

00086926

**AZERBAIJAN'S FIRST BIENNIAL UPDATE REPORT TO THE UNFCCC**

**LOCAL PROJECT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Date: September 19, 2013**

**Venue: UNDP Conference room**

**Chair: Ms. Nato Alhazishvili, Deputy Resident Representative**

**Participants:**

**Ms. Jamila Ibrahimova, Assistant Resident Representative**

**Mr. Chingiz Mammadov, Senior Programme Adviser**

**Mr. Elnur Khalilov, Programme Associate**

**Mr. Ruslan Ismayilzade, Communications Officer**

**Mr. Issa Aliyev, UNFCCC Focal Point**

**Project Presenter: Mr. Vugar Allahverdiyev, Programme Associate**

**1. Introduction**

Ms. Nato Alhazishvili opened the meeting by welcoming the participants to the local project appraisal committee meeting. She noted that the purpose of this meeting is to have a final review of the project document before the DOA for signature is requested.

**2. Presentation of the project**

The meeting continued with the presentation of the project by Mr. Vugar Allahverdiyev. The presentation started with the overall information about Azerbaijan's engagement with the UNFCCC since 1995 and an overview of projects implemented in the country in the area of climate change policy. It was noted that as part of its obligation under the Convention as non-Annex I country Azerbaijan already submitted two national communications on climate change to the Secretariat. According to the new obligations assigned to the non-Annex I countries as per CoP Decision 2/CP.17 paragraph 41 Azerbaijan should also submit its First Biennial Update Report by December 2014. The ultimate goal of the project is to assist the Government of Azerbaijan in compiling and submitting this report.

The project has the following major components:

1. National circumstances and institutional arrangements relevant to the preparation of the national communications updated;
2. GHG inventory for 2006-2010 prepared, and inventories for the period 1990-2005 recalculated, using the UNFCCC recommended revised IPCC 2006 software;

3. Mitigation actions and their effects, including associated methodologies and assumptions, and progress of implementation are described as per the guidelines;
4. Constraints and gaps identified; related financial, technology and capacity building needs assessed; and recommendation for addressing the needs provided;
5. Support to domestic Measurement, Reporting and Verification arrangements by conducting an assessment regarding the different options and possibilities;
6. Compilation, consolidation of information in tabular format, publication and submission of the First BUR

The project will be implemented in NEX/NIM modality with total budget of (USD 392,461 with 321,461 USD cash contribution from GEF and 71,000 USD in kind contribution from the Government)

### 3. Summary of discussions

The following remarks were made during the discussion:

Ms. Nato Alhazishvili asked to elaborate more on what will be covered in the BUR. Mr. Issa Aliyev noted that the major chapter of the BUR will be on GHG inventory data for the years 2006-2010. He added that the years 2011-12 on GHG inventory will be covered in Azerbaijan's Third National Communication to the UNFCCC. He added that another important chapter will be on climate change mitigation. Mr. Aliyev noted that two sectors that have good potential for mitigating climate change risks in Azerbaijan are alternative energy and energy efficiency.

Mr. Isa Aliyev acknowledged that domestic MRV system is non-existent in the country and it would be very difficult to set it up within one year. Responding to this comment, Ms. Jamila Ibrahimova noted that in the proposed project we can only analyze the needs for establishment of domestic MRV, prepare regulatory documents that would chart out the set-up and operationalization of the MRV system.

Ms. Nato Alhazishvili noted that in order to meet the deadline of submission for BUR, which is set for December 31, 2014, the project should be signed by the Government of Azerbaijan as soon as possible. She emphasized that it is very important to start the project implementation and delays in obtaining government signature may threaten fulfillment of the national commitments to UNFCCC.

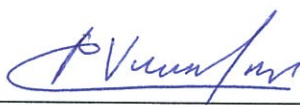
### 4. Follow-up Actions

- Obtain government signature for the project document as soon as possible

### 5. Decision

The meeting participants recommended the approval of the project.

Prepared by:



Vugar Allahverdiyev, Programme Associate

Approved by:



Nato Alhazishvili, Deputy Resident Representative