



## Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund Annual Project Narrative Progress Report

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### Country and Thematic Area

Uruguay, Environment and climate change  
response

### Programme No: K

**MDTF Office Atlas No: 66252**

Programme Title:  
Environmental Vulnerability and Sustainability  
at the Local Level.

### Participating Organization(s):

UNDP, UNEP and UNESCO

### Implementing Partners:

Office of Planning and Budget (OPP)  
Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries  
(MGAP)  
Ministry of Housing, Land Use Planning, and  
Environment (MVOTMA)  
National System for Response to Climate  
Change (SNRCC)

### Programme Budget (from the Fund):

UNDP	222,614
UNEP	39,590
UNESCO	64,200
Total:	US\$ 326,404

### Programme Duration (in months): 16

Start date<sup>1</sup>: 2-Nov-2009

End date: 31-Dec-2010

Original end date

Revised end date, if applicable

Operational Closure Date<sup>2</sup>, if applicable:

### Budget Revisions/Extensions:

List budget revisions and extensions, with  
approval dates, if applicable

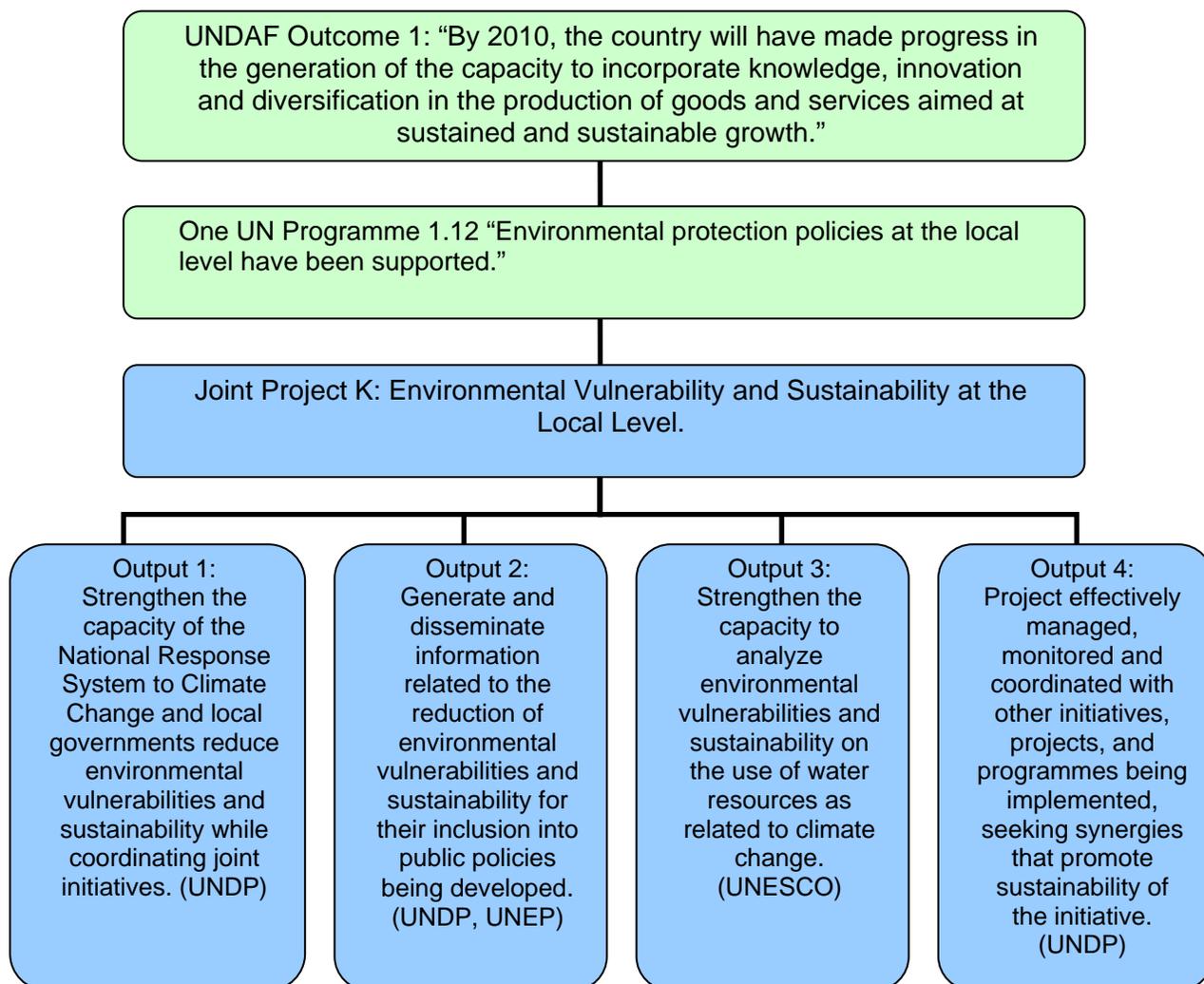
<sup>1</sup> The start date is the date of the first transfer of funds from the MDTF Office as Administrative Agent.

