



Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund

Annual Project Narrative Progress Report

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Country and Thematic Area

Global Network for Development

MPTF Office Atlas No: 66255

Programme Title:
Support for the strategic positioning and consolidation of the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation

Participating Organization(s):

UNDP

Implementing Partners:

Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI)

Programme Budget (from the Fund):

UNDP	207,329
Total:	US\$ 207,329

Programme Duration (in months): 16

Start date¹: 3-Feb-2012

End date: 29-Jun-2013

Original end date: 3-Feb-2012
Revised end date: In accordance with the ToRs for the Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund.

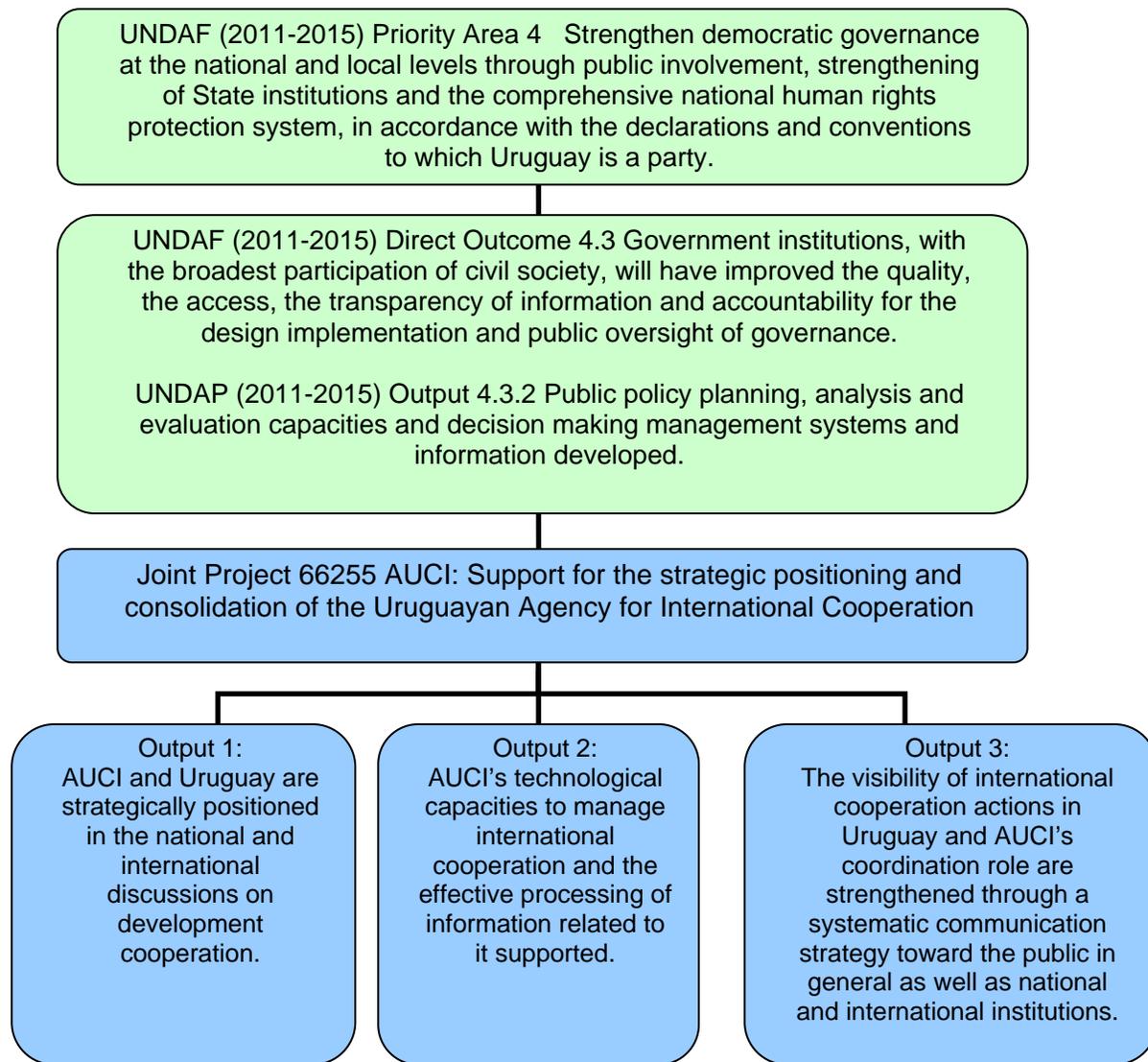
Budget changes: The co-presidents of the Steering Committee agreed to increase the budget of the project by USD 12,000

