

SPCR Sub-committee Comments and Responses, Endorsed Regional Track SPCR

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UNITED KINGDOM	
<i>General</i>	
<p>Gaps in addressing particular needs of vulnerable people, gender and role of private sector have been identified and further studies to address these are included under the preparation grant. It is crucial that targeting at poor and vulnerable groups and other key groups/individuals is improved across the region and at national level. Given regional data constraints, additional resources for collection, processing and reporting are likely for this and initiatives that boost as well as link to regional poverty assessments, national statistic and census work needs to be considered. How this is to be targeted to inform risk profiling work should also be elaborated on during detailed design.</p>	<p>This point is noted. The data to be provided in this initiative will be made readily available through the climate change clearing house, and can be accessed and used in poverty reduction and vulnerability assessments by those persons who execute in the respective areas. It will not be feasible, however, for the climate change and climate centers to directly address gaps in poverty and vulnerability assessments as these are the purview of the region's statistical agencies, mainly the CSOs/NSOs. At most modules for inclusion in training of trainers and supervisors of poverty assessments and strategy development can be designed and executed by and through the NSOs. Some countries in the region are in the process of conducting their household population and Household Income and Expenditure Surveys, all of which will be useful data sources that the project intends to utilise.</p>
<i>Coordination across countries</i>	
<p>The ability to pull together the various components and link with the individual country tracks as complementary programmes will be challenging. Careful consideration going forward of reporting requirements and roles is required. How will coordination functions be assessed? Complementarities between national and regional actions (outlined in Annex 4) should be elaborated on</p>	<p>It is fully intended that the coordination of activities among all the parties under this regional track will be elaborated and executed during the implementation of the regional SPCR. The coordination mechanism elaborated will include the linkages between national and regional track activities also. <i>It is important to note that not all of the national track activities</i></p>

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<p>during the next stage and roll out to non PPCR countries further developed.</p>	<p>are linked to or dependent on regional track activities. As such, it is not feasible or desirable that there be “coordination” from the regional track level. Further, the coordination functions will be assessed under the three ones principle developed by the Centre in its Implementation Plan and is currently being implemented. Under this Principle is the aim to develop one monitoring and evaluation framework which can also be used to assess coordination functions. Moreover, the involvement of PPCR Member States on the PSC will ensure complementarity between national and regional actions.</p>
<p>Weaker aspects of the proposal pertain to links with governance arrangements for Regional IP but we understand this is still under development. The SPCR could provide useful building blocks. Identifying local networks to support planning is also crucial and needs to be expanded upon.</p>	<p>Local networks to support planning will be especially relevant in Component 4, where adaptation initiatives will be applied. The respective agencies that are proponents of the sub-components here will each spearhead the local network of support in the respective areas. It is important to note to that to varying extents, local networks have been identified and engaged to collaborate on each of the national SPCRs by the respective executing/implementing agencies.</p>
<p>Results framework</p>	
<p>A clear results framework is included but some more detail on methodology would be useful. The SPCR arrangement for soft monitoring, setting of baselines, inclusion of gender and evaluation should also be clearly articulated in detailed project preparation. Further clarification for example is needed on what is meant by number of adaptation finance mechanisms. The baseline provided is zero although Jamaica however now has a NIE for access to Adaptation fund resources.</p>	<p>Noted. This will be addressed</p>

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GERMANY	
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<p>We consider it of utmost importance to define complementarities with national strategies and actions during the next stages of preparation. In general, the regional track should concentrate its activities on dissemination of best practices/lessons learnt and their scaling up, and on designing and implementing regional capacity development and training programs.</p>	<p>Noted. This will be addressed and the Centre has routinely followed an approach of conducting pilots and use these to develop lessons learnt periodicals and scaling up, i.e., SPACC, GCCA, and CDKN's Risk Management Projects.</p>
<p>It might be worthwhile to pay more attention to the aspects of maintaining ecosystem functions and linking the data collection also to information available about the status of natural habitats and ecosystems. This is also important for component 4 on applied adaptation initiatives.</p>	<p>Noted. This will be addressed in as far as adaptation measures are to be designed and implemented, and their relevance to ecosystems and natural habitats</p>
<i>Component 1</i>	
<p>...at least training as well as knowledge/information sharing activities should not be limited to PPCR-pilot countries only but already be envisaged to be open for all Caribbean countries. The cooperation among the regional organisations is of utmost importance and needs more efforts than only defining their roles and competences (see subsection f. on risk). We would welcome a more specific analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of regional, sub-regional and national institutions to contribute to geospatial data and their management for planning during the next steps of designing this component.</p>	<p>It is fully intended that training and knowledge/information sharing will involve non PPCR-pilot countries. Further, analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the institutions is being undertaken now through a Phase I consultancy on the data collection and management processes, and will be elaborated in the more detailed design of Component 1.</p>
<i>Component 2</i>	
<p>...looking at the specific objectives and the expected outputs and outcomes of this component the investment costs are fairly low. It would be recommendable to explain how this component will be</p>	<p>The specific link will be elaborated in the detailed design of Component 2.</p>

