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Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC)

of the Project «Strengthening climate resilience of the Batken Province of the Kyrgyz Republic through introduction of climate smart irrigation and mudflow protection measures»

Date: 6 February 2019; 14:00-16:00

Venue: Ministry of Emergency Situations (MES) of the Kyrgyz Republic, Toktonaliev Street 2/1, in the format of an online videoconference with the project stakeholders in the Batken province of the Kyrgyz Republic, through the Batken branch of the Ministry of Emergencies of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Participants: As per the enclosed List of Participants

Opening remarks by:

- Ms. Aliona Niculita, LPAC Chair, UNDP Resident Representative a.i. in the Kyrgyz Republic.
- Mr. Maksatbek Tashbolotov, State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Industry and Land Reclamation of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- Mr. Baizak Otorbekov, Head of International Affairs Department of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic

-Presentation of the Russian Federation-UNDP Trust Fund for Development «Strengthening climate resilience of the Batken province of the Kyrgyz Republic through introduction of climate smart irrigation and mudflow protection measures» project by Daniyar Ibragimov, Team Leader Environment and Disaster Risk Management, UNDP Kyrgyzstan.

-Discussion: Moderator - Daniyar Ibragimov, Team Leader, Environment and Disaster Risk Management, UNDP Kyrgyzstan.

-Endorsement of the project document and closing LPAC Meeting by Aliona Niculita, LPAC Chair, UNDP Resident Representative a.i.in the Kyrgyz Republic.

In her **opening remarks and on behalf of UNDP in the Kyrgyz Republic**, **Mrs. Aliona Niculita** welcomed all meeting participants and thanked partners for the trust and long-term cooperation on environment, climate change and disaster risk reduction. Expressed appreciation to the donor and delivered congratulations to the participants with the project approval. Draw participants' focus to the project's main goal and objective, which is to strengthen climate resilience of livelihoods in local communities in the Batken province of the Kyrgyz Republic, which is one of the most vulnerable areas of the country to climate change impacts. The project will build resilience of agricultural livelihoods to climate induced water shortages and install on farm irrigation systems to build resilience to climate induced disasters. Climate smart agriculture will be introduced, with farmers and local communities being enabled to receive climate related information tailored to their needs. At the end, Ms. Niculita called for broader stakeholder and partner coordination, to maximize project impacts and avoid possible duplication.

Mr. Maksatbek Tashbolotov, State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, welcomed participants and thanked UNDP for this new project. In his view, the project will help local communities cope with the effects of climate change through Introduction of new technologies for effective water use and its accounting, which will in turn allow saving up to some 11 000 m³ of irrigation water annually and allow for implementation of activities on rehabilitation and protection of on-farm irrigation systems, which in turn will entail reduction of the level of damage stemming from hydrological disasters in an area of about 22 000 hectares, and increase the water availability for 12 977 hectares of an irrigated land. Requested stronger coordination among both national and local actors during project implementation, to allow for convergence and synergies among similar initiatives both within the UN and with other development partners.

Mr. Baizak Otorbekov, Head of International Affairs Department of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic, thanked UNDP for the successful cooperation in the area of DRR and Environment and stated Ministry's full support to the project implementation, especially as it concerns creation of a system for provision of agro-climatic information by improving quality of meteorological forecasting system and its usage. This is a climate change project and is a part of the implementation of the National Adaptation Plan to climate change impacts of the Kyrgyz Republic. Thus, it will aim at increasing the resilience and reducing the damage from climate change in the target agricultural communities of the Batken Province of the Kyrgyz Republic, which is the most vulnerable region in the country to climate change impacts.

Daniyar Ibragimov made a detailed presentation of the project «Strengthening climate resilience of the Batken Province of the Kyrgyz Republic through introduction of climate smart irrigation and mudflow protection measures», with focus on the project's outcomes and major activities;

Outcome 1. Farmers and local communities receive reliable climate information tailored to their needs; this is improved climate information and local capacity for climate-resilient irrigation water management, allowing for Expanded agro-meteorological observations network, improved climate information products communicated to farmers' communities, as well as development and implementation of training programmes for LSG and WUA and other relevant local stakeholders.

Outcome 2. Agricultural livelihoods are resilient to climate induced water shortages, on-farm irrigation systems being resilient to climate-induced disasters. This is Expansion of application of water-efficient technologies and protection of irrigation systems. Under this, Identification of sites and locations for the introduction of water-efficient irrigation technologies in the target communities will be conducted, with introduction of water-efficient irrigation technologies. Also, Identification of sites for rehabilitation and protection of on-farm irrigation objects will be made, with rehabilitation and protection of on-farm irrigation facilities.

