

**MINUTES OF THE PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**CLIMATE RESILIENT INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT**  
**7TH JANUARY 2020 AT 4.00 P.M.**  
**MAIN AUDITORIUM OF MAHAWELI AUTHORITY**  
**MINISTRY OF MAHAWELI, AGRICULTURE, IRRIGATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
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**Present:**

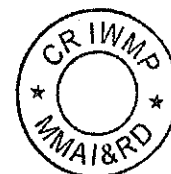
1. Mr. Neel Bandara Hapuhinne - Secretary to the Ministry of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development
2. Mr. A. Senanayake - Secretary/State Ministry of Mahaweli Development
3. Mr. Robert Juhkam - Resident Representative / UNDP

**MMAIRD**

4. Dr. Ajantha De Silva - Additional Secretary (Agricultural Technology)/MMAIRD
5. Mr. Amal Edirisuriya - Additional Secretary (Administration 1)/MMAIRD
5. Eng. G. P. Gunawardene - Addl. Secretary (Water Resources Management)/MMAIRD
6. Eng. N. A. I. U. K. Nissanka - Additional Secretary (Technical Services)/MMAIRD
7. Mr. Ariyaratne Hewage - Consultant (Policy)/MMAIRD
8. Mr. S. C. E. Bandusiri - Chief Financial Officer/MMAIRD
9. Mr. B. K. Nishantha - Chief Accountant/MMAIRD
10. Eng. Chandana Edirisooriya - Director (Technical Audit)/MMAIRD
11. Eng. Janaka Ratnayake - Project Director/CRIWMP
12. Mr. S.A.D.T. Canicius - Deputy Project Director/CRIWMP
13. Mr. G. D. Harischandra - Project Accountant/CRIWMP
14. Mr. Renaka Udawatta - Procurement Specialist/CRIWMP
15. Mr. Anil Rajakaruna - Internal Auditor/CRIWMP
16. Mr. Sanjeewa Rodrigo - Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist/CRIWMP
17. Mr. C. L. K. Wakkumbura - Environment & Social Safeguards Specialist/CRIWMP
18. Mr. Nalin C. Meemanage - Communication Specialist/CRIWMP
19. Ms Thushari Fonseka - Financial Management Officer/CRIWMP
20. Eng. C. T. Jennings - Field Coordinator/Vavuniya District/CRIWMP
21. Mr. B. M. H. Bandaranayaka - Field Coordinator/Anuradhapura District/CRIWMP
22. Mr. Pradeep Dhananjaya - Field Coordinator/Kurunegala District/CRIWMP
23. Mr. Susil Ariyawansa - Field Coordinator/Trincomalee District/CRIWMP
24. Mr. Ranjith Herath - Field Coordinator/Puttalam District/CRIWMP
26. Ms Chandima Cooray - Management Assistant/CRIWMP
29. Ms Hiranthi Perera - Project Secretary/CRIWMP

**UNDP**

30. Ms Tharuka Dissanaikie - Team Leader (Climate Change & Environment)/UNDP
31. Ms Sureka Perera - Programme Quality and Design Analyst/UNDP
32. Dr Buddika Hapuarachchi - Chief Technical Advisor / UNDP
33. Mr. Upali Imbulana - Consultant/UNDP
34. Mr. Sajjan Jayasiriwardene - Consultant / UNDP
35. Mr. A. H. Gunapala - Consultant/UNDP
36. Eng. Asoka Ajantha - Technical Coordinator/UNDP
37. Mr. Vajira Hettige - Technical Coordinator/UNDP
38. Mr. Sampath Abeyrathne - Technical Coordinator/ UNDP
39. Ms Dinanji Karunaratne - Programme Associate/UNDP



