

Environment & Climate Change Unit
Institutional Support to Climate Change adaptation and Mitigation Project

Minutes of the 2nd Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting
Held on 18 January 2018

Participants:*

1. Ms. Naoko Takasu, DCD-P (co-chair)
2. Mr. Zawad Haider, Section Officer (UN-III/IV), EAD
3. Mr. Amanullah Khan, ACD, ECCU
4. Mr. Usman Manzoor, Programme Officer, ECCU
5. Mr. Abduvakkos Abdurahmanov, Technical Specialist, UNDP
6. Mr. Asad Maken, Public Finance Specialist, UNDP
7. Mr. Asghar Nadeem, Admin & Finance Associate, ECCU
8. *MoCC representative (Mr. Irfan Tariq, Director General (Environment) regretted participation due to an emergent engagement but conveyed that the meeting may proceed.

Opening Remarks:

The UNDP co-chair, Ms. Naoko Takasu, Deputy Country Director-Programme welcomed the participants and specified the objectives of the meeting.

Presentation on Progress during 2017:

Mr. Usman Manzoor, Programme Officer, ECCU presented progress of the project for the year 2017. Presentation included highlights on major achievements summary of which is given below:-

- UNDP and Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform jointly developed National Action Plan and Investment Prospectus for sustainable energy for all (SE4ALL);
- Report on the "The Vulnerability of Pakistan's Water Sector to the Impacts of Climate Change: Identification of Gaps and Recommendations for Action" was formally launched;
- Projects under "New World: Inclusive Sustainable Human Development Initiatives" were implemented and funding for two additional projects amounting to USD 175,000 was secured from Coca-Cola/Global Water Challenge (GWC);
- Activities were implemented in collaboration with provincial governments under the governance of Climate Change finance project;
- Promoting Green Energy pilot project was successfully completed under which Biogas and solar plants were installed in District Narowal, Punjab;
- Ministry of Climate Change was supported during the in the process of development of country's Second National Communication (SNC) project on Climate Change;
- Implementation of water conservation pilot projects in Balochistan initiated;

Presentation on Annual Work Plan 2018

Mr. Usman Manzoor, Programme Officer, ECCU highlighted the major activities planned for the year 2018. Major activities included:-

- Support the process for strengthening the governance of Climate Change finance
- Promoting Green Energy to Mitigate Climate Change and Energy Crisis
- Improved access to sustainable energy in rural areas of Pakistan by carrying out relevant interventions / studies / surveys
- Bridging gap for national communication in order to support MOCC in the process of development of country's Second National Communication (SNC) project on Climate Change
- Promoting integrated water conservation practices
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Developing Financing Framework and Partnerships with national and international private sector
- Develop financing framework to support the National Action Plan on sustainable energy for all
- Create partnerships towards climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts specifically on water and energy initiatives
- Manage "New World: Inclusive Sustainable Human Development Initiatives" third generation projects (UNDP's global programme funded by Coca-Cola/GWC)
- Climate change Vulnerability Assessment of Pakistan

Discussions

- Participants discussed the proposed Annual Work Plan and budget for the year 2018. Representative of Economic Affairs Division (EAD) commented that the administrative budget is relatively high among the overall budget. UNDP clarified that they will review the programme and operational budget and will try to minimize the administrative portion. Representative of EAD informed that he needs to consult with senior management and that UNDP may send an email justifying the administrative portion of the budget.
- EAD enquired about the water report, climate finance report and the work plans of governance of climate change finance and DRR projects. UNDP stated that DRR activities are integrated into the project's AWP whereas rest of the information will be shared with EAD.
- EAD representative appreciated the catalytic nature of the activities under the project which lay down the basis of further mainstreaming climate change in Pakistan.


Decisions

1. Committee approved the Annual Work Plan and budget for the year 2018 subject to subsequent endorsement by EAD;
2. Project to share water report, climate finance report and AWP of governance of climate finance project with EAD;

Other comments from the co-chairs:

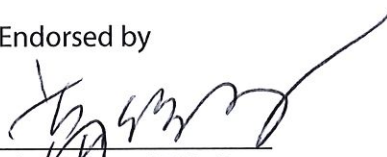
The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from Ms. Naoko Takasu, DCD-Programme, UNDP.

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