

Project

PREPARATION OF AZERBAIJAN'S NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 2015 AGREEMENT

LOCAL PROJECT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Date: 14 August 2014

Venue: UN Conference Room

Chair: Nato Alhazishvili, UNDP DRR

Participants: Shamif Rzayev, Senior Programme Advisor
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Project Presenter: Jamila Ibrahimova, ARR

1. Introduction

Ms. Nato Alhazishvili welcomed the participants and explained that the purpose of the Local Appraisal Committee is to review the project document and to suggest any changes/amendments before the project is presented for signature of the UNDP RR.

2. Presentation of the project

Ms. Jamila Ibrahimova has presented the project to the LPAC participants. As background, she explained that all countries – members of the UNFCCC –were called upon to initiate or intensify domestic preparations for their intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs) to the new global agreement on climate change. INDCs include such dimensions as mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, transparency of action and support, and capacity building.

While Azerbaijan is a small contributor of GHGs by international comparison, it has a high energy intensity indicator and declared its willingness to 'bring the amount of energy used for the production of one unit of GDP and the amount of carbon dioxide in line with the appropriate indicator of member countries of the OECD' (Vision 2020).

Azerbaijan already cooperates with international organizations such as EU, ADB and UNDP on climate change mitigation and adaptation measures. Considering that there are no clear guidelines to the countries on how to prepare INDCs and there is a tight deadline for the submission of the

INDCs, Azerbaijan will benefit enormously from the UNDP/GEF support in preparing the INDCs submission.

The project will have two outcomes:

- Outcome 1. Azerbaijan's government agencies are enabled to actively participate in the UNFCCC negotiation process
- Outcome 2. Azerbaijan's INDC submission is produced through broadly – owned consultative process

The project will be nationally executed by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (MENR), with UNDP providing support services. The largest share of the budget will go to the Outcome 2 described above.

3. Summary of discussions

Mr. Isa Aliyev reiterated the importance of the project for Azerbaijan and expressed appreciation for support. He mentioned that INDCs report should be prepared well in advance of the Conference of Parties in Paris, November 2015, ideally by the end of the 1st quarter of 2015. This will require expedited efforts on all parties involved.

Ms. Nato Alhazishvili emphasized the importance of mobilizing all the relevant government and business stakeholders to have a comprehensive analysis of Azerbaijan's contributions to the new climate change agreement.

Ms. Jamila Ibrahimova mentioned that in the preparation of the INDC it will be important to keep in mind the 'equity' considerations to ensure that Azerbaijan contributes fairly and adequately to the collective efforts under the new climate agreement. She also informed the LPAC participants that representatives of the EU ClimaEast Policy component project held in Baku the first awareness raising seminar on INDCs in partnership with the MENR. UNDP and EU ClimaEast agreed to keep each other informed of their activities in this direction and coordinate their plans. There is no risk of overlap between the projects as EU mainly supports seminars for awareness raising while the core of UNDP/GEF project is preparation of the INDCs report itself.

4. Follow-up Actions

There are no actions/changes required to finalize the project document.

5. Decision

The LPAC members unanimously recommended the approval of the project.

Prepared by: Signature _____
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Approved by: Signature _____
Ms. Nato Alhazishvili, Deputy Resident Representative