<sup>2</sup> All activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MDTF programme have been completed. Agencies to advise the MDTF Office.

## I. PURPOSE

<b>Programme Description:</b>	<p>This project was developed as one of the objectives of the One UN Programme 2007-2010 “Building Capacities for Development” in Uruguay.</p> <p>The joint project will support and strengthen the capacities for the development of public policies and strategies to address environmental vulnerabilities and sustainability, specifically climate change. The effort will coordinate the “Initiative on Poverty and Environment for Uruguay”, “Local Level Climate Change”, and “Strengthening of Local Government Capacities for Risk Management in Uruguay”.</p>
<b>Development Goal:</b>	<p>UNDAF 1. By 2010, the country will have made progress in the generation of the capacity to incorporate knowledge, innovation and diversification in the production of goods and services aimed at sustained and sustainable growth.</p>
<b>Outcome:</b>	<p>One UN Programme 1.12 “Environmental protection policies at the local level have been supported.”</p>
<b>Outputs and Key Activities:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthen the capacity of the National Response System to Climate Change and local governments reduce environmental vulnerabilities and sustainability while coordinating joint initiatives.</li> <li>2. Generate and disseminate information related to the reduction of environmental vulnerabilities and sustainability for their inclusion into public policies being developed.</li> <li>3. Strengthen the capacity to analyze environmental vulnerabilities and sustainability on the use of water resources as related to climate change.</li> <li>4. Project effectively managed, monitored and coordinated with other initiatives, projects, and programs being implemented, seeking synergies that promote sustainability of the initiative</li> </ol>

## Outputs for the Joint Project D and their relation to the One UN Programme and the UNDAF



## II. RESOURCES

Participating UN Organization(s)	Approved Joint Programme Budget	Approved Transfers to PUNOs (2009)
UNDP	222,614	47,080
UNEP	39,590	4,280
UNESCO	64,200	12,840
<b>Total:</b>	<b>US\$ 326,404</b>	<b>US\$ 64,200</b>

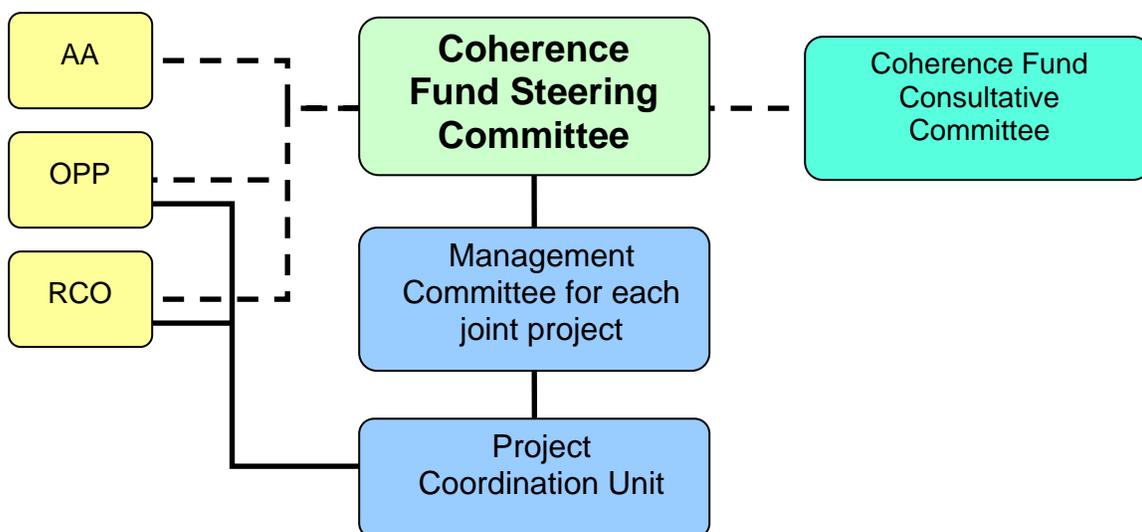
## III. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

To support the One UN Programme, 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 One UN Programme.

