



Local Project Appraisal Committee Meeting
For project titled: "Strengthening Liberia's Capability to Provide Climate Information and Services to Enhance Climate Resilient Development and Adaptation to Climate Change"

Date: 7 August 2013

Venue: Jordan Ryan Conference Room, UNDP, Liberia

Chair: Hon. Harrison Luo, Assistant Minister for Regional & Sectoral Planning-MPEA

Attendance:

No.	Names	Institutions	Positions
1.	J. Kanie Merfee	FAO	Technical Coordinator
2.	Harry Banes-Dabban	NPA	Consultant
3.	Lawrence T. Massaquoi	MOA	Deputy Director
4.	Arthur Gar-Glahn	MOT	Director for Meteorology
5.	G. Moses K. Dorbor	LBS	Announcer
6.	Othello Kruah	NPA	Manager
7.	Moses Massah	UNDP	Programme Specialist
8.	Anthony D. Kpadeh	UNDP	National Consultant
9.	Peterson H. Nyemah	MOA	Finance/ Admin
10.	Robert Dorliae	UNDP	Programme Analyst
11.	Benjamin Karmorh	EPA	Coordinator/MEAs
12.	John Walker	UNDP	ARR
13.	Nathaniel T. Blama	EPA	Technical Advisor
14.	Mitchell S. Kumberlay	FDA	Manager
15.	Saffa A. Koroma	CU	Lecturer
16.	Cleophas Torori	UNDP	DCD Programme
17.	Samuel Boakai	UNDP	National Coordinator
18.	Harrison Luo	MPEA	Assistant Minister
19.	Gboryonon Zarbupoo	UNDP	Programme Assistant
20.	Bendu Zaizay	UNDP	Programme Assistant

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Overview of the Meeting:

On 7th August 2013, the Environmental and Protection Agency which is the Implementing partner for the Mainstreaming Energy & Environment in development Processes in Liberia program, invited key stakeholders to attend and participate in the Early Warning System Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) meeting. The meeting was held in the Jordan Ryan Conference Room at UNDP-Liberia and chaired by the Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs. The purpose of the meeting was to review and adopt the implementation of the Early Warning System (EWS) Project which is titled: **“Strengthening Liberia’s Capability to Provide Climate Information and Services to Enhance Climate Resilient Development and Adaptation to Climate Change”** This project seeks to strengthen Liberia’s capacity to gather and provide information and services about the climate as a means of enhancing resilience to climate change.

Opening Remarks/Statements:

Mr. Benjamin Karmorh, National Coordinator on Climate Change Enabling Activities at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) welcomed all stakeholders at the LPAC. He gave historical analysis of the project which is an outcome of the National Adaptation programme for Action (NAPA); he commended UNDP and Global Environmental Facility (GEF) for moving the project to another stage which will enhance Liberia’s development as reflected in the Agenda for Transformation (AfT). The project will provide vital information and services for important sectors such as the hydro turban which capacity will rely on water and information on climate.

Speaking at the LPAC meeting was Mr. Cleophas Torori, Deputy Country Director (DCD) for Programme who joined previous speakers to welcome all stakeholders who have actively participated and contributed from the inception, design, formulation and validation of the project. He expressed thanks and appreciation to the Government of Liberia (GOL) lead agencies on Energy and Environment and lauded EPA’s initiative in soliciting financial support from GEF for the implementation of the project. He further echoed that the EWS Project when adopted will help build the capacity for meteorological and early warning monitoring; enhance the capacity of project staff in terms of response to natural and manmade disasters. He concluded by calling on all responsible parties to be more accountable and transparent during the implementation of the project; while UNDP stands to give technical support and quality assurance and to ensure that the adoption will serve as the benchmark to jump start the construction of facilities and the putting in equipments for the Early Warning System Project.

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Overview of the project:

The overview of the project was done jointly by the Implementing Partner (EPA), the UNDP and the National Consultant.

Giving the overview of the project Mr. Anthony Kpadeh, National Consultant, mentioned that the project is aligned with Liberia's NAPA priorities - improved monitoring of climate change: enhance adaptive capacity through the rebuilding of the national hydro-meteorological and meteorological monitoring system and improved networking for the measurement of climatic parameters; MDG priorities 1, 3, 6 and 7; Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) I/AFT – sustainable management of the environment

Continuing, the consultant said that the current climate monitoring and early warning systems in Liberia are not co-ordinated and not functioning to increase adaptive capacity of local communities and sectors. Systems need to be enabled to avoid significantly undermining of social and economic development under a changing climate. This is the problem the project intends to solve.

Long-term Goal:

The long term goal of the project is to contribute towards all national and sub-national efforts to strengthen the resilience of key sectors and vulnerable local communities to climate

The Early Warning Systems Project is one of three priority projects identified for implementation under Liberia's National Adaptation Program of Action (NAPA) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) developed in 2007. The proposed project, when approved will seek to strengthen Liberia's capacity to gather and provide information and services about the climate as a means of enhancing resilience to climate change

Management Arrangement:

The project is a National Implementation Modality (NIM) which is led by EPA as Implementing Partner and Ministry of Transport as the responsible party; while UNDP will provide the technical assistance and quality assurance. The project has a cost recovery component which will apply to the support that will be provided by UNDP.

Discussions:

Following the joint presentation, partners were allowed to discuss issues that will enhance the effective implementation of the EWS Project. The discussions yielded the following recommendations/concerns:

- The need for national institutions capacity to be enhanced to take the lead in the implementation of the EWS;

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- Ministry of Transport urged to fast track the identification of office spaces and a structure to be used as National Meteorological Center (NMC)
- The risk and assumption identified be assigned to responsible parties for reference purposes;
- The National Meteorological Center be situated in the Airport community or Maritime;
- Facilities at RIA or Maritime be upgraded to host the center;
- Transport agreed to fast track the drafting of the TOR for staff.

Adoption of the Project:

- All stakeholders overwhelmingly agreed that the EWS project document is adopted and approved as being presented at the LPAC and therefore gave the go ahead to implement as per the modality;
- Agreed on the implementation amount approved by GEF/LDCF

RESOLUTIONS


No	Action points	Focal person(s)
1.	Establish National Meteorological Center (NMC) as interim measures before the National Meteorological Agency (NMA)	MOT
2.	To Identify the locations of the NMC and office spaces;	MOT
3.	The Ministry Of Transport will constitute a team to identify the areas for the NMC	MOT
4.	The risk and assumption identified be assigned to responsible parties for reference purposes;	EPA
5.	Plan visit to RIA and Maritime for discussion on proposed NMC	MOT

Reference Documents:

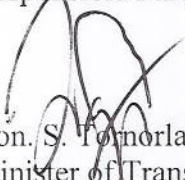
- ✓ Background document to NAPA May 2006 Workshop
- ✓ Inception Workshop Report 2012
- ✓ Validation workshop 2013
- ✓ Presentations at the LPAC meeting
- ✓ Attendance

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Signed:



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