

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

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Countr(ies):	Regional, Colombia, Jamaica, Panama
Implementing Agency:	UNEP

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in Latin American and Caribbean cities through a circular economy approach

Country

Regional, Colombia, Jamaica, Panama

GEF ID

10547

Implementing Agency

UNEP

Executing Entity

Cartagena Convention Secretariat

Trust Fund

GET

Project Type

FSP

PIR Submission

9/12/2026

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2026 , 3rd PIR

Objective

Reducing marine plastics and plastic pollution in the Latin America and the Caribbean region by facilitating circular actions at the city level to accelerate the transition to a circular economy, in line with government and business commitments on addressing marine plastics and plastic pollution.

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Moderately Unsatisfactory

Development Objective

Moderately Satisfactory

Overall risk

Moderate Risk

Project Financing

7,665,000.00

Cumulative Disbursement

2,248,000.00

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

6/2/2022

Agency Approval

11/28/2022

Implementation Start 12/22/2022	First Disbursement 1/18/2024
Expected MTR 6/1/2026	Actual MTR 6/1/2026
Expected Completion 12/31/2026	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Progress: Information on progress and outcomes of project implementation activities

The project aims to reduce marine plastic pollution and accelerate the transition towards a circular economy in selected cities across Latin America and the Caribbean by strengthening enabling policies, supporting innovative circular economy solutions, promoting regional cooperation, and enhancing knowledge, capacity, and stakeholder engagement. Despite initial implementation delays, solid progress was achieved at regional level and for 2 project countries across all four project components. For one of the project countries, national activities are still to be initiated. Component 1 Solid progress was made in strengthening the policy and institutional foundations required to support circular economy implementation at the city level. Colombia and Panama completed participatory assessments of existing policy and legal frameworks related to circular economy and plastic waste management, identifying strengths, gaps, opportunities, and barriers that will inform the development of city-level Policy Action Plans. Jamaica has not yet completed this assessment but has a preliminary list of policies to be improved and/or developed, these will be reviewed based on the assessment. Throughout this process, the UNEP plastics unit provided continuous technical support through coordination meetings, technical guidance, review sessions, and methodological assistance to ensure consistency and alignment with the project's objectives and expected outcomes. The resulting policy action plans are expected to provide a robust framework for the adoption of enabling policies that reduce marine plastic pollution and support the transition to circular economy approaches. Both Jamaica and Panama have identified the policies they intend to improve or develop. In Panama, a consultant has been contracted to support ANCON in developing a National Circular Economy Policy, including a specific chapter on single-use plastics, as well as policy action plans for both Colón and Panama City. In addition, they will develop a Guideline for the Reduction of Plastic Use in the Commercial and Logistics Sector for Panama City and Colón. They will also prepare a Draft Administrative Resolution for the Management of Marine Plastic Waste from Small Vessels. In Jamaica, the project will support the formulation of a National Single-Use Plastics Policy, the review and update of the National Solid Waste Management Policy (NSWMP), and the review and update of the Environmental Management System (EMS) Policy. In Colombia, based on the diagnoses conducted in both cities, the project team is currently working with the cities to identify the policy instruments they would like to improve or develop. Component 2 Progress was also achieved in advancing the design and preparation of circular economy interventions that will be implemented under the project. Technical guidance was provided by the UNEP Industry and Innovation branch- Plastics unit to the implementing partners in Colombia and Panama to identify and formulate upstream and downstream pilot interventions using participatory approaches with local stakeholders. To facilitate transparent implementation of these pilots, a standardized Request for Proposals (RfP) template was developed by the UNEP Industry and Innovation branch- Plastics unit to support participating cities in procuring eligible waste collectors and recyclers. In parallel, the UNEP Industry and Innovation branch- plastics unit also designed a Global Environmental

