

Project

PPG for Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) for low-carbon end-use sectors in Azerbaijan

LOCAL PROJECT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Date: 30/05/2013
Venue: UNDP Office
Chair: Nato Alhazishvili, Deputy Resident Representative
Participants:

Nato Alhazishvili, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP
Chingiz Mammadov, Programme Analyst, UNDP
Azer Aliyev, Head of Environmental Department, SOCAR
Emin Garabaghli, Head of International Relations Department, MENR
Vugar Allahverdiyev, Program Advisor, UNDP

Project Presenter:
Chingiz Mammadov, Programme Analyst

1. Introduction

Ms. Nato Alhazishvili opened the meeting, and after greeting the participants, mentioned that this is with the great pleasure, that UNDP in partnership with SOCAR and MENR starts in Azerbaijan a new Project. She thanked the Government Representatives for the Support already provided during PIF preparation stage and expressed hope that this fruitful cooperation will continue also during the Full-size Project Document Preparation. Ms. Nato Alhazishvili informed that two issues to discuss is the confirmation of the Initiation plan and deciding on the modality of the PPG implementation.

2. Presentation of the project

Then, Chingiz Mammadov, UNDP Programme Analyst, has provided short information about the Project activities, about what is planned and expected from the PPG stage, mentioned about good experience accumulated by UNDP in NAMA preparations. He expressed the necessity of a very good cooperation between UNDP and both government counterparts, SOCAR and MENR for the successful preparation of the full-size Project Document. Described the preliminary timetable of expected activities, and about resources available during the PPG stage.

Then, Chingiz Mammadov presented to them the draft of the Initiation Plan for the PPG.

3. Summary of discussions

Both representatives of SOCAR and MENR, Mr. Azer Aliyev, Head of SOCAR's Environmental

Department, and Emin Garabaghli, Head of International Relations Department of MENR, also expressed their satisfaction with the level of cooperation achieved between them and UNDP. They mentioned that this Project is very interesting for them, as will be the first project of this type for them. Azerbaijan is developing fast, and though, it cannot be considered as a big contributor to the climate change, still, mitigation efforts of Azerbaijan's activities are worth to pursue.

They've also expressed their satisfaction with the PIF and with the Initiation Plan. The activities necessary to be performed during the PPG stage are well defined, and therefore, they support it.

Then, they've asked whether more precise timing of the inception activities could be identified.

In response, Chingiz Mammadov mentioned, that in consultation with the Regional Technical Advisor for Climate Change of UNDP Ms. Marina Olshanskaya, the preliminary timing of the Inception activities are planned for the second half of July, presumably, for July 17-19, and asked the counterparts whether they can adjust their schedule accordingly, to be in Baku during that period as well. Chingiz Mammadov also mentioned that UNDP will try to have the Lead International Consultant for the Project also on board by that time.

Both Mr. Azer Aliyev and Mr. Emin Garabaghli responded that they are planning to be in Baku during those dates.

They supported the Initiation plan as very reasonable and well-elaborated.

Regarding the implementation modality, Chingiz Mammadov informed that in accordance with UNDP POPS, by taking into account UNDP capacity and previous successful experience with PPG implementations, this Initiation Plan will be implemented as direct execution by UNDP. Chingiz Mammadov mentioned submittal of the recent Full-size Project Document for Marine Ecosystems project in Azerbaijan also financed by UNDP, which also has been implemented by UNDP direct execution.

Both Mr. Azer Aliyev and Emin Garabaghli found it reasonable to implement this PPG by UNDP direct execution, and asked whether and to what extent local experts from both agencies will be involved.

Chingiz Mammadov responded that the involvement of local experts is pre-condition for the successful Project Document preparation, and their active involvement will be sought.

4. Follow-up Actions


Then, the follow-up activities were discussed. The preliminary composition of the local experts' team was discussed. It's been agreed that based on PIF and on PPG, there is a need to have at least one local coordinator for the Project with the good knowledge of English, to be able to communicate with the Lead International consultant and coordinate activities of the other local consultants. Then, one legal expert will be necessary to analyze local legislature, institutional settings, etc, and one more specialist in energy efficiency or climate change. Additional members

of the team will be hired already during the process, depending on how the data collection and analysis work proceeds.

5. Decision

It's been decided to support the Initiation Plan and recommend it for approval. It is been agreed that the PPG Initiation Plan will be implemented as direct execution by UNDP.

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Mr. Chingiz Mammadov, Programme Analyst

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Approved by: Signature _____
Ms. Nato Alhazishvili, Deputy Resident Representative



