



Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund Annual Project Narrative Progress Report

Reporting Period: 1 January – 31 December 2010

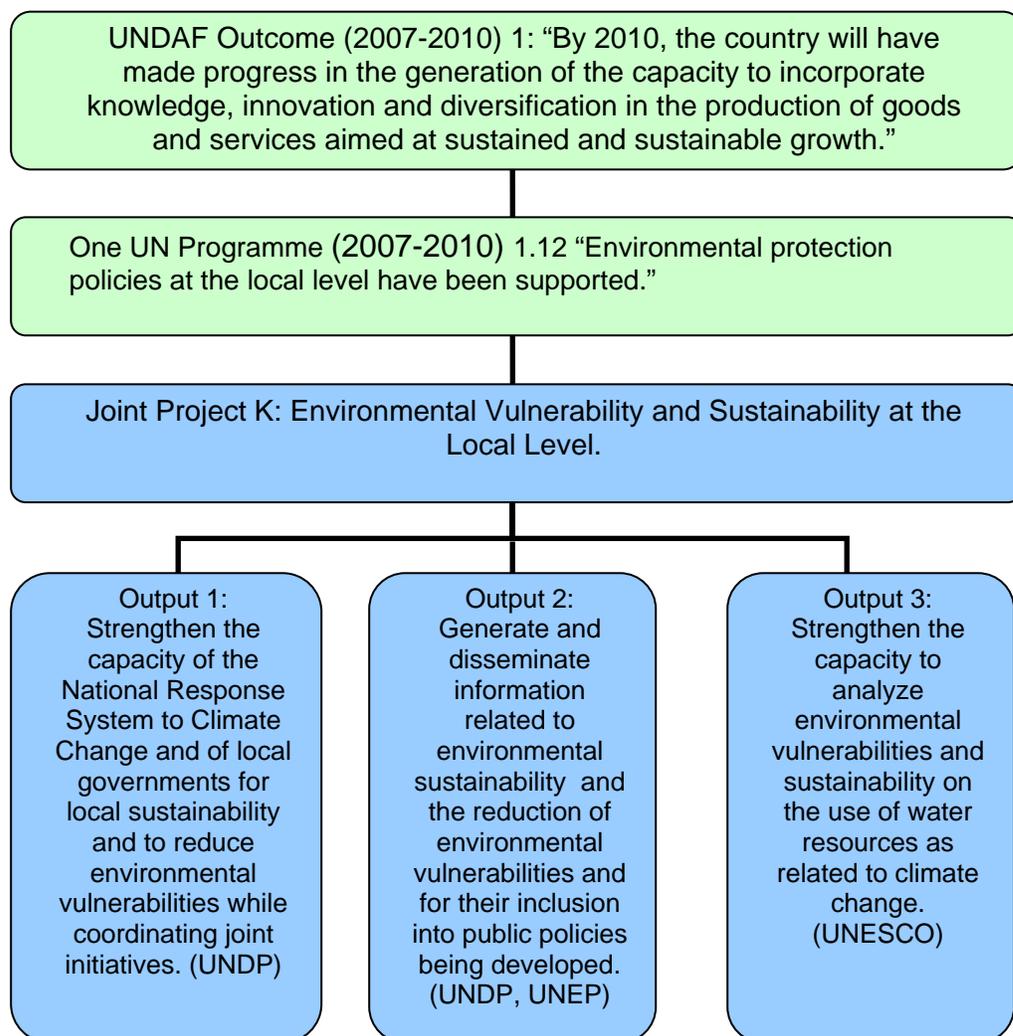
<p>Submitted by: Susan McDade, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Uruguay</p> <p>Contact information: susan.mcdade@undp.org</p>	<p>Country and Thematic Area</p> <p>Uruguay, Environment and climate change response</p>								
<p>Programme No: K MDTF Office Atlas No: 66252 Programme Title: Environmental Vulnerability and Sustainability at the Local Level.</p>	<p>Participating Organization(s):</p> <p>Resident Agencies: UNDP and UNESCO Non-Resident Agency: UNEP</p>								
<p>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)</p>	<p>Programme Budget (from the Fund):</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">UNDP</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">222,614</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">UNEP</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">39,590</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">UNESCO</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">64,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Total:</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">US\$ 326,404</td> </tr> </table>	UNDP	222,614	UNEP	39,590	UNESCO	64,200	Total:	US\$ 326,404
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<p>Programme Duration (in months): 17 <u>Start date</u>¹: 2-Nov-2009 <u>End date</u>: 31-Apr-2011</p> <p>Original end date: 31-Dec-2010 Revised en date: 31-Apr-2011 in accordance with the ToRs of the One UN Coherence Fund and the extension granted.</p> <p>No budget revisions.</p>									

