

# LOCAL APPRAISAL COMMITTEE MEETING (LPAC) SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IN MINYA GOVERNORATE PHASE III

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The meeting started with a welcome speech by Mr. Tamer Abou Gharara, Advisor to the Minister of Environment for International Relations, where he assured addressing the main principles during the implementation of the project and introduced the main purpose of this meeting: to review the project objectives, address the questions and validate to proceed and endorse with the project document.

Mr. Abou Gharara then gave the floor to Mr. Sylvain Merlen, UNDP, Deputy Resident Representative explaining the reason for that the LPAC meeting with an overview of the project objectives. He stated that any comments or discussion during this meeting can clearly be addressed after the meeting in the main project document. He also addressed several principles that must be reflected in the project document, mainly being aligned with partners strategies, being relevant to Egypt development challenges, being efficient, principled, effective and sustainable with regular project management milestones and a clear monitoring plan.

Dr. Yassin Mubarak spoke on behalf of the Italian Cooperation, expressing the efforts done in collaboration with UNDP and the Ministry of Environment/ Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency and how they have been working together in different phases.

Ms. Hoda Omar, on behalf of Waste Management Regulatory Authority (WMRA), Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA) gave a presentation on Solid Waste Management in Minya **Phase III** with an overview on the previous phases of Solid Waste Management in Minya, where she briefly discussed the following;

- Background information of the project
- Problems in the Governorate
- Minya City Waste related problems.

**Phase I:** where they established an independent SWM Organizational Structure in Minya Governorate - as a pilot project for other rural governorates – and developed an integrated plan for solid waste management in Minya Governorate.

**Phase II:** where they established a composting plant in EDWA city in Minya (a waste recycling plant) in addition to upgrading the waste collection in Minya city, upgrading two open dumps and modifying the service in other relevant cities.

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**Phase III:** Egypt and Italy signed an agreement on the 6 of September 2019 to provide funding for SWM III with a total budget of 70.5 Million Egyptian Pounds.

**The main objective of the project:** is developing and implementing appropriate, affordable and sustainable waste management practices in addition to enhancing waste disposal practices throughout Minya Governorate.

**Phase III Objectives:** will be Implemented through:

- Upgrading the capacity of the Waste Management
- Raising Public awareness on best practices of solid waste management system in accordance with the workplan prepared and promoting the right habits that support the development of the waste disposal and processing in the Governorate
- Establish a Modern Recycling plant for a typical rural governorate replicating the model implemented in EDWA city to be operated in the future through public/private partnership (PPP) or private investments.

Ms. Hoda also addresses the main outcomes of the project together with the Workplan and budget. The Implementing Partner for this project is the Ministry of Environment, (EEAA) (referred to as the Applicant in the Debt Swap agreement) and Waste Management Regulatory Authority (WMRA), that will be responsible and accountable for managing this project, including the monitoring and evaluation of project interventions, achieving project outcomes, and for the effective use of UNDP resources.

The floor was then opened for comments and feedback, below are the main points raised during the meeting:

1. The issue of the location of the PMU staff, if the project is close from WMRA, it will facilitate the decision making.
2. Request received from Mr. Tamer Abou Gharara, to appoint a Project Officer along with the Project manager to better monitor the project implementation.
3. Create a separate PMU activity, budget to be deducted from each outcome to support the recruitment of the PMU team.
4. Review the role of WMRA in the project document and reflect it together with EEAA
5. Add under the Project Manager TOR, that he/she should report directly to the WMRA/EEAA, ensure periodic report and workplan to go directly to the CEO of WMRA

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6. UNDP recommended to link the project to other ongoing projects.
7. Recommendation to invite different projects to attend the steering committee meetings
8. Dr. Yassin Mubarak stated that this is a 3 years project, and most likely is expected to start early 2020 and he explained that the schedule of payment needs to be revised to reflect the 1st installment as well as the other yearly installments according to the planned budget annexed to the project document.
9. Ms. Abir Abouzeid advised that security clearances obtained needed for opening the bank account through Mr. Ahmed Seddik EEAA.
10. Dr. Yassin Mubarak referred to the procedure for transferring the installments which require the integration of the project's yearly budget the Ministry's fiscal year budget by the Ministry of Planning.
11. Dr. Yassin Mubarak concern about Page 41 point 8 in the Prodoc which contradict article 7.7 in the agreement, *However, UNDP confirmed that the bank account referred to in the debt swap agreement is the Government account while the Prodoc refers to UNDP account, so interest gained on funds in the government account shall be returned to the Debt Swap Programme. Interest gained on Debt swap funds transferred to UNDP from the Ministry of Environment for the implementation of the project, is held by UNDP HQ.*
12. Dr. Yassin Mubarak concern about Page 41 point 9 in the Prodoc which contradict article 7.6 in the agreement, clearly nominated the final recipient of the Assets which stated that *"Assets shall be transferred to Minya Governorate after notifying the Debt Swap Management Committee". This process is normally done according to the DS rules through the applicant the Ministry of Environment /EEAA but at the end the Ministry should hand over to Minya Governorate and the DS asset handover forms should bare the signature of the Ministry as the applicant and Minya Governorate and the final recipient. Again, your handover agreement signed between UNDP and the Implementing partner which is the Ministry of Environment /EEAA (referred to as the Applicant in the Debt Swap agreement) should follow the same process. UNDP commented that both UNDP handover forms and DS forms shall be signed to meet the requirements of both DS and UNDP. UNDP also mentioned that at the end of the day it is up to the Ministry of Environment to decide whom to handover the assets to.*
13. Ms. Amany Nakhla requested a contingency budget line that can be added later when the project starts implementation
14. The panel agreed on addressing/discussing any modifications during the Steering Committee Meeting

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Finally, the committee recommended taking the above-mentioned comments into consideration in the final document and to provide any additional feedback if any.

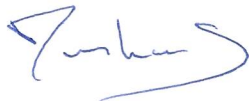
**Final Decision:**

The committee endorsed the project document subject to the incorporation of the comments made during the meeting.

**List of participants**

- Mr. Mohamed El Hussein, Second Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mr. Tamer Abou Gharara, Advisor to the Minister of Environment for International Relations (EEAA)
- Ms. Abir AbuZeid MDP, Undersecretary, International Coop. & Tech. Assistance (EEAA)
- Ms. Hoda Omar, Director of GEF Unit, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA)
- Mr. Khaled Ali Shahin, Waste Management Regulatory Authority, Ministry of Environment (EEAA)
- Mr. Yassin Mubarak, Deputy Director at the Italian Egyptian Debt for Development Swap Program
- Mr. Sylvain Merlen, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative
- Ms. Amany Nakhla, Programme Analyst, Energy and Environment
- Ms. Heba Helmy, Environment and Energy Team
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