¹ The start date is the date of the first transfer of funds from the MPTF Office as Administrative Agent.

I. PURPOSE

Programme Description:	<p>This programme was developed as one of the objectives of the UNDAP 2011-2015 and will strengthen the Uruguayan Government in the coordination and design of international cooperation programmes in the country.</p> <p>The joint programme will strengthen the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI). AUCI was created by Law No. 18,719 and has the mandate of planning, designing, supervising, administering, coordinating, executing, evaluating, monitoring, and promoting international coordination activities, projects and programmes that implement the country's development policies.</p>
Development Goal:	<p>UNDAF (2011-2015) Priority Area 4 Strengthen democratic governance at the national and local levels through public involvement, strengthening of State institutions and the comprehensive national human rights protection system, in accordance with the declarations and conventions to which Uruguay is a party.</p>
Outcome:	<p>UNDAF (2011-2015) Direct Outcome 4.3 Government institutions, with the broadest participation of civil society, will have improved the quality, the access, the transparency of information and accountability for the design implementation and public oversight of governance.</p> <p>UNDAP (2011-2015) Output 4.3.2 Public policy planning, analysis and evaluation capacities and decision making management systems and information developed.</p>
Outputs and Key Activities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AUCI and Uruguay are strategically positioned in the national and international discussions on development cooperation. 2. AUCI's technological capacities to manage international cooperation and the effective processing of information related to it supported. 3. The visibility of international cooperation actions in Uruguay and AUCI's coordination role are strengthened through a systematic communication strategy toward the public in general as well as national and international institutions.

Outputs for the Project 66255 AUCI and their relation to the UNDAF (2011-2015) and the UNDAF Action Plan (UNDAP 2011-2015)



II. RESOURCES

Participating UN Organization(s)	Approved Joint Programme Budget	Approved Transfers to PUNOs (2012)	Expected Transfers to PUNOs (2013)
UNDP	207,329	195,329	12,000
Total:	US\$ 207,329	US\$ 195,329	US\$ 12,000

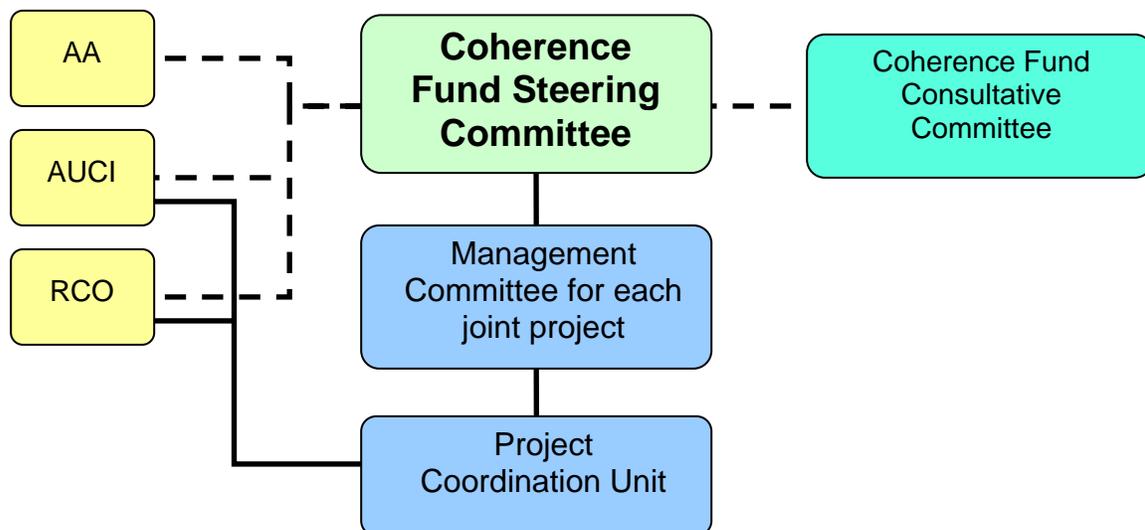
III. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

