

Consultation Meeting

Improving water quality by use of constructed wetland wastewater treatment as a Farm in the South of Mahé Island

17th June 2022

Microsoft Teams

Min 01: Opening

The meeting started at 16:00Hrs (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

- Designer to be recruited
- 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 had been constituted
2. Fredrick is the leader of the overall project while Ian provides technical support to the project

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

- Meeting with the relevant stakeholders/partners completed
- Project site selected (Mr. Francois Vital Farm)
- Seek final approval from Department of Agriculture and work on a tentative agreement to be signed by the farmer, Ministry responsible for Agriculture and Department of Agriculture.
- Tripartite agreement between Environment Department, Department of Agriculture and the Farmer was signed on 30th September 2021.
- There is a written consent from the Farmer
- Project steering committee created
- Carry out site visits with selected surveyors and seek quotations. Select a surveyor based on the submitted quotes and seek final approval from Procurement Oversight Unit in Seychelles.
- Topographical survey and map produced in October 2021

- Design for the constructed wetland and irrigation systems is ongoing

Min 03: Discussion

- Nanette who is the focal point, mentioned that the project had not started because of the challenges that were brought about by the COVID 19 pandemic and added that the procurement of a technical person who would help start the project. She mentioned that they had carried out the topographic survey and that they had set up the project steering committee and had a first meeting. She highlighted that they were recruiting a designer and tender for a contractor.
- She mentioned that the department for agriculture had requested that they put the project on hold due to a problem they were having with the farm owner.
- She noted that they were moving on with the project and that they would be done with the project in December.
- She mentioned that Ian had already contacted designers who would produce the designs for the project.
- The agreement had been signed with the farmer and the ministry of agriculture. She mentioned that agreement would be send to the convention.
- Jared asked who owned the land where the project would be done. Nanette mentioned that the land was government owned.
- Jared mentioned that the director of the Ecosystem Division in UNEP would visit the Demonstration project in Kenya on Constructed wetlands and that exchange programs would be done across the region.

Min 04: Closing

There being no other business, the meeting was brought to a close at 16: 45Hrs (EAT)

In Attendance

	Name	Affiliation	Gender
1.	Nannete Laure	Director General – Water, Enforcement and Permits Division, Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change	Female
2.	Fredrick Kinloch	Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change	Male
3.	Jared Bosire	UNEP	Male
4.	Jane Ndungu	UNEP	Female
5.	Nathan Majwa	UNEP	Male