Benefits (GEBs) reporting template to establish a consistent methodology for monitoring project results, with further expansion planned to incorporate all project components in collaboration with GRID-Arendal. Engagement with the private sector also advanced considerably during the reporting period. UNEP CCS - through its sub-contractor (Collective Leadership Institute) - conducted Industry Round Tables in four participating cities, creating a platform for dialogue between project partners and private sector representatives to identify opportunities, challenges, and potential partnerships for the implementation of circular economy solutions. These consultations informed the development of a structured Private Sector Engagement Approach to guide project countries and cities on the collaboration with businesses throughout project implementation and contribute to the long-term sustainability and scalability of project interventions. Capacity-building efforts were further strengthened through the delivery of the in-person workshop 'The Art of Stakeholder Engagement', which enhanced stakeholder engagement and facilitation skills among implementing partners and national counterparts' by the UNEP Plastics unit to all three project countries and its cities at the PSC meeting in May 2026. Panama has decided on the approach to be used for the development of the circular economy pilots. The approach will be implemented through the Industry Roundtables, which are currently developing the Terms of Reference for a call for proposals to select the most impactful downstream and upstream circular economy pilots. The selected pilots will receive technical guidance and seed funding for their implementation. This approach was endorsed by UNEP CCS and the Industry and innovation Branch-Plastics Unit, as it creates synergies among stakeholders and provides a clear purpose and function for the Industry Roundtables. Colombia has contracted a consultancy firm that is both a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) and an environmental consulting firm specializing in circular economy and waste management. The initial formulation of the pilots has been discussed with the consultancy, including the possibility of building on the collective EPR plan, REPACK, potentially by strengthening the existing plan to increase the quantities of plastic collected, recycled, and upcycled. Several meetings were held with representatives from the cities during Q1 and Q2 2026 to jointly plan and define the circular economy pilots. Although Jamaica has not yet officially started the project implementation phase, with guidance from UNEP CCS, the country has already identified the downstream circular economy interventions it intends to implement. These include strengthening waste management infrastructure in both cities and installing a barrier in one of the most important gullies in Montego Bay to trap and collect waste, including significant quantities of single-use plastics.

Component 3 At the regional level, important milestones were achieved in consolidating the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Inter-City Network on Marine Plastics and the Plastic Circular Economy. Communication materials describing the network's objectives, governance structure, and membership were developed and disseminated by the UNEP Latin America and the Caribbean Office, while the first in-person meeting of network members enabled the validation of key technical and governance arrangements which was held in May 2026. The network also held its second Governing Body meeting virtually in June, during which the representative from the City of Panama was elected as Chair. Additional progress included the development of a performance tracking mechanism to monitor network implementation and results, substantial advancement of the Harmonized Action Plan, and the formal incorporation of eight additional cities into the network, demonstrating growing regional interest and commitment to collaborative action on marine plastic pollution.

Component 4 Knowledge management, communication, and capacity-building activities continued to support project implementation throughout the reporting period. The Project Communication Strategy was finalized and actively implemented under the leadership of the UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat (CCS), with project achievements disseminated through the Regional Seas Newsletter, the project and UNEP CCS website, social media platforms, and other communication channels. The project website was also aligned with IW:LEARN guidance. In coordination with the project countries, the project's branding was updated to 'Circular Cities Beyond Plastics'. Technical support was also provided to countries to strengthen their national communication activities by the Cartagena

