**Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment (CCVA) toolkit for near-shore marine socio-ecological system in the Western Indian Ocean**

**Evaluation Form**

The Contracting Parties to the Nairobi Convention have received funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to implement a Programme entitled ‘*Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the protection of the Western Indian Ocean from land-based sources and activities*’ (WIOSAP). The Project being implemented by the UN Environment and executed by the Nairobi Convention is intended ‘*to reduce impacts from land-based sources and activities and sustainably manage critical coastal and marine ecosystems through the implementation of the agreed WIO-SAP priorities with the support of partnerships at national and regional levels’*.

The Project has four main components: **Component A**: *Sustainable management of critical habitats;* **Component B**: *Improved water quality;* **Component C**: *Sustainable management of river flows* and **Component D:** *Governance and regional collaboration.*

Covering Components (A to C), demonstration projects financed *through a competitive Call for Proposals scheme* will be implemented with the objective of reducing stress from land-based sources and activities in the WIO. It is anticipated that the sum of the learning derived from these projects will be significantly enhanced if the projects within each component share standardised approaches to their design and implementation, to subsequent analyses and reporting of results. To facilitate this, a set of Guidelines/Toolkits are being developed to be made available to countries to support demo project implementation. One of these resource materials is on **“Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment (CCVA) toolkit for near-shore marine socio-ecological system in the Western Indian Ocean”.** A draft of the Guide has been developed by the consultant and input by policy makers and regional experts will be key to ensure that it addresses the regional context and captures appropriate case studies. Kindly review the draft Guideline based (but not limited) on the following criteria and give recommendations as appropriate for each criterion:

1. **Background**: Is the background to climate change and linkage to coastal and marine ecosystems succinct and sufficient?
2. **Vulnerability components**: Are the components of vulnerability well identified and explained?
3. **Approaches:** Are the **a**approaches to assessing vulnerability provided and well described?
4. **Indicators of Vulnerability:** Are the different indicators of vulnerability well identified and explained?
5. **Methodology:** Is the criteria for selection and application of different vulnerability methods well explained to support decision making?
6. **Process:** Is there a step by step process provided and is it clear, simple and coherent enough to guide the undertaking of CCVA on the ground?
7. **Challenges in undertaking CCVA**: Have they been identified and possible mitigating actions proposed?
8. **Communicating Vulnerability Assessment Outputs**: Has a clear strategy been given on how to communicate VA outputs to different constituencies and especially managers/policy makers in clear, simple and effective media so as to facilitate decision making?
9. **Case studies:** Have appropriate case studies on CCVA from the WIO region been provided?
10. **Guideline structure**: Is the structure of the Guideline sufficient and coherent?
11. Any overall comments/recommendations?

Thank you.

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