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Comments from United Kingdom on SPCRs

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Jamaica

- UK welcomes the SPCR. It is comprehensive, aligned well with national development policies (e.g. Vision 2030), and tries to build on other related programmes and complements the proposal recently submitted to the Adaptation Fund for endorsement.
- It has a clear focus on boosting climate data and management, targeting two vulnerable and important watersheds, and assisting the private sector and communities to finance adaptation initiatives.
- The expected results are well articulated, but reference to gender dimensions is poor and should be elaborated on. Addressing challenges faced by women, youth and persons with disabilities is included in the agricultural risk management component, but gender analysis and mapping to improve effectiveness of strategies is not clearly integrated across all the SPCR programme components e.g. in vulnerability assessments, sector based strategies for climate resilient planning, public awareness or the targets.
- It is important that linkages with the regional programme in areas of climate modelling, mainstreaming and health/water adaptation are well co-ordinated and further developed.
- More detail of how monitoring will be integrated within national M&E systems would be useful.
- Lessons learnt from previous or ongoing initiatives could be brought out more clearly.
- More information on how resources will be integrated and rationalised and potential overlap avoided with the adaptation fund proposal would be helpful.
- Measuring the cost effectiveness and value for money of interventions, especially new approaches will be vital in deciding how best to proceed in the future.
- The management and institutional arrangements seem sensible and within the appropriate existing government departments and working groups.
- The UK has recently helped set up a hazard insurance facility for micro credit lending in Haiti. It would be worthwhile considering a similar risk management strategy for the planned private sector /community adaptation credit facility being proposed with loan financing (Loan request US\$ 6.4m).