Convention Secretariat and to ensure consistency with the project's overall communication strategy and key messaging. Both Panama and Colombia have conducted several awareness-raising and communication activities, contributing to the project milestone of sensitizing 500,000 people on circular economy, marine plastic pollution, waste management, and related topics. In Panama, the project revamped and adapted the communication and educational campaign “El Hombre de Plástico” (The Plastic Man) to raise awareness and provide education to civil society and other stakeholders on plastic pollution and waste management. In addition, several activities were conducted in local schools, including educational activities on waste characterization. During Q2, Panama also developed graphic and visual content to populate the project website, leveraging the Recycling Month activities—including Yo Celebro Reciclando, Pesca de Basura, and monthly recycling drives—as sources of imagery and testimonials. In Colombia, awareness-raising activities were conducted as part of the 2026 ACODAL Congress, including technical presentations, a panel discussion, and an institutional exhibition booth. These activities reached 220 participants and contributed to increasing the visibility of the project's objectives. In addition, 50 participants received certificates of completion for attending the panel discussion entitled “Plastic Circularity Strategies: Advancing Innovation through Sustainable Production and Consumption Models,” which was conducted as part of the project's capacity-building activities. Considerable progress was also achieved in integrating Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) considerations across project implementation. A dedicated GESI Consultant was recruited by the Cartagena Convention Secretariat to lead this process, resulting in the development of a GESI Guidance Note and a modular GESI survey tailored to the context of each participating country. The survey will be implemented during the second half of 2026, and its findings will inform the preparation of the project's GESI Action Plan while supporting the systematic integration of gender and social inclusion considerations into project activities.

Monitoring and evaluation A major milestone during the reporting period was the completion of the project's Mid-Term Review (MTR), which assessed implementation progress and identified opportunities to strengthen project delivery during the remaining implementation period. The review's main recommendations included: strengthening the financial and project management capacity of the Project Management Unit by hiring a full-time project manager and dedicated finance officer, increasing the frequency of Project Steering Committee meetings, improving monitoring and coordination mechanisms, identifying closer collaboration opportunities between the industry roundtable and inter-city network, the development of a project sustainability plan, and extending the project implementation period through a no-cost extension until June 2028 to better align project implementation with country-level activities. The review also recommended for countries and cities to consider re-scoping their activities for the remaining project lifetime. The report reconfirmed the project's high strategic relevance to national, regional, and global strategic priorities, as well as those of UNEP's and the GEF secretariat.

Project coordination At the end of October 2025, the project fell without a dedicated project manager, the project's technical support staff contract ended in January 2026, and by January 2026 the executing agency also lost its dedicated finance officer. In April 2026, a temporary project manager was hired while a finance officer was appointed to support project execution. A dedicated project management assistant was assigned in January 2026. During the absence of these roles, the Cartagena Convention Secretariat supported the project with existing staff through co-finance. The Project Management Unit (PMU) at the Cartagena Convention Secretariat maintained regular coordination with contracted project countries through biweekly meetings to monitor progress, provide technical guidance, resolve operational issues, and support implementation planning. The PMU also convened regular coordination meetings with UNEP technical assistance teams, including the Latin America and the Caribbean Office (LACO), and the UNEP Plastics Unit, ensuring effective coordination, technical alignment, and integration across project activities. The Project Steering Committee (PSC), held in Panama City during the second quarter of 2026, endorsed the MTR recommendations and approved key strategic decisions to strengthen project implementation. These include agreement on the MTR recommended no-cost extension

through June 2028, and the approval of the updated PSC Terms of Reference with a better reflection of the national execution partners. The PSC also requested project and annual workplans and forecasts to be resubmitted for approval with the requested changes incorporated, as well as a project budget revision. These should reflect the approved project extension and are pending approval in 2026 Q3. In addition, both Panama and Colombia are holding regular Steering Committee meetings at the national and city levels, using a participatory, bottom-up co-design approach for the design and implementation of project activities. Although implementation in one country has experienced delays, the relevant agreement between Cartagena Convention Secretariat and the country is expected to be finalized during the early part of the third quarter of 2026. Once implementation formally begins, they will contribute to the achievement of the project's regional objectives alongside the other participating countries. Overall, the project has made strong progress in establishing the policy, institutional, technical, and collaborative foundations necessary to accelerate the transition towards a circular economy and reduce marine plastic pollution across participating cities. While several country-level interventions remain under preparation and will be implemented during the next reporting period, the policy frameworks, pilot designs, regional cooperation mechanisms, stakeholder engagement processes, communication activities, and knowledge products developed to date have created important enabling conditions for achieving the project's long-term environmental and socio-economic objectives, within the context of the PSC approved project extension. The PIR outcome ratings take into account the PSC approved project extension to June 2028. While the new project workplan reflecting the project extension is being updated for approval in Q3 2026, PIR output ratings are based on the last approved workplans from 2025.

