been implemented since 2019 and will be pursued in year 2023. The awareness activities on local radios and TV help to share information about the MEAs and their link with the SDGs is ongoing. In addition, it is the occasion for the local authorities to apprehend the opportunities offered by the MEAs to develop the mainstreaming projects for sustainable development.	MS

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<p>Activity 2.5.1: Organize workshop for local governments throughout the country related to environmental management and SDGs.</p>	<p>Q4,2019 Q3,2020 Q3,2023</p>	<p>66.67%</p>	<p>69.99</p>	<p>Four workshops were organized from 17th to 20thDecember 2019 in the cities of Abomey city, Aplahoué city, Lokossa city and Porto Novo city. These workshops mobilized in each city, municipal officials, heads of prefectural services, NGOs and the local office of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development. The reports are available. Other four follow-up workshops were organized between 23rd to 27th November 2020 in Benin cities/towns of Kandi, Parakou, Djougou, and Natitingou in northern of our country. Those workshops brought together around 124 participants. The report is available. There are some of the pictures of these workshops.</p>	<p>S</p>
<p>Activity 2.5.2: Organize behaviour change broadcasts with local radio stations for information, education and environmental communication.</p>	<p>Q2-Q4,2020 Q1-Q4,2023</p>	<p>48%</p>	<p>75%</p>	<p>Three contracts are signed with three local radios for six months in the year 2021. Ten contracts related to awareness on the local radio stations were signed for six months in year 2023. The broadcasts or awareness campaigns are currently taking place on local radios for a period of 6 months with 10 local radios.</p>	<p>S</p>

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Activity 2.5.3: Produce and air environmental education broadcasts on TV.	Q4,2019 Q1-Q4,2020 Q4,2022	100%	100%	Six (06) television broadcast was organized on the national television (ORTB) on the thematic related to the management of the MEAs at Benin, the new institutional framework of MEAs management, the biodiversity convention, the climate change convention. One television broadcast was organized in June 2022. It related to the implementation of the Rio convention in Benin. In total, 7 television broadcasts were organized. The links are below: 1. https://youtu.be/FYTCZvoum9I 2. https://wetransfer.com/downloads/26ce5f53f97d3c8a9777756e575fac4220220816170554/4e1f00e6d87d2cca1e2c026cb76f4b1420220816170644/713633	S
Output 2.6: Sustainability strategy for the continued implementation of MEAs and the environmental dimension of SDGs, including a mechanism for regular contributions by Benin to the MEAs.	Q1,2019 Q4, 2021 Q4, 2022	36%	66%	The procurement process of the activities 2.6.1 and 2.6.2 is achieved. The activities 2.6.1. and 2.6.2 are ongoing now. The mechanism of Benin payment contributions is working. Benin's contributions payment is significantly improved thanks to a good collaboration of work established between the Ministry in charge of environment and the Ministry of Economy and Finance.	MS
Activity 2.6.1: Elaborate a strategy for sustaining the actions undertaken by the project.	Q4,2022 Q1-Q2,2023	20%	75%	A contract for elaboration of the strategy of the sustainability was signed and the study was launched. The draft of the strategic report is available. It will be validated in July 2023.	MS
Activity 2.6.2: Review achievements and lessons learned and mobilize resources from the national budget to support the sustainability of the actions of the project.	Q1-Q2,2023	20%	40%	Public procurement documents are developed and submitted to the procurement officers. The contract is signed, and the study https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Sk883HtQIGt7zhGNjPU98Ev_oYldsBnb/view?usp=sharing started.	MS

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<p>Activity 2.6.3: Create a follow up mechanism for Benin's payment contributions to the functioning of the MEAs.</p>	Q1-Q4,2019	100%	100%	<p>The working sessions brought together actors from the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Development and the Ministry of the Environment. A draft inter-ministerial decree (Minister of the Environment and Minister of Economy and Finance) is prepared and submitted to the authorities for opinion before being transmitted to the secretariat of the government for approval and signature by the Minister of the Environment and the Minister of Finance. The authorities considered that there was no need for an inter-ministerial decree to this effect. Meetings will be held at the invitation of the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development periodically to assess the steps taken in the programming of resources for the payment of these contributions and the effectiveness of the release of these payments. But in the national budget, more than \$150,000 are affected to the payment of Benin contributions.</p> <p>A review of the process of payment of contributions on AMEs by Benin was organized in the presence of stakeholders: the NFPs, the ministry in charge of finance, the ministry of foreign affairs and cooperation.</p> <p>The report is available</p>	S

4. Risk Rating

4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

Please refer to the **Risk Help Sheet** for more details on rating.