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: Office of Planning and Budget (OPP), Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries (MGAP), Ministry of Housing, Land Use Planning, and Environment (MVOTMA), National System for Response to Climate Change (SNRCC), the Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO), the executing agencies (UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO) and the associated UN Agencies (FAO, UNIDO, UNIFEM, WHO, UNV).

### Governance mechanisms for the Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund.



## **IV. RESULTS**

The Project effectively started on November-2009, and the project Coordinator initiated his activities on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Output 1: Strengthen the capacity of the National Response System to Climate Change and local governments reduce environmental vulnerabilities and sustainability while coordinating joint initiatives. (UNDP)**

- In the reporting period, the Project progressed with the strengthening of the capacity of the National Response System to Climate Change (SNRCC) and the local governments. The main outcome was the decisive contribution of the Project in the elaboration of the strategic National Action Plan to Climate Change approved by the National Government of Uruguay in December 2009.
- The project elaborated a first draft of the National Action Plan, and developed several activities (a Survey and a communication network) to facilitate the coordination between all agencies involved at the national level and the local governments.

### **Output 2: Generate and disseminate information related to the reduction of environmental vulnerabilities and sustainability for their inclusion into public policies being developed. (UNDP-UNEP)**

- This output will be initiated in February 2010.

### **Output 3: Strengthen the capacity to analyze environmental vulnerabilities and sustainability on the use of water resources as related to climate change. (UNESCO)**

- This output will be initiated in January 2010.

### **Output 4:**

**Project effectively managed, monitored and coordinated with other initiatives, projects, and programmes being implemented, seeking synergies that promote sustainability of the initiative. (UNDP)**

- This output began with the contracting of the coordinator the 15 December.

### **Difficulties in the implementation, lessons learned to improve management, and knowledge acquired as a result of evaluations and studies carried out throughout the year.**

- Although the Project began in late 2009, there are important advances to report in those two first months of operations.
- It is necessary to increase coordination between the UN implementing agencies and the national partners. The first Management Committee organized for 11 February 2010, and it is expected that this Committee will strengthen as a working space and will improve the communication between all agencies involved.
- The difficulties derived from the institutional weakness of the national partner, the SNRCC and the complexity degree of the joint project and the cooperation process (three UN Agencies and a weak national partner that represent a complex intergovernmental network at the national and local level) with an heterogeneity of institutional procedures and Agendas.
- Throughout the National Action Plan process of elaboration, the project has contributed on an incremental interaction between the national and local level governments, which will result in a greater coordination with others initiatives of the United Nations System (UNS) Agencies in the territory.

## V. FUTURE WORK PLAN

- **Priority actions planned for the following year to overcome constraints, build on achievements and partnerships, and use the lessons learned during the previous year.**
  - During 2010, the Project will strengthen the Management Unit and the coordination between the Agencies and the national partner (SNRCC). The Management Committee will function in a monthly frequency as an actual working space to improve the communication between all agencies involved
  - The joint actions to strengthen local capacities for vulnerability reduction between the programme project initiatives and with others projects will be strengthen by improving the communication mechanisms.
  
- **Estimated Budget required (including any major funding shortfalls). See following page.**