Outcome 3. Local stakeholders and beneficiaries are aware about climate change resilience, climate smart agriculture and disaster risks reduction. Under this, increased awareness and dissemination of best practices to reduce climate vulnerability of local communities will be fostered, with development of Project's communication strategy, gender mainstreaming plan and information products, and implementation of communication campaigns involving mass media aligned with the project communication plan.

General discussion; Remarks of representatives of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, national partners of the project.

Mr. Maksatbek Tashbolotov, State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture warmly welcomed the participants and highlighted the timeliness of the project. "Development of a Handbook of Batken oblast and of Kyrgyzstan other regions taking into account their climate features would be of a great asset for the country" stated Mr. Tashbolotov.

Mr. Ryskeldy Asanhodjaev, Deputy Director, Agency for Hydrometeorology under the MES also underlined the support UNDP is providing to the country. In the framework of the project he requested to pay more attention to the need of trainings for national partners, need for equipment, especially agrometeorological equipment. He noted that during the project development they requested such kind of support from other development partners as well and as of today four automatic meteostations are already procured and installed by the World Bank. Now Mr. Asanhojaev request to reconsider the number of meteostations in the project in favor of mobile equipment for agromonitoring and soil humidity, and informational products for farmers.

Mr. Erkin Kozhoev, Chairman of the National Union of Water User Association of Kyrgyzstan added on the need of water transition sensors.

Mrs. Sharipa Omurzakova, Manager of Agrometeorology Department of Kyrgyzhydromet expressed her gratitude to UNDP Kyrgyzstan and to the Government of the Russian Federation for supporting such an important topic as irrigation and mudflow protection, especially in Batken oblast which is considered as one of the least developed regions in the country. She also echoed her colleagues and stressed the need for mobile meteo equipment, agro and meteo software, newest methodologies in the area and strong expertise. Regarding the expertise, she pointed out strong capacity of

Hydrometeorological Information Institute in Obninsk, in Kaluzhskaya oblast of the Russian Federation.

Mr. Orozbek Pazylov, Head of the Department of the Ministry of Emergency Situations in Batken oblast thanked the Government of the Russian Federation and UNDP Kyrgyzstan for the new project developed and for the ongoing cooperation and support in sustainable development of the region. At the same time, he made a statement on the need of protection of channel banks, drainage systems, etc. He requested for close cooperation in selection process of pilot project sites, and UNDP representatives in its turn assured that proper consultations will be arranged.

Ms. Zoya Kretova, Manager of Meteorological observations, forecasts and information Department of Kyrgyzhydromet highlighted the importance of developing Batken Climate Programme based on long-row meteorological observations.

Mr. Ruslan Umaraliev, Programme Policy Officer, Disaster Risk Management Programme of WFP in the Kyrgyz Republic also stated that WFP in Kyrgyzstan is ready to cooperation within the RTF project. They are implementing another project in Batken funded by Green Climate Fund. UNDP expressed its readiness to cooperate as used to do before within other UNDP projects in the past.

Ms. Bermet Ubaidillaeva, UNDP Gender mainstreaming Specialist noted the importance of gender mainstreaming in the project activities on all stages and offered support of UNDP Gender Unit in project implementation.

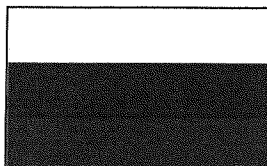
Mrs. Aliona Niculita wrapped up the meeting thanking all participants for the active and vivid discussion and stating the value of each and every comment made; to the extent possible and within the scope of the project, they would be taken into account, to better reflect current realities, as well as national needs and priorities, before the project document is officially signed and put into implementation.

At the end of the LPAC Meeting, all meeting participants endorsed the project « Strengthening climate resilience of the Batken Province of the Kyrgyz Republic through introduction of climate smart irrigation and mudflow protection measures».

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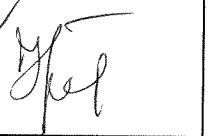


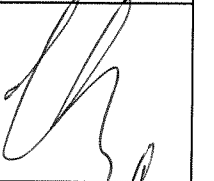

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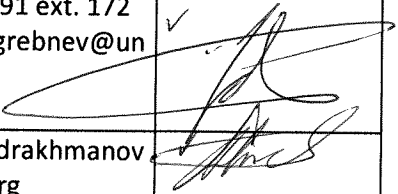
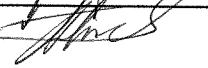




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