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<p>linked to the other supporting initiatives (such as the instance the EU-CARIFORUM Global Climate Change Adaptation Initiative), and how it will help to build up a more comprehensive assessment on how to strengthen the performance of national and regional climate centres in the region. The described “climate products and services for community, national and regional socio-economic sectors” should take into account the broader concept of ecosystem services.</p>	<p>The climate products and services being referred to in this Component are intended for users in fields such as agriculture, water etc. and therefore to facilitate the very ecosystem approach advocated here.</p>
<p>...we...recommend explaining in greater detail how benefits would be generated also for non-PPCR-pilot-countries in the region</p>	<p>The access to information, the inclusion of non PPCR-pilot countries through complementary resources and the improvement of extension of the best practice protocols to be developed to all countries within the network are specific ways in which benefits will be generated beyond PPCR pilots.</p>
<p>Component 4</p>	
<p>...this component requires a very close coordination with national efforts in the realm of the SPCRs to avoid duplication of efforts. The investment should incorporate more activities on disseminating and scaling up best practices and lessons learned. So far it remains unclear how knowledge management and scaling up will be operationally implemented. During the upcoming work to further design this component, we would welcome to see a more detailed strategy on scaling up results and lessons learned in this field being elaborated, including more detailed planning on how the implementation of this strategy will be financed.</p>	<p>Noted. It is intended that the approach will be detailed in the upcoming phase.</p>
<p>Program Management and Communication</p>	
<p>...it remains unclear why only four countries are selected for the <i>Program Steering Committee</i> (PSC), and what the criteria for rotating will be</p>	<p>The structure agreed to by the stakeholders at the Second Joint Mission of the Regional Track PPCR in Jamaica in September of 2011 is patterned off the current Caribbean PPCR sub-committee structure. Neither the pilot nor donor countries are fully represented on the sub-committee and on the proposed steering committee in the interest of avoiding unwieldiness.</p>

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<p>The implementation of the SPCR should avoid creating new and parallel structures to existing coordination entities. Instead, it should be analysed how CCCCC and other regional institutions can be supported in implementing the existing strategies. In this regard we recommend creating an overview on existing steering and advisory boards on adaptation policies in the region, and deliberating how synergies can be created with their functions. Once again, more emphasis is needed to elaborate a roll out strategy for non-PPCR-pilot-countries.</p>	<p>Furthermore, it was concurred that the approach to rotation would be on an agreed periodicity.</p> <p>A review and assessment of regional agencies involved in climate change has been taken already under the development of the Implementation Plan (IP) for the Regional Framework for Development Resilient to Climate Change. Furthermore, the IP, which was endorsed by CARICOM Heads of Government, incorporates the establishment of one super arching coordinating mechanism, which would oversee one regional plan to be managed in part through one monitoring and evaluation framework. The governance body indicated here is specific to the SPCR and its functions will be limited to ensuring its objectives are met, and to supporting the removal of any impediments to full implementation. It is a standard program/project steering or oversight body. Wider coordination will be left to the IP mechanism in accordance with the Liliendaal Approach endorsed.</p>
Participation	
<p>In order to ensure that concerns of vulnerable groups in the region are sufficiently considered, it should be guaranteed that they will be actively involved in shaping the components of the regional program. So far there is no explanation how this will be done, and we recommend paying increased attention to this matter</p>	<p>The work to be undertaken through the preparation grant will detail the ways in which regional level initiatives can benefit and have involvement of vulnerable groups. It is expected, however, that given the nature of this regional effort, which is to pool those activities or to execute efforts that involve multiple PPCR-pilot countries, the extent of reach into communities would not be the same as for national efforts. Furthermore, the initiatives are informed by the same pilot countries, by agencies that operate on the ground, such as the CRFM and CARDI, and through the IP preparation process. These together draw on consultations with vulnerable communities. From that perspective, the communities have therefore already been engaged in “shaping” the responses. Further direct engagement from the regional level would entail repetition, a</p>

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	less than efficient use of time and likely lead to stakeholder fatigue.
Gender	
<p>We highly welcome that gender issues and vulnerable groups will be addressed through a special study during the preparatory process for the investment plan (see preparation grant request). We are looking forward to the results of this study and how its recommendations will be reflected within the SPCR's components later on.</p>	<p>Noted. This will be reflected in the detailed components.</p>
Learning	
<p>...the SPCR document provides little clarity about the envisaged knowledge management and scaling up processes. Since learning activities are a central pillar of the regional program and could be its key added value, we recommend that issues of knowledge management and learning, and concrete steps for their implementation, should receive adequate attention during the next stages of further designing the components. We also recommend discussing at greater depth how existing mechanisms (like the <i>Clearinghouse Facility</i> of CCCCC) can be used or strengthened in this context.</p>	<p>Noted. It is intended that current clearing house initiatives be built on to achieve the knowledge sharing objectives. The mode to be used will be articulated in the detailed plan for the project management and coordination aspect of the SPCR.</p>

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Synergies with German Climate Change Related Engagement in the Country / Region	
<p>Recently, two German development cooperation project in the Caribbean region have been planned: <i>Management of coastal marine areas in the Caribbean</i> (approved in late 2011) and <i>Adaptation to climate change in the Caribbean for the protection of natural resources and diversification in agriculture and forestry</i> (approval planned during 2012). Both are regional projects, which were designed together with the CARICOM Secretariat, specialised regional organisations and national authorities of selected countries. So far, they have not been taken into account in the design of the SPRC. We recommend considering these projects during the upcoming steps to design the components of the SPCR, and to identify and make use of potential synergies, particularly with regard to components 2 and 4 of the regional program.</p>	<p>Noted. Synergies with these projects will be sought through the relevant regional agencies, and particularly in accordance with the Regional Coordinating Mechanism being developed under the Centre's regional IP.</p>