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| | digital connectivity | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Migration @ (methodology for tagging under development) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Reduction of Inequalities (methodology for marker and tagging under development) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Covid-19 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| BUDGET INFORMATION | | | | |
| 12. Amounts concerned | Budget line(s) (article, item): 14.020122 Total estimated cost: EUR 4 320 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 4 000 000 This action is co-financed in joint co-financing by Global Green Growth Institute for EUR 320 000. | | | |
| MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION | | | | |
| 13. Type of financing | Indirect management with the entity to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.4.1. | | | |

1.2. Summary of the Action

The Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ) has accelerated efforts to undertake policy reforms, including in the area of climate change. Following the increased ambition of the 2021 National Determined Contribution (NDC) submission, the newly formed Ministry of Green Economy and Environment (MoGEE) is in the process of updating Zambia's National Policy on Climate Change (NPCC)¹, developing Zambia's first Green Growth Strategy (GGS), drafting a Climate Change Bill and a National Adaptation Plan. MoGEE has launched a NDC Implementation Framework and issued Interim Guidelines to facilitate carbon market projects under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. After the adoption of the 8th National Development Plan (8NDP) (2022-2026)², the GRZ has strived to promote an inclusive, multi-sectoral, integrated development approach for economic transformation, job creation and environmental sustainability, anchored on sustainable resilient ecosystems and natural resources management, including gains from carbon credit revenues. These ongoing reform efforts present a new opportunity for the EU's continued and deepened engagement in providing support to Zambia's climate action.

The action contributes to MIP Priority Area 1 "Green partnerships for sustainable recovery, growth and decent jobs". Particular focus will be on specific objective SO 1.2 "To promote an environmentally sound gender/youth sensitive and economically viable diversification of the economy and invest in the creation of green growth and decent jobs in circular economy", Result 1.4 "Zambia's climate change strategy, aligned with its NDC, is in place, under implementation and monitored". The action contributes to the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) (1, 4, 5, 8, 16, 13 and 17), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)³; and the global targets of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030)⁴.

The action contributes the New European Consensus on Development⁵, EU Communication Towards a Comprehensive Strategy with Africa (2020)⁶ and the Global Gateway, especially under the headings "Accelerating the green transition", "Supporting sustainable financing for growth" and "Accelerating the digital transition". It is in line with the Joint European Strategy (JES) for Development Cooperation with Zambia for the period 2021-2027.

The action is further aligned with the top political priorities of the European Commission, notably the "European Green Deal" and related strategies in particular, the New Forestry Strategy for 2030⁷ and its Forest Partnerships⁸, the

¹ <https://www.pmrzambia.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/National-Policy-on-Climate-Change.pdf>

² <https://www.sh.gov.zm/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/EIGHTH-NATIONAL-DEVELOPMENT-PLAN-2022-2026-05-07-2022.pdf>

³ <https://www.cbd.int/>

⁴ <https://www.undrr.org/publication/sendai-framework-disaster-risk-reduction-2015-2030>

⁵ https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/policies/european-development-policy/european-consensus-development_en

⁶ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52020JC0004&from=EN>

⁷ https://environment.ec.europa.eu/strategy/forest-strategy_en

⁸ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6653