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

I. PURPOSE

Programme Description:	<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 supports and strengthens the capacities for the development of public policies and strategies to address environmental vulnerabilities and sustainability, specifically climate change. The effort coordinates the “Initiative on Poverty and Environment in Uruguay”, “Territorial Approach to Climate Change”, and “Strengthening of Local Capacities for Risk Management in Uruguay”.</p>
Development Goal:	<p>UNDAF (2007-2010) 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>
Outcome:	<p>One UN Programme (2007-2010) 1.12 “Environmental protection policies at the local level have been supported.”</p>
Outputs and Key Activities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen the capacity of the National Response System to Climate Change and of local governments for local sustainability and to reduce environmental vulnerabilities while coordinating joint initiatives. 2. Generate and disseminate information related to environmental sustainability and the reduction of environmental vulnerabilities and for their inclusion into public policies being developed. 3. Strengthen the capacity to analyze environmental vulnerabilities and sustainability on the use of water resources as related to climate change. 4. Project effectively managed, monitored and coordinated with other initiatives, projects, and programs being implemented, seeking synergies that promote the sustainability of the initiative

Outputs for the Joint Project K 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)	Approved Transfers to PUNOs (2010)
UNDP	222,614	47,080	175,534
UNEP	39,590	4,280	35,310
UNESCO	64,200	12,840	51,360
Total:	US\$ 326,404	US\$ 64,200	US\$ 262,204

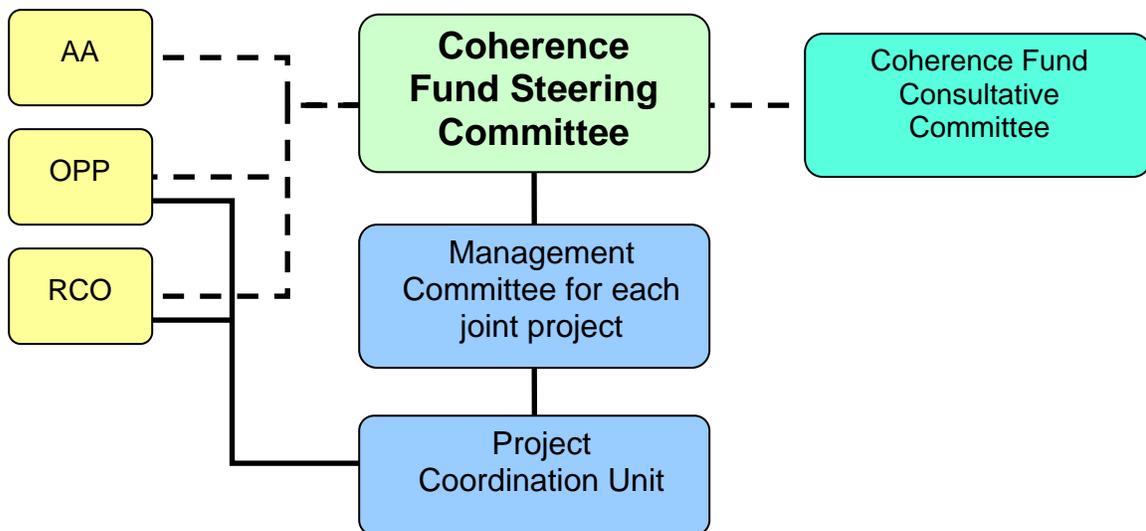
III. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

To support the One UN Programme (2007-2010), the Government and the United Nations System (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 UN Agencies (UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO) and the associated UN Agencies (FAO, UNIDO, UNIFEM, PAHO-WHO, UNV).

Governance mechanisms for the Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund.



IV. RESULTS

Partnerships and inter-Agency relationship. Impact on results:

The Management Committee has gathered all relevant stakeholders in the joint project and has been utilized as the space to share information and to reach consensus on issues related to the implementation of the agreed activities. National Counterparts often have utilized this space as an interaction between their institutions. This has been a positive externality facilitated by the joint project.

Throughout implementation, there has been a very good level of collaboration among implementing UN Agencies (UNDP, UNEP, and UNESCO); this has facilitated planning activities and monitoring the implementation of the project. UN Agencies have coordinated their efforts and have often adjusted their implementation strategies according to the needs of the project as a whole.

Output 1: Strengthen the capacity of the National Response System to Climate Change and of local governments for local sustainability and to reduce environmental vulnerabilities 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 of Response to Climate Change approved by the National Government of Uruguay.
- Based on the National Action Plan, a workshop was organized to address the implementation of the plan among a wide spectrum of actors from the Government and civil society identifying the main lines of actions and possible projects; documents for discussion were published on the priorities and actions that derived from the workshop.
- A document was developed and circulated to departmental governments to incorporate their climate change priorities into the National Action Plan.
- Support was provided to establish the country's position for the 16th edition of Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP16).

