

# PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Project ID:	10428
Project Name:	Strengthening Mauritania's national capacity for transparency and ambitious climate reporting
Countr(ies):	Mauritania
Implementing Agency:	UNEP

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## I. Overview

### A. Description

Project name

Strengthening Mauritania's national capacity for transparency and ambitious climate reporting

Country

Mauritania

GEF ID

10428

Implementing Agency

UNEP

Executing Entity

Department of Climate and the Green Economy - MEDD

Trust Fund

GET

Project Type

MSP

PIR Submission

9/2/2025

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2025 , 3rd PIR

Objective

Strengthen Mauritania's capacities in climate transparency, according to the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement and thereby achieve its sustainable low-carbon development goals.

### B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Moderately Satisfactory

Development Objective

Satisfactory

Overall risk

Low Risk

Project Financing

1,206,909.00

Cumulative Disbursement

200,000.00

### C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

11/19/2021

Agency Approval

6/1/2022

Implementation Start 7/6/2022	First Disbursement 8/30/2022
Expected MTR	Actual MTR
Expected Completion 6/30/2027	Actual Completion

## II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

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

#### Summary of Progress Towards Outcomes:

Following nearly 2 years of administrative challenges, the Ministry of Environment (Executing Agency) has managed to establish the Project Manager Unit (PMU), including the recruitment of the Project Manager (PM) in April 2024 and the Financial Officer in August 2024. A workplan and budget revision were prepared to reflect the delays incurred and set new completion dates for the different project outputs and deliverables, aiming for a revised project completion by 30 June 2027. Since the project is only in its 1st year of implementation, it is too early to measure progress against the achievement of the project's Outcome and its associated end-of-project target. It is however likely the project will now be able to achieve its targets by the time it reaches the updated technical completion date (30 June 2027), since the critical obstacles previously hindering project implementation have now been overcome (i.e. establishing the PMU and hiring of key experts / consultants). For this reason, the rating towards the likelihood of achieving the expected Outcome is **"Satisfactory"**.

#### Summary of Progress Towards Outputs:

The project's inception workshop was organized on 24 September 2024. During the period under review, the project management unit also organized the 1st and 2nd PSC meetings, respectively on 10 October 2024 and 17 April 2025. During the period under review, the PMU has been engaged in the recruitment process of the Technical Advisor as well as the senior and national experts who are in charge of the work under output 1.1. An assessment report on institutional and technical gaps and barriers in the thematic areas MRV, GHG inventory, mitigation, and adaptation, including gender considerations in climate reporting (deliverables 1.1.1, 1.1.2 and 1.1.3), was prepared by the lead expert and will be validated at a workshop scheduled for 2 July 2025. Although slightly delayed, the work under output 1.2 started in Q2 2025. Drafts tools and methodologies for the 4 IPCC sectors (Energy, IPPU, AFOLU and Waste) were discussed during a workshop on 30 June 2025 (deliverable 1.2.1). Finally, the work under output 1.3 is expected to begin in Q3 of 2025, once the experts are hired. While implementation of project activities is now underway, the project is facing a slight delay compared to the targets set in workplan revision 1. As such, the project's implementation progress is rated **"Moderately Satisfactory"**.

#### Overall Risk Summary:

In the previous PIR, the main risk identified was related to the lengthy procurement and hiring processes of consultants and experts. Since most critical recruitments have been completed in Q1 2025 to begin project activities under output 1.1 and 1.2, the project is now rated at **"Low"** risk.

## B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

So far, the main challenge identified is related to the lengthy procurement and hiring processes of consultants and experts. To speed up future procurement processes, the PMU will submit to the MEDD Procurement Commission a plan of all the contracts expected under the project, with the amounts and the execution period for overall validation.

## C. Stakeholder Engagement

The inception meeting was held on 24/09/2024 at the Nouakchott Hotel with 40 participants (30 men and 10 women). After the inception meeting, the PMU organised the first PSC meeting on 10/10/2024 at the MEDD's main meeting room, with 16 participants, including two women. This first PSC meeting was the opportunity to present the Workplan and Budget Revision 1, as well as the deliverables and expected results of the project to all the stakeholders. The second PSC meeting was held on 17/04/2025 at the MEDD's main meeting room, with 12 participants, including one woman. This second PSC meeting was the opportunity to introduce the newly hired consultants and experts to the national stakeholders and prepare their consultations.

The project also supported the participation of the Project Manager in COP29 in Baku in November 2024, to engage in events and with other countries on climate transparency

## D. Gender Equality

The Gender consultant responsible for ensuring that the project's Gender Action Plan is implemented and to monitor the gender responsive measures/results of the project, has started his work during Q1 2025. A first workshop to validate the Gender expert's first deliverable (i.e. Gender Considerations in Climate Reporting) is scheduled for July 2025.

## E. Knowledge Management

Since activity implementation has only effectively started in Q1 / Q2 2025, it is still too early to report on knowledge management products. This will be further elaborated in the 2026 PIR.

## III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	
Components and Cost	Given the delays in setting up the Project Management Unit, the project has undergone a complete revision of the budget and to rephrase the unspent funds from 2022 and 2023 to years 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027. However, the budget allocated to each project output remains the same.
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	
Financial Management	
Implementation Schedule	Given the delays in setting up the Project Management Unit, the project has undergone a complete revision of workplan to update the outputs /

	deliverable completion dates. The new technical completion date is now 30 June 2027.
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
Nouakchott, Mauritania	18.08581	-15.9785	2,377,450

Location Description:

Activity Description:

#### V. ANNEX

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