LPAC meeting

"Towards National Reconciliation in Libya" project

Date: 30th November 2016 Venue: UNDP Conference Room,

Tunis, Tunisia

Present:

1. Noura Hamladji,

Country Director, UNDP Libya

2. Mr Esam Garba.

Director, Technical Cooperation Department, Ministry of Planning

3. Mohammed Salih,

Programme Coordinator, UNDP Libya

Agenda:

• Consultative meeting on new "Towards National Reconciliation in Libya project

The UNDP Country Director, Noura Hamladji opened the consultative Local Programme Appraisal Committee (LPAC) meeting by welcoming the Ministry of Planning for accepting the invitation to meet and discuss about the new "towards "national reconciliation" project that UNDP is planning to launch in January 2017.

Programme Coordinator, Mohammed Salih briefly presented the objective, relevance and funding source of the proposed project. He explained that transforming the political culture has been challenging in Libya and the ongoing political dialogue process focuses on top level mediation. The gap between the local and national level mediation processes imply the need for local level or bottom-up reconciliation process in Libya.

The main objective of the project is to assist local level peace initiatives and provide support to national and local authorities, CSOs and other partners in their efforts to promote peace at national reconciliation. Through the project, stakeholders will receive support to implement national reconciliation strategy that will adequately contribute to the democratic process and compliment to the national in Libya. As part of the transitional governance programme of UNDP with the intention of supporting the peace building initiatives in Libya, it is the first of its kind to launch reconciliation project that will complement the overall national peace process.

During the meeting the Ministry of Planning made observation on the following points:

- The project should have clear methodology and implementation strategy
- Any intervention to provide support on reconciliation should try to look on the factors that prevents peace deal in Libya. Assessment s need to be done.
- The project should have clear strategy and vision
- The national reconciliation strategy should have clear vison on the challenges facing the country. The benefit of coexistence and cohesion of the Libyans and the pros dividing should be spelled out in the national strategy.

Noura Hamladji

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