To support the implementation of the UNDAP (2011-2015), the Government and the UNS in Uruguay agreed to establish the Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund; a common, un-earmarked, development fund, under the leadership of the Resident Coordinator. The Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund supports the coordinated resource mobilization, allocation and disbursement of donor-contributed resources for the unfunded elements of the UNDAF/UNDAP.

The Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund has several governance mechanisms to ensure proper management of funds, supervision of project execution, and monitoring of results. The mechanisms are: The Coherence Fund Steering Committee, The Coherence Fund Consultative Committee, The Management Committees, and the Administrative Agent (AA).

The members of the Management Committee are: the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI), and UNDP.

Governance mechanisms for the Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund.



IV. RESULTS

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International Seminar

- An international seminar took place from 30th to 31st August 2011 in Montevideo. The aim of the seminar was to discuss the role of Latin American countries in the international aid scenario among 27 high-level officials of international cooperation agencies in Latin America, experts from the Academia, practitioners and civil society representatives of the Latin American region
- The discussion evolved around the following key questions:
 - a. The concept of “middle income countries”: implications and alternatives to the income-level classification for international aid allocation. The role of middle income countries in the international aid and development architecture.
 - b. Institutional challenges at the national and regional level for international aid in Latin America.
 - c. The global development architecture debate.
 - d. International aid and policy coherence.
 - e. South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation of Latin American countries.
 - f. Reflections for the Busan High Level Forum working agenda.
- The outcome document was printed and circulated among a wide range of agencies and actors involved in international cooperation in Latin America.

Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, Busan, Korea

- An Uruguayan delegation participated in the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, Busan, Republic of Korea, 29 Nov to 1 Dec 2011.
- AUCI representatives led the following activities:
 - a. Presented the national position on South-South cooperation, triangular cooperation, and the role of middle-income countries (MICs) within the new international cooperation architecture (Panel II, Thematic Session 4: South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation).
 - b. Pertinent stakeholders in Uruguay attained the Annual Report on South-South Cooperation by SEGIB was made available.

V High Level Intergovernmental Conference on Delivering as One

- An Uruguayan delegation participated in the V High Level Intergovernmental Conference on Delivering as One, Tirana, Albania, 27 to 29 June 2012 integrated by the President of AUCI, the Executive Director of AUCI, the Manager of relations with the UN System in Uruguay, and

delegates from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- Uruguay, and AUCI in particular, participated as such:
 - a. Speech by the President of AUCI during the Opening Session.
 - b. Speech by the Executive Director of AUCI in Workshop 3: Towards a more coherent, effective and efficient UN development system: Recommendations for action at the intergovernmental level.
 - c. Participation by AUCI's Manager of relations with the UN System in Uruguay and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the negotiations for the Outcome Document. The country's positions were presented on Delivering as One, the UN reform process, and upcoming QCPR.

ECOSOC – DCF

- AUCI participated in the Economic and Social Council as well as the Development Cooperation Forum, New York, 2-6 July 2012.
- AUCI's Director presented in plenary, the lessons learned in South-South Cooperation, triangular cooperation as well as the emerging challenges for cooperation institutions that seek to strengthen South-South Cooperation.

