



**“ARMENIA'S THIRD BIENNIAL UPDATE REPORT TO THE UNFCCC” UNDP-GEF/00111074 PROJECT
BOARD MINUTES**

Online
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Participants

Members of Project Management Board		
1.	Natia Natsvlshvili	UNDP Resident Representative
2.	Anna Mazmanyan	Deputy Minister of Environment
Observers/Participants		
3.	Konstantin Sokulskiy	UNDP Deputy Resident Representative
4.	Hovhannes Ghazaryan	Climate, Environment and Resilience Portfolio, Team Leader, UNDP
5.	Armen Asryan	Climate, Environment and Resilience Portfolio, Policy Specialist, UNDP
6.	Ms. Diana Harutyunyan	Climate Change Program Coordinator, UNDP
7.	Marina Sargsyan	BUR3 Project Task leader

Presented Documents / Materials:

- Final Report of “Armenia's Third Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC” UNDP-GEF/00112638 Project
- Standard progress report for the period of 31 July 2019 – December 2021
- Presentation on BUR3 Project Results for 2021 and main outcomes of the BUR3 Project

Introduction/Opening Remarks

Ms. Anna Mazmanyan, Deputy Minister of Environment and Ms. Natia Natsvlshvili, UNDP Resident Representative opened the board meeting and welcomed the participants of the joined 2 UNDP project’s board meeting. Ms. Natia Natsvlshvili introduced the agenda of the board meeting followed by the Project presentations. She mentioned that for the “Armenia's Third Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC” UNDP-GEF/00112638 Project is going to be operationally closed in February 2022, and so this Board to be considered as project’s closure board meeting.

Presentation

Ms. Marina Sargsyan, UNDP Project Task Leader presented the “Armenia's Third Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC” UNDP-GEF Project (BUR3) results for the period of 31 July 2019 – December 2021 and main outcomes of the BUR3 Project (presentation is provided in annex).

Ms. Sargsyan presented that all Project components were delivered according to the Project Document and BUR3 was submitted to the Ministry of Environment, as a main outcome of the project.

In May 2021, Armenia's Third Biennial Update Report along with a stand-alone National Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report for 1990-2017, was submitted to the UNFCCC by the Ministry of Environment.

The BUR3 submission by Armenia was followed by the Technical Analysis required under the International Consultancy and Analysis process. A desk analysis of Armenia's BUR3 was conducted remotely from 30 September to 26 November 2021 and was undertaken by the team of technical experts (TTE), drawn from the UNFCCC roster of experts (14 experts) and the UNDP Project team provided extensive support to the TTE clarifying required details and providing feedback to questions raised.

As for the project management, Ms. Sargsyan informed that: (i) Project Final Report including lessons learned for future NC/BTR work, was developed, communicated to the UNDP Regional Technical Adviser and recorded in the system; (ii) the Project Closure Quality Assurance report was prepared and approved in the UNDP system; (iii) the Standard Progress Reports were developed each quarter and submitted to UNDP.

Ms. Sargsyan presented also next steps - Transition to the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) required by Article 13 of the Paris Agreement. In particular, it was mentioned that the first BTR (replacing BURs) shall be submitted by all Parties no later than 31 December 2024 and developing countries are encouraged to prepare and submit project proposals in order to receive financial support from the Global Environment Facility for preparing their biennial transparency reports.

Ms. Harutyunyan mentioned that experience and capacity built in the framework of the project provides solid base to meet enhanced requirements related to the preparation of the first biennial transparency report.

Discussion

Ms. Anna Mazmanyanyan and Ms. Natia Natsvlishvili mentioned that they had no questions and thanked the Project team for good job.

It was a brief discussion on the issue how to arrange work to receive financial support from the Global Environment Facility for preparing Armenia's biennial transparency report.

Conclusions / Recommendations

- The project key objective - supporting the country in development its BUR3 report is done timely and on good quality level.
- The Final Report, as well as Technical Analysis Summary Report recommendations to be considered for development of the GEF funding proposal for the Armenia's first biennial transparency report preparation.

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