

Consultation Meeting - Constructed Wetlands Waste treatment (South of Mahé Island)

Monday 4 October 2021

Microsoft Teams

Min 01: Opening

The meeting started at 12:00Hrs (EAT) with Jared welcoming all in attendance and mentioning that the purpose of the meeting was to get an update on the progress of the project, challenges and the additional support that would be required.

Meeting Summary

Project Milestones

- Site selection
- Agreement between the Farmer where the project will be located, Environment Department and Department of Agriculture is signed.

Next steps

- Topological survey of the area: A surveyor will be contracted to map the topography of the area.
- Tender for the design of the wastewater irrigation system
- Seek approval from the relevant authorities.
- Tender for the construction of the wastewater irrigation system facility
- The timeline on the work plan will be amended and reduced considerably to suit the project period
- The department will provide the maintenance plan of the project

Other important administrative and technical issues

1. A project implementation committee to expedite the work will be constituted
2. Fredrick is the leader of the overall project while Ian provides technical support to the project
3. Monthly consultative meetings with the Secretariate will be held to update the team on the project's progress
4. Visit by the NCS to Seychelles will take place during the pipe laying stage
5. Additional funding would be considered with demonstrated success in implementation and funds absorption
6. The project could be extended on a larger scale if it succeeds
7. interdepartmental collaboration will be considered.

Min 02: Status of constructed wetland Project at the south of Mahé Island

- Fredrick mentioned that they had selected the project site for the wastewater treatment facility at the south of Mahé Island, and an agreement between the farmer, the environment department and the department of agriculture is already signed. He added that the next phase would be to do a topological survey of the area. He highlighted that they would contract a surveyor to map the topography after which, the tendering for the wastewater irrigation system design and presenting it to the relevant authority for approval will be undertaken.

- Once approved, they would have to tender for the construction of the facility. He mentioned that the timeline would be amended in line with the remaining project timeline. He added that they would also provide a maintenance plan for the wetland.
- Ian mentioned that they were running late with the project. He mentioned that if the delay continued, they would not achieve much within the project timeline. He added that the project was time-consuming since they had to bring in other stakeholders like the public health and the Seychelles bureau of standards and suggested a reduction of the work plan timelines considerably to fit into the project period.
- Fredrick mentioned that some delays were caused by COVID 19 pandemic, and it also taken long to get the contract signed by the farmer.

Min 03: Discussion

- Jared appreciated the progress made. He suggested concurrent/parallel execution of project activities where applicable to expedite the work. Ian and Fredrick affirmed that they would undertake some activities in parallel to save project time.
- Jared recommended a established of a project implementation committee to expedite the project implementation process. Fredrick retaliated that they would set up one for the project.
- Ian mentioned that his role in the project was to provide technical support to the project while Fredrick is the leader of the overall project.
- PS Denis retaliated that project implementation would be speeded up following the agricultural department approval and the written consent by the farmer.
- Jared noted that Seychelles was a good example in the region in successful project implementation, and it would be great if this project can be effective and operational so that other countries could borrow the technology to enhance knowledge sharing. Ps Denis mentioned that the project could be extended on a larger scale once this pilot was complete and successful.
- Jared mentioned that there are several constructed wetlands projects in the region and Ian had visited some of them and attended the constructed wetlands training held in Mombasa in 2019, and he would be a great asset in the Seychelles project. He added that such exchange project site visits will helpful in knowledge sharing.
- Denis suggested monthly consultative meetings with the Secretariate to update the team on the project's progress.
- Jared mentioned an intended visit by the NCS to Seychelles with an inquiry of any international travel restrictions. Ps Denis suggested that it could be arranged when there has been further progress in the project implementation, especially during pipelaying activity which will take place after site clearing.
- Jared added that additional funding would be provided to projects that have high funds absorption and with good implementation progress.
- Denis mentioned that there is another project in progress that could be helpful, especially during the sample collection, training, and legislation review as an interdepartmental collaboration.
- Because of commonalities between the Seychelles and Kenyan wastewater projects, experience sharing and exchange visits are encouraged.

Min 04: Closing

There being no other business, the meeting was brought to a close at 12: 45Hrs (EAT)

In Attendance

	Name	Affiliation
1.	Denis Matatiken	Permanent Secretary - Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change
2.	Fredrick Kinloch	Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change
3.	Ian Charlette	Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change
4.	Jared Bosire	UNEP
5.	Jane Ndungu	UNEP
6.	Nathan Majwa	UNEP