## Other Invitees:

40.	Eng. S. Mohanarajah	-	Director General/Irrigation Dept.
41.	Eng. Janaki Meegastanne	-	Director (Water Management)/Irrigation Dept.
42.	Mr. H. M. J. Herath	-	Director General/DNCWS
43.	Mr. I. V. W. Ediriweera	-	Deputy General Manager (WRS)/NWS&DB
44.	Eng. M. M. P. K. Amarasuriya	-	Chief Engineer/NWS&DB
45.	Maj Gen S. Ranasinghe	-	Director General/Disaster Management Centre
46.	Mr. Sunil Jayaweera	-	Director/Disaster Management Centre
47.	Mr. Chaminda Pathiraja	-	Director/NDRSC
47.	Mr. T. M. N. Peiris	-	Director General/Dept. of Meteorology
48.	Mr. A. L. K. Wijemannage	-	Director/Dept. of Meteorology
49.	Eng. Prabath Witharana	-	Head of Water Management Division/DAD
50.	Mr. M. A. S. H. Perera	-	Director/ToD
51.	Dr. B. V. R. Punyawardene	-	Director/NRMC/Dept. of Agriculture
52.	Mr. Sumana Yapa	-	Director/National Budget
53.	Mr. Sampath Manthrinayake	-	Addl. Director General/Dept. of External Resources
54.	Ms Kavitha Arunasalam	-	Deputy Director/Dept. of External Resources
53.	Ms. Deepa Liyanage	-	Director (International Relations)/Min. of Environment & Wildlife Resources

The meeting was presided over by the Chairman, Mr. Neel Bandara Hapuhinne, the Secretary to the Ministry of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development (MMAIRD).

## Agenda Item 1 - Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mr Neel Bandara Hapuhinne, Secretary/MMAIRD welcomed the participants for the Project Steering Committee Meeting of the Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project (CRIWMP). The Secretary, in his opening remarks, highlighted the importance of the CRIWMP to strengthen the resilience of vulnerable communities through integrated water resource management. Emphasizing on the Sustainable Development Goals, the Secretary further elaborated on how CRIWMP could contribute the government's development agenda in achieving sustainable development.

The Secretary/MMAIRD stressed about the increasing trend of recurrent floods and droughts and the resulted social and environmental challenges that communities are facing. He emphasized the importance of water resource management to address these climate impacts and stated that everyone should seriously think about proactive measures to address the impacts of climate change, which is also a priority of the Government. Mr Hapuhinne also stated, that it is essential to promote the collection, storage and use of rain water and also to ensure that all water resources are managed and utilized in an efficient manner for agriculture and other uses by adopting new techniques.

## Agenda Item 2 - Remarks by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Mr Robert Juhkam, Resident Representative - UNDP addressed the Project Board Meeting, and in his remarks, he thanked the Secretary /MMAIRD and the Secretary of former Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, Mr. Anura Dissanayake for their leadership in implementing this Project. He also thanked Eng. Janaka Ratnayake, Project Director, Dr. Buddika Hapuarachchi, Chief Technical Advisor and the PMU Staff for their commitment in delivering the Project outputs to reach the expected results. He further pointed out the following:

- (a) The evaluation conducted by the Independent Evaluation Unit of Green Climate Fund (GCF) in 2019, pointed out the outstanding performances of the Project, in terms of community engagement and social and environmental benefits delivered by the Project.



- (b) Mr. Juhkam stated that the former Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment played a dual role, as the implementing partner of the Project, as well as the National Designated Authority (NDA) for the GCF. However, since Presidential election the environment and Mahaweli subjects are handled by two different Ministries. Currently, the Ministry of Environment and Wildlife Resources retains its important function as the NDA to the GCF and as such should oversee the quality and relevance of implementation and keep the climate change logic intact.
- (c) Mr Juhkam emphasized the importance of scaling up Project results to other geographies. He stated that it would never be too late to think about the Project activities in a larger scale considering a broader geography using the lessons learnt and applying them into the other areas in Sri Lanka as this would create sustainability and comprehensive national approach. He emphasized potential of CRIWMP to foster such futuristic approach for the country to deal with the climate challenges that Sri Lanka faces.
- (d) Mr Juhkam stated that the Project Board meeting is to review and agree on the progress of 2019 and approve the Annual Work Plan for 2020 so that implementation will go on without delay.

### **Agenda Item 3 - Presentation on Progress of the Project for the Year 2019**

Eng. Janaka Ratnayake, Project Director presented the financial and physical progress of the Project for the Year 2019. Through his presentation, Project Director delivered a brief description regarding the overall Project activities and explained the important milestones achieved under the three outputs of the Project during the Year 2019. He further stated that Overall Financial Progress for Year 2019 - 98% (Out of Rs. 1,603.9 Million target) had been reached. (Presentation with details is attached herewith – **Annexure 1**). Secretary/MMAIRD thanked the Project Director and the entire team for achieving 98% progress for the Project in Year 2019.