Output 2: AUCI's technological capacities to manage international cooperation and the effective processing of information related to it supported.

- AUCI is in the process of attaining a new web site and a new international cooperation map for Uruguay.
- AUCI is analyzing the system requirements and is working with the Information Technology office of the Presidency of the Republic to develop the framework for the new software.

Output 3: The visibility of international cooperation actions in Uruguay and AUCI's coordination role are strengthened through a systematic communication strategy toward the public in general as well as national and international institutions.

In 2012, AUCI developed and disseminated the following communications:

a. Publications:

- From Aid Effectiveness to Development Cooperation Effectiveness.
- State of the International Cooperation in Uruguay 2011-2012 No.1
- State of the International Cooperation in Uruguay on Environment and Energy 2011-2012 No. 1.
- State of the International Cooperation in Uruguay on Social Area, Human Rights, and Access to Justice 2011-2012 No. 1.

b. Brochures:

Summary of:

- State of the International Cooperation in Uruguay 2011-2012 No.1
- State of the International Cooperation in Uruguay on Environment and Energy 2011-2012 No.

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 - State of the International Cooperation in Uruguay on Social Area, Human Rights, and Access to Justice 2011-2012 No. 1.
- c. Public Presentations of all the publications and hosting of the first meeting of national stakeholders of international cooperation.

V. FUTURE PLAN

Output 1: AUCI and Uruguay are strategically positioned in the national and international discussions on development cooperation.

- Uruguay, and AUCI in particular, will continue to implement a strategy of international position and participation in international forums, regional discussions and the United Nations on the new international cooperation architecture, the role of MICs, the importance of South-South Cooperation, triangular cooperation. These activities will continue within this project as long as funds continue to be available; once funds are depleted, AUCI will continue to seek alternate funding.

Output 2: AUCI's technological capacities to manage international cooperation and the effective processing of information related to it supported.

- AUCI will seek to implement software on project management, registry, grant making, workflow and other similar.

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- Thematic publications on international cooperation will continue particularly in environment, energy, social area, Human Rights, and access to justice. Other areas that may be included are: production, agriculture and industry.

VI. MONITORING

Expected results	Indicators	Status/measure
Output 1: AUCI and Uruguay are strategically positioned in the national and international discussions on development cooperation.	• Progress in holding a regional seminar on middle-income countries.	Completed
	• Existence of a synthesis of the seminar	Yes
	• Number of participants in the workshop	32
	• Number of participants in the Fourth high-level forum on aid effectiveness, Busan, South Korea.	2

Expected results	Indicators	Status/measure
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of participants in the 2012 Development Cooperation Forum (DCF). 	2
Output 2: AUCI's technological capacities to manage international cooperation and the effective processing of information related to it supported.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress in the development and implementation of a software on project management. 	In pogrress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress in the development and implementation of a software on grant management. 	In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress in the development of a webpage for AUCI. 	In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress in the development and implementation of a software for monitoring AUCI's workload. 	In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress in the development and implementation of a strategic planning software. 	In progress
Output 3: The visibility of international cooperation actions in Uruguay and AUCI's coordination role are strengthened through a systematic communication strategy toward the public in general as well as national and international institutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of publications developed. 	7
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of electronic bulletins developed 	7 (Publications are available on web site)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress in the development of an institutional video. 	Not yet

VII. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AA	Administrative Agent
AUCI	Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation
CFCC	Coherence Fund Consultative Committee
CFSC	Coherence Fund Steering Committee
DaO	Delivering as One
DCF	Development Cooperation Forum
MIC	Middle Income Country
MPTF	Multi-Partner Trust Fund
OPP	Office of Planning and Budget
PUNO	Participating United Nations Organization
QCPR	Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review
RCO	Resident Coordinator's Office
SEGIB	Ibero-american General Secretariat
UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNDAP	United Nations Development Assistance Framework Action Plan
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNRC	United Nations Resident Coordinator
UNS	United Nations System