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

Over the past year of project implementation, the project encountered several challenges that affected the pace of implementation. 1. Human resource constraints within UNEP CCS had a significant impact on project implementation. The project lost the Project Manager at the end of October 2025 and the project's technical support staff contract ended in January 2026. The executing agency also lost its dedicated finance officer in January 2026. This left the project with no dedicated support for a few months (covered by in-kind support of existing executing agency staff). However in April 2026, a temporary project manager was onboarded for a six month period whilst the Executing Agency seeks to recruit a full time replacement Project Manager. Also a dedicated project management assistant was assigned in March 2026. 2. While two of the three participating countries signed agreements with the regional executing agency (UNEP CCS) in 2025 and started work on the ground, one country has yet to start project implementation. This increases the risk of the project not delivering on its outcomes and objectives by the project end date. The country has reconfirmed their continuous commitment to the project, despite national elections resulting in government restructuring exercises, and having been hit by an extreme weather event during the end of 2025 and start of 2026. This commitment was reconfirmed at the PSC meeting in May 2026. 3. Noting the overall risk related to project outcomes and objectives delivery - resulting from the delayed start of project activities in the project countries at national and city level in 2025 with activities in one country yet to commence - the project's Mid Term Review recommended a 18 month extension to the project. This recommendation was endorsed by the Project Steering Committee at their third meeting in May 2026 in Panama City. 4. As indicated in the MTR report, the 5% cap on PMC creates structural challenges for complex multi-country regional projects involving multiple executing partners, extensive monitoring and reporting requirements, and complex governance arrangements. 5. National execution partners have indicated challenges related to reporting on the project's Global Environment Benefits. The project has provided initial guidance and will collaborate with the GEF Plastic Reboot programme in Q3-Q4 2026 to establish a more in-depth tracker and organise relevant training workshops with project partners. 6. Given the lag in project implementation, re-engagement of co-finance partners (especially at national and city level) is necessary while some of the projects under which funds were

committed were no longer operational. The EA is actively re-engaging identified partners through the executing partners in the countries and the UNEP LACO office, while new co-finance sources are also being identified.

C. Stakeholder Engagement

According to the information provided in the project's Stakeholder Analysis and Engagement Plan, the following progress and challenges have been observed during the reporting period with respect to the key stakeholder groups identified in the Appendix:

Progress:

In both Colombia and Jamaica, the public sector has been identified as the stakeholder group with the highest level of interest and influence in the project. Throughout the reporting period, government institutions in Colombia remained actively engaged in project implementation, providing valuable technical inputs and participating in consultations.

In Jamaica, the level of government engagement was initially affected by external circumstances, including the Category 5 hurricane that struck the country during Q4 2025 and the subsequent national elections, which resulted in the establishment of a new Ministry of Water, Environment and Climate Change. These events temporarily delayed government participation in project activities. However, during Q1 and Q2 2026, the level of engagement improved significantly, with the new government counterparts actively participating in project coordination activities.

In Panama, the private sector was identified as the primary stakeholder group. Through the formulation of the circular economy pilots and consultations conducted as part of the Industry Round Tables (IRTs), the project achieved a strong level of engagement with private sector stakeholders. These consultations helped identify opportunities for collaboration, informed the design of the pilots, and strengthened partnerships to support the implementation of circular economy solutions.

Throughout the reporting period, the level of public sector engagement in Colombia remained strong and highly constructive. National and local government counterparts continued to actively participate in the project's implementation through regular consultations, technical discussions, and contributions to the development of project activities. Key stakeholders included the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, the cities of Barranquilla, Cartagena, and Santa Marta, and INVEMAR, a quasi-public institution serving as the project's main implementing partner in the country.