Risk Factor	EA's Rating	TM's Rating
1. Management structure – Roles and responsibilities	L	L
2. Governance structure – Oversight	L	L
3. Implementation schedule	L	L
4. Budget	L	L
5. Financial Management	L	L
6. Reporting	L	L
7. Capacity to deliver	L	L

If any of the risk factors is rated a Moderate or higher, please include it in table B below.

4.2 Table B. Risk-Log

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Risk	Risk affecting:	Risk Rating							Variation respect to last rating	
	Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	MTR	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Δ	Justification
Risk 1: Regular change of the project team	Outcome 1 and Outcome 2	M	L	L	L	L	L		=	No change is noticed.
Risk 2: The different key lines ministries and agencies don't know their responsibilities as for the MEAs data collection and the related SDG.	Outcome 1	M	L	L	L	L	L		=	The different key lines ministries and agencies are more interested and motivated to participate in project activities.
Risk 3: The different stakeholders don't make use of the knowledge acquired through training	Outcome 2	M	L	L	L	L	L		=	No change is noticed.

Risk4 Complexity of procurement process	Outcome 1 and Outcome 2	N/A	M	M	<u>M</u>	L	L		=	No change is noticed.
Consolidated project risk		N/A	L	L	L	L	L		=	So far, the risk is low, and no new risk is occurred.

Table B. Outstanding Moderate, Significant, and High risks

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIR _{t-1} , MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	Additional mitigation measures for the next periods		
			What	When	By whom

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.
Significant Risk (S): There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that **assumptions** may fail to hold 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 modest risks.
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 modest risks.

5.1 Table A: Listing of all Minor Amendment

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<input type="checkbox"/> Executing Entity Category | <input type="checkbox"/> Minor project objective change
<input type="checkbox"/> Safeguards
<input type="checkbox"/> Risk analysis
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase of GEF project financing up to 5%
<input type="checkbox"/> Co-financing
<input type="checkbox"/> Location of project activity
<input type="checkbox"/> Other |
|---|---|

[\[Annex document linked to reported minor amendment\]](#)

Minor amendments	The project no cots-extension on 30 May 2023 has been made to give an additional 07 months for the execution (ending 30 December 2022) to address project challenges faced due to government procurement procedures and conduct an 'exit workshop' with stakeholders to finalize discussions on project sustainability. The extension will ensure project success, build on achievements and ensure long-term impact.
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5.2 Table B: History of project revisions and/or extensions

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
Original legal instrument				30 May 2022	
Extension 1	Extension	Yes	30 May 2022	30 May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PCA amendment has been made to give an additional 12 months for the execution (ending 30 May 2022) in order to complete all activities and ensure the project's effectiveness in the country. Work Plan is amended for the purpose of PCA amendment <p>The detailed budget is amended for the purpose of PCA amendment.</p>

