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Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) Online Meeting

“Building Armenia’s national transparency framework under Paris Agreement”

UNDP-GEF/00110252 Project

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LPAC Members:

Irina Ghaplanyan	Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, LPAC Co-Chair
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Armen Martirosyan	UNDP Sustainable Growth and Resilience Portfolio Manager
Diana Harutyunyan	Climate Change Programme Coordinator, UNDP Armenia

Purpose:

The purpose of the LPAC was to discuss the key parameters of the Project Document with key stakeholders and learn stakeholders’ recommendation for its implementation. This is the second LPAC meeting. The first was held in September 2019 and the recommendations of the first LPAC were fully implemented.

Documents presented:

- Project Document with all attachments (English and Armenian), sent in advance for review;
- PP Presentation of the Project.

Reporting:

Welcome remarks were delivered by Ms. Mihaela Stojkoska, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative and Ms. Irina Ghaplanyan, Deputy Minister of Environment of Armenia.

Ms. Mihaela Stojkoska mentioned that UNDP is proud to have been an active partner with the Government of Armenia for more than two decades in the area of climate change. Armenia has been a leader in developing countries in the areas of reporting on climate change. The Paris Agreement presents a new challenge for Armenia and also increases the importance of proper transparent data collection, reporting and ensuring appropriate access to information for tracking progress with implementation of UNFCCC.

Ms. Irina Ghaplanyan thanked the participants for joining the meeting and indicated that Armenia, by assuming obligations under Paris Agreement should submit its reporting with a high level of transparency already in 2024, which gives Armenia a 4-year span for capacity building in institutional framework and human resources. She also noted that Armenia has developed and submitted very high quality GHG Inventory reports, for which she also thanked UNDP Climate Change Programme team. She also mentioned that Armenia should continue to improve both the quality and the transparency of GHG Inventory of Armenia.

Ms. Diana Harutyunyan presented the Project, in particular by presenting the project background, objectives and outcomes, as well as project implementation and reporting arrangements. She indicated that the project will also contribute to Armenia's Sustainable Development Goals by creating an effective framework for transparency of actions, which will enable identifying successful mitigation and adaptation investments linking them to national policy priorities. She also highlighted the Project importance within the context of the country development priorities and Paris Agreement ratification. She mentioned about the importance of networking and the possibilities of cooperation with countries, which are more advanced in implementation of Capacity-building initiative for Transparency (CBIT), by familiarizing with the best international practice and exchanging the lessons learned.

Conclusions:

The LPAC members took note and endorsed all aspects of the Project Document (governance framework, risks, management arrangements, monitoring and evaluation framework, gender equality dimension) and recommended the project implementation. It was agreed that UNDP will further coordinate with Ministry of Environment on expediting the project inception related arrangements for timely and smooth start of the project.

Based on the results of the discussions and positive feedback from the Project partners and stakeholders, considering the importance of the Project outcomes for Armenia, LPAC recommended the Project document for signing.

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