### **Agenda Item 4 - Presentation of Annual Work Plan for the Year 2020**

Prior to presenting the Annual Work Plan for the Year 2020, Project Director stated the following:

- i) The Internal Auditor of the CRIWM Project had submitted an Audit Observation Report to the Secretary of the MMAIRD raising crucial issues with regard to the UNDP role in implementation process of the Project. Hence, the necessary advice/guidance had already been requested from the Secretary, MMAIRD in this regard, and the Project has been waiting for the necessary instructions.
- ii) In spite of these prevailing issues, PMU/MMAIRD and UNDP jointly prepared the Annual Work Plan for Year 2020 expecting that the Project would receive the decision of the MMAIRD as early as possible.

Dr. Buddika Hapuarachchi, Chief Technical Advisor/UNDP highlighted the following key activities the Project would be focusing to carry out during the Year 2020, and then presented the Detailed Annual Work Plan for the Year 2020.

#### **OUTPUT 1**

- To reach approx. 2,700 farmers through agricultural and climate advisories on water management, climate information and agricultural plans;
- To continue the upgrading of Village Irrigation Systems to increase the cropping intensity to approx. 2,160 Hectares in the Project locations;
- To reach approx. 2,150 women farmers through Climate Smart Agriculture component;
- To complete 11 Cascade Water Resources and Management Plans in view of setting the foundation with the Project implementation to bring all different aspects of water users into one integrated model.



An amount of US\$ 5.4 Million from the Grant Fund and US\$ 1.3 Million from the Co-financing component has been allocated to achieve the expected results for Output 1 with a **total budget of US\$ 6.7 Million.**

#### **OUTPUT 2**

- To reach 48,992 direct beneficiaries who would have access to safe and reliable drinking water supply through promoting rainwater harvesting, advanced filtration systems and rural water supply schemes by the end of Year 2020;
- To target approx. 300 women in managing and maintaining community water supply schemes through various capacity building programmes;

An amount of US\$ 4.0 Million from the Grant Fund and US\$ 2.1 Million from the Co-financing component has been allocated to achieve the expected results for Output 2 with a **total budget of US\$ 6.1 Million.**

#### **OUTPUT 3**

- To develop a Flood Model and also to ensure that the early warning would be provided to the flood warned community in advance.
- To assess and map 25,000 households in 100 DS Divisions with the support of Disaster Management Centre and other District Coordinating Authority officials;
- To reach 275,000 farmer members through agricultural and weather advisories;
- To protect the livelihood assets of 40,000 individuals through installation of manual rain-gauges;
- To prepare Disaster Preparedness and Response Plans for 188 Village Irrigation Systems in Project areas.

An amount of US\$ 894,700.00 from the Grant Fund and US\$ 155,000.00 from Government Co-financing has been allocated to Output 3 with a **total budget of US\$ 1.05 Million** to achieve the expected goals.

According to the Annual Work Plan, the total planned budget of the Project for Year 2020 is **US\$ 14,544,123.00 (LKR 2,661 Million)**. Detail Annual Work Plan is attached herewith – **(Annexure 2)**.

**Decision:** The Committee approved the Annual Work Plan subject to rectification of Internal Audit Observations.

#### **Agenda Item 5 - Presenting of Project Steering Committee Papers (Board Papers)**

The following Project Steering Committee Papers (Board Papers) were presented and discussed at the Project Steering Committee Meeting. - **(Annexure 3)**

##### **Project Steering Committee Paper No. MMDE/CRIWMP/PMU/PSC/2020-JAN/PSCP-01**

**Subject:** Request approval to cover the cost of the Archaeological Department to provide technical inputs and supervisory support in upgrading Thalpathulama/Thalpath Wewa of Bandarakumbukwewa Cascade in Yan Oya River Basin and also to cover similar expenses arise in the future pertaining to Project

**Decision:** The Board having considered the importance of the said work, granted approval for the Paper.

##### **Project Steering Committee Paper No. MMDE/CRIWMP/PMU/PSC/2020-JAN/PSCP-02**

**Subject:** Request approval to implement the Village Irrigation System Upgrading work in Etha Bendi Wewa and Kumbuk Wewa Cascades in Morawewa and Gomarankadawala DS Divisions respectively in Trincomalee District