Government institutions have demonstrated a strong commitment to the project by providing valuable technical inputs and actively participating in the co-creation process, particularly for the formulation of the Policy Action Plans under Component 1. Their contributions have been instrumental in ensuring that the proposed policy measures respond to local needs and priorities while remaining aligned with national circular economy and waste management policies.

During Q2 2026, INVEMAR, in its role as implementing partner, decided to appoint a new contractor to support the formulation of financial instruments and the implementation of the circular economy pilots under Component 2. This decision was made to strengthen the technical and administrative implementation of these activities. The new contractor is expected to begin work in August 2026, ensuring the continued progress of the project's objectives.

Representatives from all three participating countries and their six target cities actively participated in the Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting held in May 2026 in Panama City, Panama. Representatives from

Colombia's national government participated virtually, while the remaining country and city representatives attended the meeting in person. The PSC provided an important platform to review implementation progress, discuss strategic and technical matters, and strengthen coordination among project partners.

Challenges:

The public sector in Jamaica was identified as the primary stakeholder group in the Stakeholder Analysis and Engagement Plan. During 2025, the level of interaction and consultation with government stakeholders was limited due to reduced staffing capacity, competing institutional priorities, the impact of a Category 5 hurricane, and the national elections, which resulted in the establishment of a new Ministry of Water, Environment and Climate Change.

Despite these challenges, stakeholder engagement improved significantly during Q2 2026 as new government counterparts became actively involved in project implementation. It is also important to note that the Government of Jamaica decided that the project's national executing agencies would be the municipalities (townships), rather than dedicated non-profit or research institutions, as is the case in Colombia and Panama.

Other stakeholders:

Regarding the other stakeholder groups identified in the Stakeholder Analysis and Engagement Plan (including the private sector, academia, and non-governmental organizations), the level of engagement increased during Q1 and Q2 2026 as the project transitioned from the planning stage to active implementation. This included the engagement of a broad range of stakeholders in the formulation of the circular economy pilots, the development of the Policy Action Plans, consultations through the Industry Round Tables (IRTs), and the incorporation of eight additional cities into the Inter-City Network under Component 3. The level of engagement with these stakeholder groups is expected to continue increasing as project implementation advances and activities are scaled up.

In addition, opportunities for collaboration were identified with UNEP's Plastic Reboot Programme, resulting in their support for the production of the project's first video, to be undertaken in Q4 2026–Q1 2027, and the development of the reporting and tracking mechanism for the project's Global Environmental Benefits (GEBs) that will start in Q3 2026. Several project stakeholders have also participated in the Plastic Reboot webinar series. In addition, the project is planning to prepare and deliver a joint session on "Sustainability Beyond Projects" at the IWC11 event, to be held in November 2026.

Opportunities for future stakeholder engagement include strengthening collaboration with the adjacent PROMAR project, re-engaging co-financing partners, and mapping additional projects, initiatives, and potential co-financiers actively working in the region, such as MarViva in Panama. This stakeholder and partnership mapping exercise is planned for Q3 2026 and is expected to identify synergies, enhance coordination, and leverage additional technical and financial support for project implementation.

Throughout the reporting period, stakeholder engagement activities have not only supported broad participation but have also generated inputs that have informed project implementation and decision-making. Feedback gathered through policy consultations, industry roundtable meetings, Inter-City Network activities and participatory sessions for the identification and design of circular economy pilots has been used to identify stakeholders' priorities, needs and perspectives and to refine proposed project interventions. In particular, discussions with government institutions and private-sector stakeholders have contributed to shaping the Policy Action Plans and the design of circular economy pilot projects, while the exchanges within the Inter-City Network have facilitated the identification and sharing of practical experiences and potential solutions among participating cities. The project will continue to document these outcomes and the ways in

which stakeholder feedback influences project implementation and decision-making throughout the remaining implementation period.

D. Gender Equality

The Gender Action Plan consists of the following activities:

Activity 1: Develop a survey to identify the causes hindering the reduction of gender disparities in the plastic manufacturing and recycling sectors.

