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Project title: Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency in Côte d'Ivoire - CBIT 2	

Country: Cote d'Ivoire	**Implementing Partner (GEF Executing Entity):** Ministry of the Environment, Sustainable Development, and Ecological Transition - MINEDDTE	**Execution Modality:** National Implementation with Country Office Support

Contributing Outcome (UNSDCF/CPD, RPD, GPD):

COOPERATION FRAMEWORK OUTCOME INVOLVING UNDP #1 (CPD 2026-2030 OUTCOME #1): Strengthening local governance—through improved planning, budgeting, digital service delivery, combined with targeted efforts to close digital gaps, to foster inclusive development.

*UNDP CPD OUTCOME #2: A*dvancing environmentally sustainable entrepreneurship by supporting youth and women-led micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) and cooperatives, creating green jobs, and facilitating access to green finance and digital tools through innovation, digitalization, and skills training in collaboration with universities and the private sector, including renewable energy providers, agribusinesses and climate technology companies.

*UNSDCF OUTCOME #*3: By 2030, communities benefit from an inclusive and sustainable development model that fosters innovation, scientific research, equitable and environmentally responsible economic growth, promotes the circular economy, and integrates concrete actions to combat climate change, while implementing measures to protect and restore biodiversity and adopting new practices that restore and preserve natural resources.

UNDP Social and Environmental Screening Category: Low Risk	**UNDP Gender Marker:** GEN2
Quantum Award ID: To be assigned upon approval	**Quantum Project ID:**
UNDP PIMS ID number: 10009	**GEF Project ID number:** To be assigned upon submission

LPAC meeting date: *To be confirmed*
Last possible date to submit to GEF: N/A
Latest possible CEO endorsement date N/A

Project duration in months: 48 months	
Planned start date: 01/07/2026	Planned completion date: 30/06/2030
Expected date of Mid-Term Review (MTR) submission to the GEF: Not applicable	Expected date of Terminal evaluation (TE) submission to the GEF: 30/09/2030
Expected Operational Closure Date:	Expected Financial Closure Date:

Brief project description:

This project strengthens climate governance and transparency in Côte d'Ivoire while empowering local authorities and establishing robust data systems for long-term climate action. **Component 1** supports the operationalization of the national climate governance framework by finalizing legal instruments, establishing national and sub-national/local coordinating structures, integrating sectoral Measuring Reporting and Verification (MRVs), and ensuring inclusive participation through the Gender and Climate Change Platform. Operational manuals, data-sharing protocols, IT equipment, and digitized procedures will enhance institutional efficiency. **Component 2** builds the capacity of local authorities to develop and implement climate plans aligned with Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Action Plans (NAPs), while tailored to territorial needs. Activities include awareness-raising, training, and technical support for local climate plans, with attention to gender and social inclusion, and fundraising capacity building for their implementation. Digital tools and inter-connected sectoral and regional platforms with the national climate transparency platform will enable effective monitoring, reporting and verification. **Component 3** establishes a long-term transparency framework with harmonized methodologies, and a consolidated digital platform. Artificial intelligence tools, national emission factors, and projection models will improve data quality of the Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) and future NDCs, while sustainable financing mechanisms will ensure continuity. **Component 4** ensures effective monitoring and evaluation through regular progress reviews, risk management, financial oversight, and learning, while tracking the integration of gender, youth, and vulnerable groups in climate action. The direct beneficiaries of the project are the national, sectoral and local institutional representatives who are involved in transparency activities, through their participation in the working groups formalized and the capacity building activities, being 6,600 the expected number of beneficiaries at the end of the project.

FINANCING PLAN	
GEF Trust Fund grant	**USD 1,500,000**
(1) **Total Budget administered by UNDP**	**USD 1,500,000**
(2) **Total confirmed co-financing to this project not administered by UNDP**	**USD 1,500,000**
(3) **Grand-Total Project Financing (1)+(2)**	**USD 3,000,000**
SIGNATURES:	

Component 1: Operationalization of the National and Subnational Climate Governance Framework Addressing the growing challenges of the ETF of the Paris Agreement requires not only ambitious commitments but also strong, coherent, and inclusive governance systems. Effective MRV of climate action and support depends on robust legal frameworks, institutional mechanisms that promote transparency, and operational structures that enable coordinated decision-making across all levels of government and society. This component lays out a structured pathway for strengthening Côte d'Ivoire's national and regional climate governance. It highlights the importance of building a solid legal and regulatory foundation for climate action, ensuring inclusive participation in decision-making processes, and equipping institutions with the tools and procedures necessary for effective coordination.

