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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AAP Africa Adaptation Programme

Cap-Net Capacity Building for Integrated Water Resource

Management

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity
CCD Convention to Combat Desertification
CDM Clean Development Mechanism

CEB UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

CIF Climate Investment Fund

CIS Commonwealth of Independent States

CO Country Office

COP Conference of the Parties

CSD United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development

CWI Community Water Initiative
DDC Drylands Development Centre
EEG Environment and Energy Group

EE TTF Environment and Energy Thematic Trust Fund
EMG United Nations Environment Management Group

EU European Union

GEF Global Environment Facility

GoAL WaSH Governance, Advocacy and Leadership for Water, Sanitation

and Hygiene

GCF Green Commodities Facility

IPBES Inter-governmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

LAC Latin America and the Caribbean

LECRDS Low-emission Climate-resilient Development Strategies

LDC Least Developed Country

MDB Multilateral Development Bank

MDG Millennium Development Goal

MLF Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol

MOU Memorandum of Understanding

MP Montreal Protocol

MRV Monitoring, Reporting and Verification
NGO Non-Governmental Organization
ODA Official Development Assistance
PEI Poverty-Environment Initiative

PEF Poverty-Environment Facility (managing agency of the PEI)

PPCR Pilot Program for Climate Resilience
PRSP Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
RBAP Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific
RBEC Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS

RBLAC Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean

REDD Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation

SGP Small Grants Programme

SREP Scaling-up Renewable Energy Program TACC Territorial Approach to Climate Change

TNA Technology Needs Assessment

TTF Thematic Trust Fund
UN United Nations
UNCT UN Country Team

UNDAF UN Development Assistance Framework
UNDG United Nations Development Group

UNDG TT United Nations Development Group Task Team
UNDP United Nations Development Programme
UNEP United Nations Environment Programme

UNFCCC United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

UN-REDD United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation

and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries

WGP Water Governance Programme

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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Urgent action is needed to transform our societies and economies if we are to achieve improved human well-being and increased equity globally, while simultaneously reducing ecological scarcity and environmental risk. Concerted and integrated efforts are required across a myriad of sectors ranging from energy to agriculture, freshwater, forest and fisheries. UNDP, with its broad based development mandate, has a crucial role to play in responding to the needs of many diverse countries. Urgent, but poised, action will accelerate progress towards the MDGs and collectively transition countries towards an inclusive and sustainable human development path in a carbon-constrained world.

The first three years of the UNDP Strategic Plan (2008-2013) have seen a steady increase in the demand for services provided by the Environment and Energy practice both across UNDP and the UN system at large. This trend is evidenced by an increased allocation of UNDP country offices' own resources (TRAC resources) to environment and energy activities. UNDP is now an important player in initiatives around the world on forestry, energy access for the poor, desertification, biodiversity conservation, water, and climate change adaptation and mitigation. The UNDP Environment and Energy Group (EEG) continues to operate as a lead service provider for the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Multilateral Fund for Implementation of the Montreal Protocol (MLF) and a range of climate funds.

The Environment and Energy Thematic Trust Fund (EE TTF) provides UNDP with a source of discretionary finance to fund innovative, catalytic and strategic interventions. It has been instrumental in developing innovative and strategic methodologies and initiatives on the ground. EE TTF also helps UNDP to better align and focus its global, regional and country programmes around its key thematic areas: mainstreaming, environmental financing, climate change and local action.

Evolving focus of EEG work in a changing global landscape

EEG's work is guided by the UNDP Strategic Plan 2008-2013. With support from the EE TTF, in 2008, EEG focused on translating the UNDP Strategic Plan into operational guidelines and actions at the global, regional and national

"UNDP has an important role to play in ensuring that programme countries have access to the support they need to meet their development goals. By keeping a strong focus on results, and continuously improving how we work, I am confident that we can continue to make a significant difference for the better wherever we work."

Helen ClarkUNDP Administrator

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UNDP Strategic Plan Key Result Areas	2010 Objectives of the EE TTF
Key Result Area 1: Mainstreaming environment and energy	 Increase the integration of environmental sustainability and climate change into UN Development Assistance frameworks (UNDAFs) and national development plans and budgets
	• Promote the incorporation of social and economic dimensions in the Rio+20 process
Key Result Area 2: Mobilizing environmental finance	• Enhance UNDP services in environment and climate finance that are provided to recipient countries through UNDP country offices and environment finance facilities
	• Enhance UNDP strategic partnerships with the World Bank and the four regional Multilateral Development Banks with focus on MDG indicators, capacity needs and gender equality
Key Result Area 3: Promoting adaptation to climate change	Launch the Green Low-Emission Climate-Resilient Development initiative as a rallying point and flagship programme for UNDP activities at the country level, in line with our work on environmental mainstreaming
Key Result Area 4: Expanding access to environmental and energy services for the poor	• Strengthen UNDP's lead operational role at the country level to expand energy access for all, especially through off-grid solutions

EE TTF enables UNDP to provide high quality global policy services in the field of environment and sustainable development. level, moving away from the previous thematic approach to environment. In 2009, the Strategic Plan was further operationalized and EEG focused on enhancing integration of the GEF activities with UNDP's other environment and energy work, and strengthening cross-practice collaboration. Thanks to the resources provided to the EE TTF, in 2010, EEG continued to deliver integrated and targeted services beyond a project-by-project approach. Increased efforts were made to further strengthen the country level delivery of integrated services to assist countries to move towards low-emissions and climate-resilient development paths that are pro-poor, pro-MDG and pro-growth. The table above summarizes the key 2010 objectives that were achieved under each key result area of the UNDP Strategic Plan with support from the EE TTF.

EE TTF support has also enabled UNDP to provide high quality global policy

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