

INTEGRATED GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL PROJECT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE MEETING INTEGRATED GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME PHASE II



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Project: Integrated Governance Programme (IGP)

Country Office: Maldives

Date: 13th August 2015

Time: 1330 – 1500 hrs

Introduction and Overview of IGP II

The Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) Meeting was chaired by UNDP Resident Representative Ms. Shoko Noda. In her introductory remarks, Ms. Noda welcomed all participants to the meeting and thanked them for making time from their busy schedules. She highlighted that the level of participation in the LPAC is illustrative of the consultative process in developing the programme as well as the high level of commitment by national partners. Further She briefly highlighted the agenda for the meeting (Annex I) and briefed about the objectives of this meeting as follows:

- a) To present and endorse the ProDoc of IGP Phase II and seek approval for DIM
- b) To seek nominations for IGP board and technical committees
- c) To ensure better coordination between partners for maximum impact

Ms. Noda emphasized on the changing landscape of development funding and aid and called for state's closer engagement with the UN as not only a donor but rather as a development partner. She also briefed the attendees on the importance of cost-sharing in implementing UN projects. She noted that the new phase of IGP was designed following critical review and evaluation of IGP phase I in close consultation with national partners and building on lessons learnt.

Ms. Noda was joined by UNDP Assistant Resident Representative Ms. Aishath Rizna who gave an overview of IGP II and the process involved in designing the new phase of the programme. Multi stakeholder consultations were conducted with the support from the Governance Team at UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub (BRH) starting from January 2015 with close engagement by the team on the ground. After the development of the Project Document it was also reviewed by various teams at UNDP including BPPS and by the Gender Advisor at BRH.

She highlighted that while IGP I was heavily focused on supporting institutional capacity building while community engagement was rather minimal, IGP II will aim to carry out interventions with a stronger focus on catering to underserved communities to increase their voice and meaningful participation for better democratic systems. Further in the new Phase the programme will have two main Result Areas instead of the three Result Areas from phase I which is done to ensure better targeted support and synergies within the Result Areas. Result Area 1 will focus on increasing voice and citizen participation

for strengthened governance systems. Result Area 2 will aim to enhance access to justice and protection of human rights. She further added that the IGP II will use a human rights based & gender responsive approach to programming.

Presentation and Discussion of the Programme

A presentation was done by the Project Coordinators (PCs) Ms. Yasmeen Rasheed and Ms. Maurifa Hassan on the two Result Areas (Annex II) with details on the specific outputs the programme will be focusing on. After the presentation by PCs, Ms. Rizna presented the proposed management structure and the composition of the board and technical committee. This was also opened for discussion as there will be a change in the management structure from Phase I as well as better representation in the Board to reflect the new programme priorities.

The discussion was opened with the invitation to participating agencies for feedback and comments on the programme particularly the management arrangements. Ms. Rizna highlighted the following points while opening the floor for discussions:

- Reflected on the past experience of IGP Phase I, having used DIM for implementation and the need for continuation of DIM for Phase II of IGP, as UNDP will be able to provide an impartial and neutral platform for reaching out to the communities in the current fragile political situation
- Suggested having Ministry of Law and Gender (MoLG) represented at the Programme Board given the significance of gender mainstreaming across all Result Areas
- Suggested increasing the number of representations from Civil Society in the Programme Board
- This is a multi – year programme which is designed to be flexible to adapt in a dynamic context and be able to adjust according to the needs of the national partners

Since this is at the final consultation stage after a series of extensive sector and result level consultations as well as at the Programme Board level, partners expressed their good understanding of the programme and concurrence with continuing to use DIM for Phase II of the Programme.

Mr. Mohamed Iyas from Prosecutor General's Office stated that the institution found the proposed programme in line with their priorities and hence acceptable.

Some questions raised by national partners regarding the management framework were answered by Ms. Rizna including the following:

- Ms. Shiraani from MoLG enquired as to MoLG being absent from the technical committee of Result Area 2, which has a heavy focus on works related to women's access to justice and prevention of sexual and gender based violence.
- Ms. Zoonah from Ministry of Youth and Sports (MYS) requested to clarify how the Technical Committees (TCs) were compiled and requested to include MYS in the technical committee. Ms. Rizna explained that these were based on the programme focus areas and they will function as technical advisory bodies to the programme. She also noted that MYS would be a suitable representative for the TC of Result Area 1.

Additionally some comments on the substance of the programme came from participants which included the following:

Ms. Shiuna from Transparency Maldives (TM) requested to further elaborate on how the process of 'participatory law-making' in result 1.2 will be carried out as well as 'key legislations' in result 2.3 and how they would be selected.

Ms. Shiraani informed that MoLG has recently submitted a Cabinet paper to create a quota system for hiring women in public service institutions, such as the civil service and atoll councils. The cabinet paper includes establishing a pool of women leaders that would be able to fill the quota system. The MoLG would like to work with the UNDP on this initiative which is covered in Output 1.3 of the Programme.

Ms. Ikleela from the Anti – Corruption Commission (ACC) highlighted the institutional capacity building is still a high priority for the ACC in terms of investigative work and good governance. She also noted that the ACC is developing a national integrity plan in consultation with relevant ministries, and would like to continue the relationship and assistance from the UNDP in this regard.