OUTPUTS 2010	ACTIVITIES	SCHEDULE		Executing Agency	National Partner	Budget Items	S1 2010	S2. 2010	Total
		S.1 2010	S.2 2010						
Output 1: Strengthen the capacity of the National Response System to Climate Change and local governments reduce environmental vulnerabilities and sustainability while coordinating joint initiatives	1.1 Technical support to the SNRCC for actions at local level including the elaboration of the Action Plan of the SNRCC and the survey of local capabilities for reducing vulnerability	X	X	UNDP	MVOTMA SNRCC	Consultant Contracts	6.250	3.000	9.250
						Equipment	3.000		3.000
	1.2 Joint actions of the programme project initiatives with emphasis in the metropolitan area, to strengthen local capacities for vulnerability reduction	X	X			Consultant Contracts	6.250	3.000	9.250
	1.3 Support participation of stakeholders and civil society in the SNRCC	X	X			Consultant Contracts	13.500	13.800	27.300
						Other Costs	2.000	2.000	4.000
	1.4 Promote a comprehensive framework of sustainability between policies and actions of climate change, environmental sustainability and reducing poverty in the territory	X	X			Consultant Contracts	6.250	3.000	9.250
			Other Costs	1.000	1.000	2.000			
Output 2: Generate and disseminate information related to the reduction of environmental vulnerabilities and sustainability for their inclusion into public policies being developed.	2.1 Incorporate inputs from the project programme initiatives in the SNRCC plans	X	X	UNDP	MVOTMA SNRCC	Service Contracts	6.000	6.000	12.000
						Consultant Contracts		4.000	4.000
						Other Costs	1.000	1.000	2.000
	2.2 Systematize studies on reducing vulnerability, environmental sustainability and poverty reduction	X	X	UNEP	MVOTMA SNRCC	Consultant Contracts	12.000	13.000	25.000
						Consultant Contracts	2.000	6.000	8.000
	2.3 Extend the impact of the project programme initiatives to incorporate environmental sustainability and reducing vulnerability in policies and plans considerations	X	X	UNDP	MVOTMA SNRCC	Service Contracts	6.000	6.000	12.000
					Other Costs		4.000	4.000	
Output 3: Strengthen the capacity to analyze environmental vulnerabilities and sustainability on the use of water resources as related to climate change.	3.1 Estimate the affectation of extreme variations in the climate to the hydrological cycle and identification of the uses of water resources more vulnerable to climate change	X	X	UNESCO	MVOTMA SNRCC	Service Contracts	5.000	5.000	10.000
						Consultant Contracts	6.000		6.000
						Transporte	1.500		1.500
						Training	3.000		3.000
						Other Costs	1.500	2.000	3.500
	3.2 Consideration variations in climate in water and identification of elements for the definition of a plan of capacity building for reducing the vulnerability of various users of water in the framework of environmental sustainability and water safety	X	X	UNESCO	MVOTMA SNRCC	Service Contracts	5.000	5.000	10.000
						Consultant Contracts	3.000	2.000	5.000
						Transport	1.500		1.500
Training							3.000	3.000	
					Other Costs	3.000	1.500	4.500	
Output 4: Project effectively managed, monitored and coordinated with other initiatives, projects, and programmes being implemented, seeking synergies that promote sustainability of the initiative.	4.1 Conformation of the management unit	X	X	UNDP	MVOTMA SNRCC	Consultant Contracts	12.000	12.000	24.000
						Other Costs	2.000	2.000	4.000
	4.2 Monitoring and project tracking	X	X			Consultant Contracts	12.000	12.000	24.000
						Other Costs	2.000	2.000	4.000
	4.3 Organization of workshops for the search for synergies between projects and new initiatives and conventions related to the theme	X	X			Other Costs	2.500	2.500	5.000
	4.4 Support the formulation of new proposals and identifying possible sources of funding	X	X			Other Costs	2.500	2.500	5.000
Total Activities without recovery of management costs							127.750	117.300	245.050
Recovery of Management Costss by the Executing Agency							8.943	8.211	17.154
Total of Project							136.693	125.511	262.204

## VI. MONITORING

Expected results	Indicators	Status/measure
Output 1: Strengthen the capacity of the National Response System to Climate Change and local governments reduce environmental vulnerabilities and sustainability while coordinating joint initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan for the National Response System to Climate Change.</li> </ul>	Draft
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey and communication network.</li> </ul>	Established
Output 2: Generate and disseminate information related to the reduction of environmental vulnerabilities and sustainability for their inclusion into public policies being developed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of publications developed.</li> </ul>	Not available
Output 3: Strengthen the capacity to analyze environmental vulnerabilities and sustainability on the use of water resources as related to climate change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of publications developed.</li> </ul>	Not available
Output 4: Project effectively managed, monitored and coordinated with other initiatives, projects, and programmes being implemented, seeking synergies that promote sustainability of the initiative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of coordination workshops conducted.</li> </ul>	Not available

## VII. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AA	Administrative Agent
CFCC	Coherence Fund Consultative Committee
CFSC	Coherence Fund Steering Committee
DaO	Delivering as One
MDF	Multi-Donor Trust Fund
MGAP	Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries
MVOTMA	Ministry of Housing, Territorial Planning and Environment
OPP	Office of Planning and Budget
PAHO-WHO	Pan American Health Organization-World Health Organization
PUNO	Participating United Nations Organization
RCO	Resident Coordinator's Office
SNRCC	Climate Change Response National System
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNRC	United Nations Resident Coordinator
UNS	United Nations System