Status during the reporting period: Achieved. The GESI Consultant joined the project at the beginning of Q2 2026 and, using a participatory approach, developed a modular survey in close collaboration with the three implementing partners to ensure its relevance to the national contexts. During the review process, it was identified that certain terminology and questions related to LGBTQI+ groups need to be adapted to reflect the legal and policy context in Jamaica. The survey is currently being revised accordingly prior to its implementation in the three participating countries.

Actions taken and forthcoming: Colombia and Panama are implementing the GESI survey during July 2026 with representatives from the different stakeholder groups involved in the plastics value chain across the project cities. Following the completion of the survey, the GESI Consultant will analyze and interpret the results to identify key findings, opportunities, and gaps related to gender equality and social inclusion. These findings will inform the development of the project's GESI Action Plan and support the integration of GESI considerations into project activities and decision-making processes. The survey will also be implemented in Jamaica once the country-specific adaptations have been finalized.

Activity 2: Prepare a gender guidance note to be used by all bodies responsible for participatory and decision-making exercises.

Status during the reporting period: Achieved. The GESI Consultant developed a GESI Guidance Note based on the project's logical framework and tailored to the specific social, institutional, and regulatory contexts of the three participating countries.

Activity 3: Identify women's groups that can help raise awareness and ensure balanced female/male participation, targeting over 40% female participation.

Status during the reporting period: Partially achieved. As the project progressed into its implementation phase, several vulnerable and underrepresented groups were identified through the application of the GESI approach, including women waste pickers and recyclers, migrants, LGBTQI+ populations, and other relevant stakeholder groups. The identification of these groups is considered an ongoing process and is expected to continue throughout project implementation as engagement with local stakeholders expands and project activities are implemented.

Forthcoming actions: The implementing partners are currently implementing project activities and will continue identifying and engaging women's groups and other underrepresented stakeholders throughout project implementation. The GESI Guidance Note includes a dedicated section on monitoring female and male participation, with practical recommendations to ensure that women's participation remains above the project's target of 40% across project activities.

Activity 4: Identify key communication channels that effectively reach women with appropriate messaging.

Status during the reporting period: Not achieved.

Forthcoming actions: The overall Project Communication Strategy has been finalized and, during the reporting period, each implementing partner adapted it to its national context and available resources. As implementation progresses, the Communications Consultant, in collaboration with the GESI Consultant, will identify the most appropriate communication channels and tailor key messages to effectively reach women and other priority GESI stakeholder groups across the participating countries.

The main difference between the Gender Action Plan and the Gender Guidance Note is that the Gender Action Plan outlines specific activities, means of verification, responsible parties, allocated budgets, and country-specific considerations based on the different cultural and social contexts. The Gender Guidance Note, on the other hand, is one of the activities included in the Gender Action Plan and provides practical guidance to the implementing partners on how to integrate gender considerations into their work plans and project activities, including the expected deliverables.

The Gender Action Plan is considered a living document, as the implementing partners are expected to gain a deeper understanding of the cultural and social characteristics of their stakeholders as project implementation progresses. Accordingly, the plan will be updated as needed, incorporating gender-related information and lessons learned generated through project implementation and stakeholder engagement.

It is important to note that the two National Executing Partners currently implementing the project (Colombia and Panama) are reporting gender-disaggregated data for each meeting and event through their quarterly reports. The data reported to date are attached as an Excel table and show an average participation of 54% women. In addition, among the private-sector representatives who have participated so far in the industry roundtables under Component 2, 53% are women.

The participation of women in these activities, consistently representing more than 50% of participants, is contributing to their empowerment by providing them with opportunities to actively engage in discussions, influence decision-making processes, and access opportunities related to the circular economy and recycling sectors. Women have participated in a range of project activities, including public policy consultations, awareness-raising events on the circular economy, and sessions focused on identifying and developing potential circular economy pilot projects. Through these spaces, the project is promoting women's leadership, voice and decision-making influence, while creating opportunities for their meaningful engagement in the transition towards a circular economy.