**Decision:** The Board granted approval for the Paper.



**Project Steering Committee Paper No. MMDE/CRIWMP/PMU/PSC/2020-JAN/PSCP-03**

**Subject:** Request approval to re-allocate co-financing available through the National Water Supply and Drainage Board to construct two rural water supply schemes in Mahawewa DS Division in Puttalam District and Palugaswewa DS Division in Anuradhapura District

**Decision:** The Board granted approval for the Paper.

**Project Steering Committee Paper No. MMDE/CRIWMP/PMU/PSC/2020-JAN/PSCP-04**

**Subject:** Request approval to implement the proposal of providing accommodation to the Project Staff for travelling on official visits to the Project Implemented areas

**Decision:** The Board having considered the Paper, informed the Project to find accommodation within the Ministry Circuit Bungalows on concessional rates as an initial option. Therefore, no decision was taken on the Board Paper.

**Agenda Item 6 - Presenting of Project Annual Accounts for Years 2017/2018**

Mr. G. D. Gamini Harischandra, Project Accountant presented the Annual Accounts of the CRIWM Project pertaining to Year 2017 and 2018. Mr Harischandra brought the following to the notice of the Committee:

a) The funds were received from Green Climate Fund (GCF) and Government co-financing, and the expenditure shown in these accounts reflecting only the expenses incurred by the Project Management Unit of the Ministry (MMAIRD).

b) UNDP had also performed Project activities utilizing the GCF Funds, therefore, he was not in a position to prepare a Statement of Accounts for entire Project as UNDP was operating as a separate entity. Mr. Harischandra had sought the opinion of the Chief Financial Officer of MMAIRD, Mr. S. Bandusiri regarding this issue. He reiterated that though UNDP shared the summary of the expenditure incurred by them to be included in the annual financial progress of the Project, without any proper source documents the said expenditure could not be incorporated into the Project Accounts.

Mr. S. Bandusiri, Chief Financial Officer/MMAIRD added that the Project Accountant of CRIWMP had sought his advice in this regard, and a proper source documents should be produced by the UNDP to incorporate their accounts to the overall Project Accounts. In addition, Mr. Bandusiri stated that considering the importance of this requirement, UNDP should be requested to forward all-inclusive Statement of Accounts by the Project.

**Decision:** Secretary/MMAIRD informed the Project Accountant, to obtain the proper Statement of Accounts from the UNDP and stated that unless otherwise the presented Project Accounts could not be considered as a comprehensive Statement.



## Agenda Item 7 - Other Matters

1. Mr Sampath Manthrinayake, Additional Director General, Department of External Resources had drawn the attention of the Committee to the Circular No. PS/SP/SB/Circular/06/2019 dated 19th December 2019, issued by the Secretary to the President, with the title "Rationalization of the Prevailing Mechanism on Engaging with Investors, Lending Agencies, Foreign Organizations and Missions." Mr Maithrinayake informed that the CRIWM Project should be implemented as per the said Circular and, therefore, the instructions stated therein should be strictly adhered to.

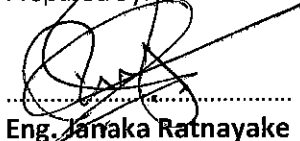
Mr Manthrinayake also requested the Project to submit its Monthly and Quarterly Progress Reports to the Department of External Resources as they are bound to monitor the Project activities.

2. Ms Deepa Liyanage, Director (International Relations), Ministry of Environment and Wildlife Resources informed that, since the National Designated Authority for GCF in Sri Lanka (NDA) is now under the Ministry of MoEWR, the Project should initiate some mechanism to update the NDA with the progress of the Project.

Finally, Dr. Ajantha De Silva, Additional Secretary (Agricultural Technology)/MMAIRD concluded the meeting and thanked everyone for participating at the meeting.

The Project Steering Committee Meeting – January 2020 of the CRIWMP was adjourned at 6.00 p.m.

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Confirmed and Approved.



**Robert Juhkam**

**Board Member of Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project**  
**Resident Representative**  
**United Nations Development Programme**



Approved.



**Neel Bandara Hapuhinne**  
**Chairman of the Board - Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project**  
**Secretary**

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