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

- A diagnostic mapping of existing programmes, products, and skills on climate change that have been established or are being strengthened.
- Documents on the reduction of vulnerabilities, poverty and environmental sustainability as related to climate change were developed including recommendations on how to shape policies and strategies.
- An information platform on extreme events in the country is being produced by the University of the Republic in support of the National Emergency System (SINAE).
- Future lines of action were identified to allow greater synergy throughout the country among existing projects.
- A multi-actoral strategy was designed and agreed to incorporate climate change vulnerability into the land-use plans being developed by departmental governments and the Direction of Territorial Planning (DINOT). A methodology is being developed and work is being performed for the department of Artigas.
- A chronogram was made to widen and deepen the existing mapping of available information on projects and publications on climate change.
- An environmental flows (*caudal ambiental*) methodology will be proposed as well as the

foreseen challenges and opportunities for its implementation with the aim of facilitating the insertion of this methodology as a tool for the integrated management of water resources (*Gestión Integrada de Recursos Hídricos --GIRH*). Finally, a pilot process will be implemented in a sub-basin to test and pilot this strategy.

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

- In 2010, one of the main results of this output was the support given to the Uruguayan Government in the advancement towards the creation of an inter-institutional space for capacity-building and research on hydrometeorology and environment in Uruguay. This was identified as a necessity in the National Plan of Response to Climate Change (defined as a Hydrometeorological and Environmental Laboratory). In this sense, two workshops took place (January and July). In the first workshop, the experiences of different centers working in the field in the LAC region were presented, and the lines of work of the Laboratory were outlined. The second workshop identified the needs of the national institutions to be covered by the Laboratory, as each institution presented its needs.
- In order to provide institutional models of the region from which the Uruguayan government could adopt or adapt elements for the design of the institutional body of the Laboratory, the report “Institutional models of water-related centers and institutes in Latin America and the Caribbean” was also elaborated from a survey in which UNESCO and institutes on Hydrometeorology in the region were consulted.
- Another outcome was the participation of a representative from Uruguay (Governmental counterpart of project K) in the event “Regional Dialogs for Water and Climate Change” in COP 16 (Mexico, December), in which the work carried out within the framework of project K was presented.
- In addition, national key actors were consulted and a report on updated initiatives related to extreme climatic variations (mainly droughts and floods) identified was elaborated.
- Finally, in coordination with output 2 of project K (UNDP-UNEP), the Introductory Workshop on Environmental Flows was organized (Montevideo, 13 December 2010). It was an active workshop facilitated by a regional expert on the topic. There was wide representation from national institutions. Its main objective was to support the government in the appropriation of the *Environmental Flows* concept as a useful tool for the integrated water resources management in Uruguay.

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

- The difficulties derived from the institutional weakness of the national partner, the SNRCC and the complexity of the joint project and the cooperation process (three UN Agencies and a national partner that represents a complex intergovernmental network at the national and local levels) with 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 UN 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 2011, the project will continue strengthening the Management Unit and the coordination between the Agencies and the national partner (SNRCC). The Management Committee will continue functioning in a monthly frequency as an actual working space to improve the communication between all Agencies involved.

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

- Three studies are being developed to systematize and disseminate information.

VI. MONITORING

Expected results	Indicators	Status/measure
Output 1: Strengthen the capacity of the National Response System to Climate Change and of local governments for local sustainability and to reduce environmental vulnerabilities while coordinating joint initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan for the National Response System to Climate Change. 	National Climate Change Plan Written and approved
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination to Departments 	Inputs from Departments included in plan; design of regional workshops in progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop to establish main lines of actions of the National Climate Change Plan 	Workshop held; report available
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on main lines of climate change actions and projects 	Finished/available
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey and communication network. 	Established
Output 2: Generate and disseminate information related to environmental sustainability and the reduction of environmental vulnerabilities and for their inclusion into public policies being developed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on existing climate change programs and projects 	Finished/Available
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalogue and mapping of extreme climactic events. 	In progress, partially available
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of GIRH. 	In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Territorial Planning incorporates climate change information. 	In progress
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"> • Report on the initiatives related to extreme climatic variations in Uruguay (mainly droughts and floods) 	Finished/Available
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the First Workshop on the design of a space for capacity-building and research on hydrometeorology and environment in Uruguay (Montevideo, 25 January 2010) 	Finished/Available
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on institutional models of water-related centers and institutes in Latin America and the Caribbean 	Finished/Available

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="641 191 1133 386">• Report of the Second Workshop “Towards the creation of a Hydrometeorological and Environmental Laboratory in Uruguay” (Montevideo, 26-27 July 2010) <li data-bbox="641 394 1133 548">• Report of the Introductory Workshop on Environmental Flows (Montevideo, 13 December 2010) (In articulation with output 2 (UNDP-UNEP)) 	<p data-bbox="1166 218 1406 247">Finished/Available</p> <p data-bbox="1166 422 1406 451">Finished/Available</p>

VII. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AA	Administrative Agent
CFCC	Coherence Fund Consultative Committee
CFSC	Coherence Fund Steering Committee
DaO	Delivering as One
COP16	16th edition of Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
GIRH	Integrated Management of Water Resources
MDTF	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