Nominations for the Programme Board and Technical Committee

Ms. Rizna then invited participants for additional nominations to the Board and Technical Committees. It was also pointed out that since the Board plays an advisory role we should not be moving towards increasing the number of members as it would become challenging to convene meetings and reaching consensus. She reminded that the programme board should be at a manageable level and that TCs would give the partners the opportunity to offer more concrete technical advice which can be broader in nature.

Ms. Mariyam from Ministry of Home Affairs shared the Ministry's plan to form an NGO Committee next year and suggested that the NGO representative on the Board be chosen from this committee.

Ms. Shiuna from TM indicated their interest to continue as a Board Member and requested that a second NGO be also represented because of the strong focus on CSOs in the programme. An increased presence of NGOs on the Board would provide CSOs the opportunity to engage in programming and policy making, and increase institutional capacity.

Mr. Rayyan from Maldivian Democracy Network expressed their interest in sitting at the Board.

Dr. Shukry from Local Government Authority (LGA) suggested having at least one member from the Legislature and Executive in the board to ensure there's better coordination across the three branches of the State.

Ms. Rizna requested for the participant's views on having political parties in the TCs since there are a number of interventions to be carried out in partnership with them. Since it would not be feasible to have all political parties in the TCs it was opened to the participant's feedback on how to engage with them instead of having designated representatives at the TCs. She suggested that one recommendation would be to have representatives from the women's wings AND/OR to invite political parties to output level discussions as need arises. Ms. Shamha added that political party buy-in would be very important to ensure smooth implementation of the programme.

To this Dr. Shukry suggested having a representative from the Elections Commission to represent political parties and to establish a platform for political party dialogue through IGP. Ms. Shoko concurred on the need for this and introduced the new Peace and Development Advisor, Mr. Jomart and explained that he would be conducting many such dialogues in addition to political analyses and multi stakeholder

engagements to indicate that this is also one of the available platforms for working with the political parties.

Closing Remarks

Ms. Shamha Naseer, Programme Analyst IGP thanked the participants for their time and inputs and concluded with the next steps as follows:

- UNDP to circulate final draft of the ProDoc by mid-next week after incorporating feedback from today's meeting.
- Submit for DIM approval of the ProDoc to the Regional Bureau.
- Timeline to finalize the new programme by November 2015.

Since there were no further comments and general agreement on the programme including using DIM as implementation modality and the suggested management arrangements the items discussed were confirmed as endorsed by the Chair and the members of the LPAC.

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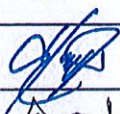




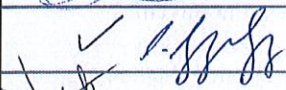
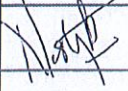
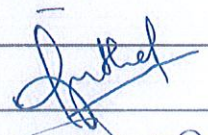

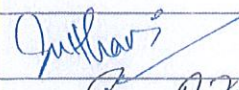
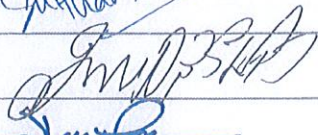
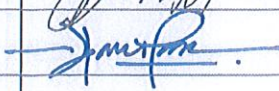
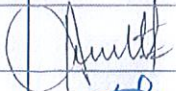

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- 13: 30 Opening Remarks by UNDP RR Ms. Shoko Noda
- 13: 40 Overview of IGP II – Aishath Rizna, ARR Governance
- 13: 45 Presentation of IGP II – PCs
- 14: 00 Discussion followed by Q&A
- 14:30 Nominations for the Programme Board and Technical Committee by Board Members
- 14: 45 Closing Remarks – Shamha Naseer, Programme Analyst IGP
- 15:00 Refreshments

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Attorney General's Office
ATTENDANCE

	Name	Agency	Signature
1	Dr. Isaam Mohamed	President's Office	—
2	Dr. Ahmed Shukry Hussain	LGA	
3	Ms. Mariyam Shiuna	Transparency Maldives	
4	Ms. Aminath Nashia	Ministry of Finance and Treasury	
5	Mr. Ismail Wisham	Attorney General's Office	—
6	Ms. Mariyam Shamma Ismail	Supreme Court	—
7	Ms. Shoko Noda	UNDP	
8	Mr. Jomart Ormonbekov	UN	
9	Ms. Aishath Azza	UNDP	
10	Mr. Nasheeth Thoha	UNDP	
11	Ms. Fathimath Niusha	People's Majlis	—
12	Ms. Azhath Rushdy	Election Commisison	
13	Ms. Shirazni Naeem	MoLG	
14	Ms. Moomina Waheed	HRCM	—
15	Mr. Shamun Hameed	HRCM	—
16	Ms. Sulthana Shakir	PGO	
17	Mr. Mohamed Iyas Ms. Aishath Fazna	PGO	
18	Mr. Hassan Haneef	MPS	
19	Mr. Sultan Ahmed Bishar	MPS	—
20	Aminath Rasheed	MPS	
21	Ms. Athika Ibrahim	Supreme Court	
22	Ms. Aishath Shaheen	MBC	—