The objective of this component is to strengthen the effectiveness of recently created climate management structures in Côte d'Ivoire, particularly those related to climate transparency, in order to make these entities fully operational and support effective and coordinated climate action, through the following outcomes, outputs and activities:

Outcome 1.1: Strengthened national and regional climate governance structures for effective and coordinated climate action

> **Output 1.1.1: Robust legal and regulatory framework established for climate governance**
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> **Activities:**
>
> a. Support the adoption and implementation of decrees and orders contained in the national climate change law N°2025-528 of 25 June to provide a legal framework for climate action in Côte d'Ivoire.
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> b. Finalize and operationalize decrees for the establishment of national structures, including the National Climate Agency, National Climate Change Commission, Carbon Market Office, National transparency group and National Climate Experts Group.
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> c. Institutionalization of a Task Force on sectoral MRVs and inter-connection of sectoral MRVs (energy, AFOLU, IPPU and waste) within the SN-TC platform (procedures).
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> d. Creation and formalization of regional committees to combat climate change and reinforcement of local sustainable development committees including capacity building under national coordination.
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> **Output 1.1.2: Institutional mechanisms established and promoted to ensure inclusive climate transparency**
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> **Activities:**
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> a. Operationalize institutional mechanisms and processes through the development of the regulatory framework (implementation orders) of the interministerial decree on climate transparency.
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> b. Operationalize the National Gender and Climate Change Platform to ensure inclusive participation in climate governance through the development and inclusion of a gender module by region.
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> c. Sharing experiences in international events on transparency and exchange of lessons learned through south-south cooperation.

Outcome 1.2: Strengthened operational procedures for climate governance

> **Output 1.2.1: Enhanced operational capacity of climate governance structures through procedural manuals and digital tools**
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> **Activities:**
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> a. Develop procedural manuals for each climate governance structure, defining roles, responsibilities, and data-sharing processes to ensure optimal coherence and coordination including the popularization of the organic framework.
>
> b. Formalize collaboration and data-sharing procedures between stakeholders in a single document to ensure effective coordination and lasting consistency of the national climate transparency framework.
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> c. Equip climate governance structures with IT equipment (computers, servers) and appropriate software for climate data management.
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> d. Digitize administrative processes to facilitate information sharing among stakeholders.

Component 2: Strengthening Local Governance for the Territorialization of Climate Action

Effective climate action does not happen only at the national level—it must also be anchored within local realities, where communities directly experience the impacts of climate change and plan and develop low carbon and resilient infrastructure. Empowering local authorities with the skills, resources, and tools to design and implement climate policies is therefore essential to ensuring that national climate commitments translate into tangible results on the ground. This component focuses on strengthening the capacities of decentralized government structures and local authorities to lead tailored climate action within their jurisdictions. It emphasizes the territorialization of national policies such as the NDC and the NAP, ensuring that climate strategies are adapted to local contexts while aligned with national priorities.

The objective of this component is to strengthen the capacities of local authorities to enable them to define and implement climate policies adapted to their responsibilities but aligned with NDC, NAP and the national transparency framework, while integrating digital tools for monitoring and reporting, through the following outcomes, outputs and activities:

Outcome 2.1: Enhanced capacity of local authorities to implement tailored climate policies coordinated in the decentralized government structures

Output 2.1.1: Local authorities trained and sensitized on NDC and NAP territorialization

Activities:

a. Organize regional workshops to raise awareness among local authorities (municipalities, regional councils) to promote the integration of climate considerations into local governance planning in a coordinated manner, aligned with the NDC, the NAP, and the national transparency framework, by involving youth and women.

b. Develop a guidance document to elaborate local climate plans integrating mitigation, adaptation, financial needs and gender.

c. Implement regional workshops to train local authorities (municipalities, regional councils) on defining climate strategies and plans tailored to their territorial realities and their three-year plan.

d. Establishment of a mentoring program between local authorities.

Output 2.1.2: Local climate plans aligned with development plans developed with technical support

Activities:

a. Best practices and benchmark analysis in countries with experience in the territorialization of climate action and sharing experiences on climate and energy plans by Ivorian cities.

b. Provide technical assistance to local authorities for the development of territorial climate plans, incorporating adaptation and mitigation strategies.

c. Support the integration of gender and social inclusion considerations into local climate plans.

d. Support local authorities in fund-raising for the implementation of territorial action plans.

Output 2.1.3: Technical and institutional capacities of local authorities strengthened to monitor and report on climate action

Activities:

a. Conduct training on local authorities' contributions to greenhouse gas emissions inventories and effectively report the results.

b. Conduct training on monitoring and reporting the mitigation results of territorial climate plans aligned with the NDC.

c. Conduct training on monitoring and reporting the adaptation results of territorial climate plans aligned with the NAP.

Output 2.1.4: Digital tools developed for monitoring and reporting local climate actions

Activities:

a. Provide digital equipment and software to local authorities and decentralized entities to manage (collect, track, and archive) climate data.

b. Create a digital platform enabling local authorities and decentralized entities to track and report local climate actions, including GHG emission reductions, with appropriate performance indicators.

c. Provide training sessions on the use of the platform, simplified user manuals/guides on monitoring and reporting formats.

