



Sustainable Development Management Solutions

PROJECT CONCEPT

Green Audits Project

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce the anthropological footprint on the environment through the green auditing of major national policy instruments and thus ensuring that policy contributes positively to sustainable development for the benefit of people and environment.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE: To entrench in-country mechanisms for green audits within the government's structure, and with independent oversight, for key policy instruments.

WHAT ARE GREEN AUDITS?

We define green audits as the “comprehensive analyses of the effects that policies or activities may have on people's well-being and the environment with the aim of reducing negative impacts and promoting positive ones”. We posit that Green Audits of the major policy documents (i.e. national development plans, budgets, the tax regime and legislation) would be the most effective way to ensure that policy contributes to the transition towards a Green Economy.

THE PROJECT

The project will be implemented in the first three countries that express willingness to be part of the project. With additional funding the project could be rolled out in other countries. The Audits will target four important policy areas, i.e. National Development Strategies and other Development plans; Legislation; National budgets; and the Taxation regime. The Auditor General's Office is best placed to have a general oversight of the process, because of its dedicated function of carrying out public sector audits. The Auditor General also enjoys independence from other structures of government and this should ensure the audits are done accurately and the reports truly reflect the findings of these audits. For this reason the project would place a Green Auditor within the office of the Auditor General to help establish a sustainable mechanism and process and build any necessary capacity within the Auditor General's office that is more focused on audits of a financial nature. Capacity building in green auditing will also be provided to other participating institutions, as needed.

FUNDING: Initial financing to the value of USD 2 million is being sought.

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