Extension 2	Extension	Yes	30 May 2023	30 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PCA amendment has been made to give an additional 07 months for the execution (ending 30 December 2022) to address project challenges faced due to government procurement procedures and conduct an 'exit workshop' with stakeholders to finalize discussions on project sustainability. The extension will ensure project success, build on achievements and ensure long-term impact. Work Plan is amended for the purpose of PCA amendment. <p>The detailed budget is amended for the purpose of PCA amendment.</p>
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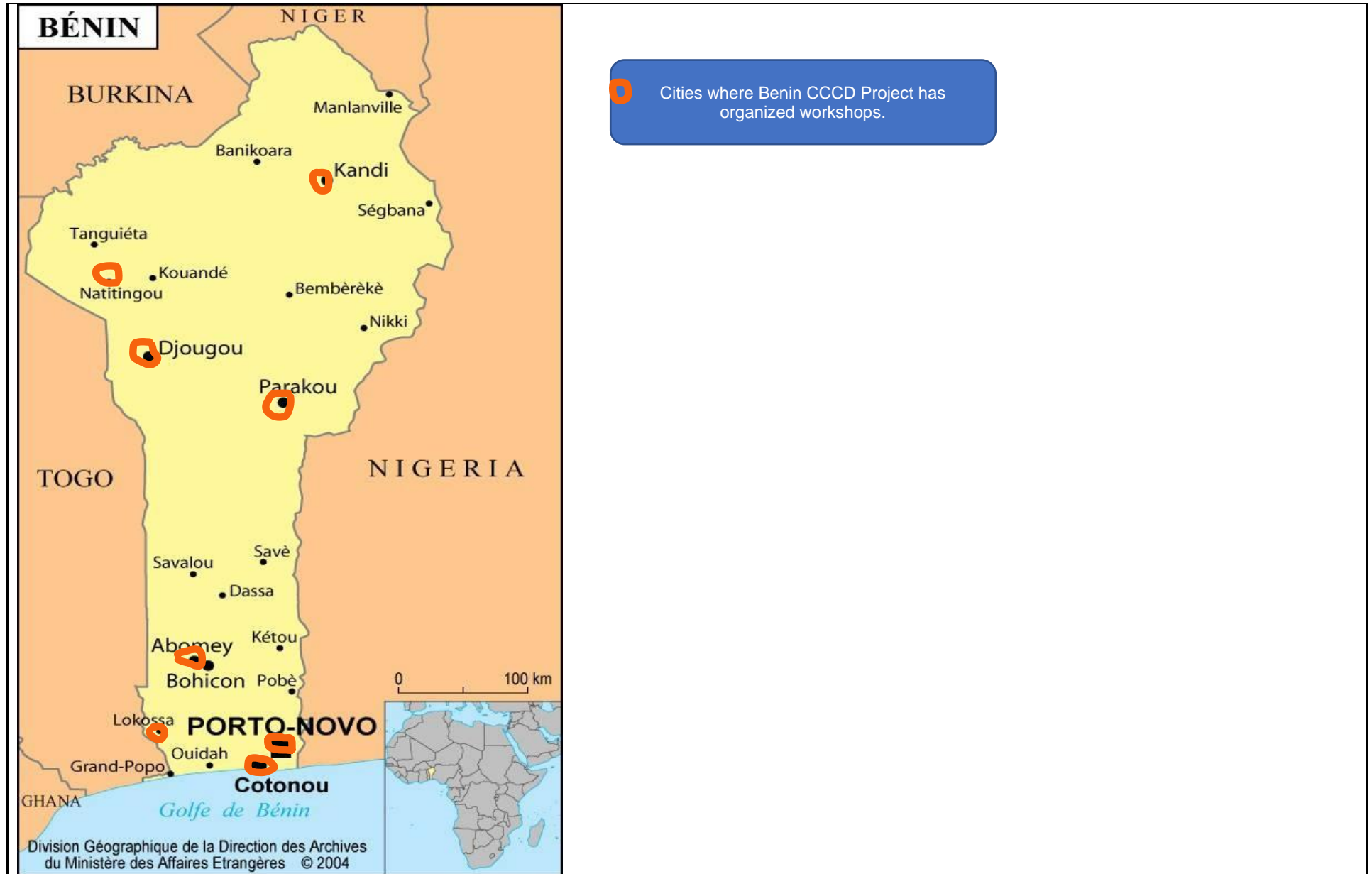
GEO Location Information:

The Location Name, Latitude and Longitude are required fields insofar as an Agency chooses to enter a project location under the set format. The Geo Name ID is required in instances where the location is not exact, such as in the case of a city, as opposed to the exact site of a physical infrastructure. The Location & Activity Description fields are optional. Project longitude and latitude must follow the Decimal Degrees WGS84 format and Agencies are encouraged to use at least four decimal points for greater accuracy. Users may add as many locations as appropriate. Web mapping applications such as [OpenStreetMap](https://openstreetmap.org/) or [GeoNames](https://www.geonames.org/) use this format. Consider using a conversion tool as needed, such as: <https://coordinates-converter.com> Please see the Geocoding User Guide by clicking [here](#)

Location Name Required field	Latitude Required field	Longitude Required field	Geo Name ID Required field <u>if</u> the location is not an exact site	Location Description Optional text field	Activity Description Optional text field
Republic of Benin	9.5	2.25	2395170	Covering a whole country	Covering a whole country

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

[Annex any linked geospatial file]



The Cross-cutting Capacity Development (CCCD) project was designed to strengthen the legal, policy, and planning frameworks to support collection and sharing of environmental data covering a whole country.