

TERMINAL EVALUATION

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| Project ID: | 5891 |
| Project Name: | Preparation of Saudi Arabia's Initial Biennial Update Report to UNFCCC |
| Countr(ies): | Saudi Arabia, Regional |
| Implementing Agency: | UNEP |

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Preparation of Saudi Arabia's Initial Biennial Update Report to UNFCCC

Country

Saudi Arabia, Regional

GEF ID

5891

Implementing Agency

UNEP

Executing Entity

Designated National Agency (DNA)

Trust Fund

GET

Project Type

EA

Objective

To prepare and submit Saudi Arabia's first biennial update report (BUR) to UNFCCC and in doing so enhance Saudi Arabia's capacity to meet its reporting obligations under the UNFCCC on continuous basis

B. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

6/12/2014

Agency Approval

8/24/2017

Implementation Start

8/20/2014

First Disbursement

8/24/2017

Expected MTR

MTR Submission

11/24/2025

Actual MTR

Expected Completion

6/30/2016

Actual Completion

3/4/2018

Actual TE

11/21/2025

TE Submission

11/24/2025

Final Disbursement

6/25/2018

C. Disbursements

Project Financing

385,440.00

Cumulative Disbursement

337,000.00

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Main Terminal Evaluation Findings

- Saudi Arabia successfully submitted its first Biennial Update Report (BUR1) to UNFCCC on 03 April 2018, meeting its obligations under decisions 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17.
- The BUR1 included updated GHG inventories, mitigation actions, and economic diversification initiatives aligned with decision 24/CP.18.
- The project strengthened institutional and technical capacity for climate reporting and mainstreamed climate considerations into national planning.
- It improved transparency in GHG data and mitigation tracking, demonstrating Saudi Arabia's commitment to UNFCCC and readiness for future reporting obligations.

B. Stakeholder Engagement

- Broad participation from government ministries (Environment, Energy, Industry, Agriculture, Water, Transport, Municipal Affairs), research institutions, private sector, and the National Statistics Authority.
- Sectoral Technical Working Groups (TWGs) developed and validated sectoral data and methodologies.
- National consultations and validation workshops ensured transparency, accuracy, and ownership of BUR1.

C. Gender Equality

Although the project did not have a dedicated gender component, gender considerations were integrated through inclusive stakeholder engagement. Consultations and workshops were open to both men and women, ensuring equal access to capacity-building activities.

D. Knowledge Management

- Knowledge sharing through national consultations, expert meetings, and validation workshops.
- Capacity-building activities for technical analysis and MRV systems.
- Strengthened institutional frameworks for climate transparency.

III. Core Indicators

IV: Co Financing

| Sources of Co-financing | Name of Co-financier | Type of Co-financing | Investment Mobilized | Anticipated at CEO(\$) | Materialized at MTR(\$) | Materialized at TE(\$) |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Recipient Country Government | Designated National Agency | In-kind | | 104,000.00 | | |
| Total Co-financing | | | | 104,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Comments

V: ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS

Overall Project/Program Risk Classification

| PIF | CEO Endorsement/Approval | MTR | TE |
|-----|--------------------------|-----|-----|
| | | | Low |

Measures to address identified risks and impacts

- This was a low-risk project. No negative impacts were identified during project design and implementation.

VI. ANNEX

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