Component 3: Consolidation and Enhancement of the Climate Transparency Framework

To strengthen climate transparency, improve data quality, and ensure effective MRV across national, sectoral and local levels, three main data providers will input raw data into the central platform using standardized formats and digital tools: (i) local authorities (communes, regions), (ii) sectoral MRV systems covering energy, AFOLU, IPPU, and waste, and (iii) climate finance tracking tools for public and private flows. The National Transparency Platform will consolidate sectoral and territorial data into a single repository, ensure interoperability with existing national databases (e.g., statistics, energy, forestry) and support both mitigation and adaptation data flows. The platform should provide role-based access, secure storage, and version control to maintain integrity and transparency. An integrated QA/QC and AI verification module will automatically detect errors, duplicates, and inconsistencies in the data related to the national GHG inventory. It will apply

quality control protocols and ensure that climate data is reliable and consistent before being used for reporting. The platform will include audit trails and verification logs to enhance accountability and facilitate external reviews under UNFCCC requirements. The system will produce real-time dashboards and automated reports for multiple users: national policymakers, local authorities, and international partners. Reports include Biennial Transparency Reports (BTR), Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) progress updates, and adaptation tracking. Visualization tools, including GIS maps when relevant will provide decision-makers with actionable insights. This modular, interoperable architecture will enable Côte d'Ivoire to meet its climate transparency obligations, strengthen coordination between institutions, and integrate local climate action into the national framework. The activities of this component include detailed software design, procurement of digital tools, and capacity building for stakeholders at local, sectoral and national levels.

The objective of this component is to establish a long-term climate transparency framework, strengthening data quality, national tailored tools, digital infrastructure and data management platforms, while ensuring a connection between local and sectoral data and the national climate transparency system, through the following outcomes, outputs and activities:

Outcome 3.1: Long-term climate transparency framework established with robust digital infrastructure

Output 3.1.1: Consolidated local and sectoral data into the national platform for climate transparency

Activities:

a. Development of a harmonized methodological framework for the collection, analysis, and reporting of climate data at the local and sectoral levels in the areas of mitigation and climate finance.

b. Development of a harmonized methodological framework for the collection, analysis, and reporting of climate data at the local and sectoral levels in the areas of adaptation and climate finance.

c. Development of IPPU MRV.

d. Development of certified trainings on the sectoral MRVs.

Output 3.1.2: Strengthened interconnected and consolidated digital platforms for climate data management

Activities:

a. Design a consolidated digital platform and provide tailored trainings to stakeholders.

b. Establish a single interface for information sharing between ministries and climate governance structures, facilitating the flow of sectoral and local data into the national framework and adopting the latest technologies to strengthen interconnectivity between sectoral, local and national climate data management systems, ensuring seamless collection, processing, and reporting of climate actions.

c. Design an artificial intelligence-based analysis module for the automatic detection of errors, duplicates, and inconsistencies in climate data from key sectors of the national GHG inventory.

d. Elaborate an analysis for the implementation of a sustainable financing mechanism to enable the operation of the MRV system and the transparency framework on a long-term basis.

Output 3.1.3: Improved quality of climate transparency reports

Activities:

a. Development and training on emission projection tool specific to Côte d'Ivoire to improve climate action tracking and decision-making.

b. Development of emission factors specific to Côte d'Ivoire to improve inventories and decision-making tools at the macro-, medium-, and micro levels.

c. Strengthen the capacity of national structures to prepare transparency reports in accordance with UNFCCC requirements, while establishing regular monitoring, reporting, and verification.

d. Strengthen the capacity of local structures to contribute to the preparation of transparency reports in accordance with UNFCCC requirements, while establishing regular monitoring.

Component 4: Monitoring and evaluation

The objective of this component is to track progress toward outputs and outcomes and ensure that activities under each component (governance, local action, data systems) are implemented as planned and produce the expected outputs. It will

assess the effectiveness of climate governance mechanisms – e.g. whether the newly created national and regional structures (e.g., Climate Agency, local committees) and data systems are functional, coordinated, and contributing to climate action - and will track the integration of gender, youth, and vulnerable groups in climate decision-making and action through the following outcomes, outputs and activities:

Outcome 4.1: Project is effectively monitored and evaluated

Output 4.1.1: Tracking progress reports of the project outcomes that are monitored regularly

Activities:

a.   Plan the activities of the project and monitor progress against the annual workplans.

b.   Monitor financial resources and accounting to ensure the accuracy and reliability of financial reports.

c.   Prepare and submit financial reports, annual and final reports required by UNDP, and annual GEF Project Implementation Reports (PIR).

d.   Manage and monitor the project risks, including social and environmental risks.

e.   Annual monitoring of indicators included in the project results framework.

f.   Monitor implementation plans including the gender action plan, knowledge management plan, stakeholder engagement plan, and environmental and social safeguards.

Output 4.1.2: Timely evaluations of the project to identify success, gaps or challenges in meeting the outcomes and to enable adaptive management

Activities:

a.   Manage and evaluate the overall conduct of the project.

b.   Support for completion of assessments required by UNDP, spot checks and audits.

c.   Monitor progress, watch for plan deviations and make corrections when needed, and ensure that changes are controlled, and problems addressed.

d.   Capture lessons learned during project implementation.

e.   Undertake the Terminal Evaluation process, including validation workshop and management response.