In the next reporting period, women's participation is expected to continue through their engagement in the circular economy pilot projects. In addition, the findings from the GESI survey will provide further evidence on dimensions such as leadership, decision-making influence, economic empowerment and access to opportunities within the circular economy and recycling sectors, which can be reported in the next PIR once the results are available.

E. Knowledge Management

In line with the project's Knowledge Management Strategy:

The project website was developed as a dedicated sub-site within the UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat (UNEP CCS) website and aligned with the IW:LEARN platform to facilitate knowledge sharing and project visibility: <https://www.unep.org/cep/projects/circular-cities-beyond-plastics>

A dedicated section for the Inter-City Network (ICN) was incorporated into the project website under Component 3, providing information on the Network's objectives, governance structure, participating cities,

and key implementation milestones. <https://www.unep.org/cep/projects/circular-cities-beyond-plastics-project/inter-city-network>

The Executing Agency (EA) created a dedicated shared folder within the project's SharePoint site hosted by the UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat (UNEP CCS). This repository contains key project documents and resources intended for use by the implementing partners, facilitating information sharing and collaboration throughout project implementation.

During the reporting period, the first project bulletin was developed, highlighting the project's key achievements and latest developments. The bulletin will be issued on a bimonthly basis to keep project partners and stakeholders informed of implementation progress, major milestones, and upcoming activities. <https://www.unep.org/cep/news/blogpost/circular-cities-beyond-plastics-bulletin>.

The EA also held several discussions with the UNEP communications division to clarify the process for managing and archiving the knowledge products generated by the project. As a result, it was agreed that selected knowledge products will be uploaded to UNEP's Knowledge Repository to ensure their long-term accessibility and dissemination. The first project knowledge product has already been reviewed and approved for inclusion in the repository. <https://wedocs.unep.org/items/29a72615-59ea-4865-82ff-f0d63892577a>. The project has identified further avenues for ensuring the sustainability of the knowledge generated under this project and will make the necessary arrangements in the next year.

As project implementation progresses, new knowledge management needs are expected to emerge in response to the implementation of activities and the generation of project outputs and knowledge products. These needs will be assessed on an ongoing basis to ensure that appropriate knowledge management mechanisms and tools are developed and implemented as required.

Broadly, knowledge management within the project will focus on:

- Documenting lessons learned and best practices.
- Sharing and disseminating project outputs to key audiences to support the replication and scaling-up of successful approaches.

These actions are incorporated into the Project Communication Strategy and will be implemented throughout the project implementation phase. As project activities progress and additional knowledge products are generated, new knowledge management needs will be identified and addressed to ensure the effective capture, dissemination, and use of project knowledge.

III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	
Components and Cost	
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	
Financial Management	

Implementation Schedule	
Executing Entity	
Executing Entity Category	
Minor Project Objective Change	
Safeguards	
Risk Analysis	
Increase of GEF Financing up to 5%	
Co-Financing	
Location of Project Activity	
others	

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Cartagena. Colombia	10.4	-75.5	3,687,238

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in Latin American and the Caribbean cities through a circular economy approach in Cartagena. Colombia.

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Barranquilla. Colombia	10.963889	-74.796389	3,689,147

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in Latin American and the Caribbean cities through a circular economy approach in Barranquilla.

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Kingston. Jamaica	17.971389	-76.793056	3,489,854

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in Latin American and the Caribbean cities through a circular economy approach in

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Montego Bay. Jamaica	18.466667	-77.916667	3,489,460

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in Latin American and the Caribbean cities through a circular economy approach in Montego Bay. Jamaica

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Panama City. Panama	8.983333	-79.516667	3,703,443

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in Latin American and the Caribbean cities through a circular economy approach in Panama City. Panama

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Cólon. Panama	9.357222	-79.898611	3,712,076

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in Latin American and the Caribbean cities through a circular economy approach in C6lon. Panama

V. ANNEX

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