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Minutes of the National Steering Committee meeting (NBSAP) held on 06.02.2015

Present:

1. N.K.G.K.Nammawatta, Addl.Secretary (NR) Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment
2. Ms. Lovita Ramputtee, Deputy Country Director, UNDP Sri Lanka
3. Dr.Vishaka Hidellage, Assistant Country Director, UNDP Sri Lanka
4. Ms.R.H.M.P. Abeykoon, Director, Biodiversity Secretariat, Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment
5. Mr.Waruna Sri Dhanapala, Director, Natural Resource Management Division, Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment
6. Mr.Ajith Silva, Director(Policy&Planning), Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment
7. Dr.Siril Wijesundara, Director General, Department of National Botanic Garden
8. Mr.D.Abeysooriya, Chief Accountant, Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment
9. Mr.Shamen Vidanage, Programme Cordinator, IUCN Sri Lanka
10. Mr. W.D.Rathnadeera, Senior Programmer, South Asia Corporative Environment programme
11. Mr.T.G.Ajith Duminda, Superintendent of Customs, Sri Lanka Customs
12. Ms.Dharshani Abeyratne, Programme Analyst, UNDP Sri Lanka
13. Mr. M.S. Kanakarathne, Assistant Superintendent of Customs, Sri Lanka Customs
14. Mr. Rohan Wickramawardane, Assistant Director, Department of National Planning
15. Mr.Vajira Hettige, Technical Coordinator, UNDP Sri Lanka
16. Mr.A.G.D.L.Karunaratne, Assistant Director(NRM division), Central Environmental Authority
17. Mr. W.G. Chaminda Lal Kumara,Programme Manager, Green Movement of Sri Lanka
18. Mr. D.N. Amarasinghe, Assistant Director, Dept.of Zoological Garden
19. Mr.W.M.Hansini, Assistant Director, Dept.of National Planning
20. Ms.Ramani Shirantha, Senior Scientist, National Aquatic Recourse& Research Development Agency
21. Mr.U.K.L.Peiris, Assistant Director, Dept.of Wild life Conservation
22. Mr.Sampath Ranasignhe, Environment Management Officer, (& Planning Division) Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment
23. Ms. Dilki Palliyaguruge, M&E Analyst, UNDP Sri Lanka
24. Ms,Juhith Vannithamby, Programme Associate, UNDP Sri Lanka
25. Mr.R.A.C. Prageeth Gunasekara, Assistant Director, External Resource Department
26. Ms.H.N.K.T. Dulani, Assistant Director(CC), Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment
27. Mr.R.S.S. Rathnayake, Environment Management Officer, Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment
28. Mr.Sampath Ranasinghe, Environment Management Officer, Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment

29. Ms.H.M.H.E.Herath, Research Assistant(BDS), Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment

30. Ms. G.K.H.Madushani, Development Officer, Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment

Mr. N.K.G.K.Nammawatta, Addl.Secretary (NR), chaired the meeting and welcomed all the participant. Further he explained the objective of the meeting as the Ministry wishes to obtain approval of the work plan 2015 and discuss the consultancy of NBSAP revision and Clearing House Mechanism.

After that Addl. Secretary Mr. Nammawatta opened the floor for the discussion of last meeting minutes. No any matters, correction were created about the minutes. Therefore, the committee members were approved the last meeting minutes without any objections.

Thereafter, Addl.Secretary Mr. Nammawatta invited Director Biodiversity to present the progress of NBSAP project and Annual work plan 2015.

Ms. Padma Abeykoon mentioned her presentation, this project has 3 components. Component one 1 is a Stocktaking and National Targets setting, Component 2 is a NBSAP revision and Component 3 is a Develop Clearing House Mechanism for NBSAP implementation. The Ministry has completed component one and Selected two consultants to conducting NBSAP revision and Develop a Clearing House Mechanism(CHM). South Asia Corporative Environment Programme(SACEP) and International Union for Conservation of Nature(IUCN) are the two consultants for selecting conduct above two activities. Also Ms. Abeykoon expressed that the Ministry is processing to sign MOU with SACEP and IUCN.

Thereafter, Mr.Nammawatta, Addl Secretray invited Mr. Rathnadeera, Senior Programmer to present the Progress of Development of CHM mechanism. Mr.Rathnadeera highlighted SACEP agreed to do this assignment as the decision taken at the Eleventh Governing Council of SACEP. It was agreed to assist member countries to build capacity to develop and maintain National Biodiversity CHMs, assist member countries to develop and maintain National Biodiversity CHMs and develop a regional CHM that meets the needs of the region, link together the national CHMs and provides a forum for promoting regional scientific and technical cooperation. That's why SACEP agreed to do this job.

Further Mr.Rathnadeera, mentioned that the 5 months is impossible to do this task. This task is depending on having data availability. If the institution can send relevant data to SACEP it is easier to develop CHM. Otherwise it difficult.

He also stated that Belgium, Grenada,Thailand, China have developed CHM and we can get ideas, information to develop our CHM from them. Therefore, it is very urgently needed to be signing MOU and assign job and start work.

Thereafter, Mr.Nammawatta, Addl Secretray invited Mr. Shamen Vidanage, Programme coordinator of IUCN to present the NBSAP revision proposal. Mr. Shamen stated that the main objectives of this proposal are to placed on mainstreaming biodiversity into development plans, incorporating protected area networks and sustainable production systems in to ecosystem based climate adaptation and

resilience plans, and creating sustainable finance for biodiversity conservation through the full valuation of key ecosystem service.

He expressed that the expert consultative group will be performed to steer the revised NBSAP report. Further he mentioned that they planned to established internal working group and identified data collection, analysis and compilation strategy and finalize the structure of NBSAP. Also he requested it is needed to appoint experienced officer on NBSAP from Ministry to work with IUCN.

Committee members were agreed with two proposals and budget estimates. Addl. Secretary Mr. Nammawatta opened the floor for the discussion. Mr. Rohan Wickramawardane, Assistant Director, Department of National Planning pointed out it is very important to setting targets to complete this activity. Mr. Shamen pointed out valuation of Biodiversity will help to find extra finance system for conserving biodiversity not burn to the treasury.

Mr. Waruna Dhanapala, Director NRM, MMD&E stated this activity is directly link to No 15 of SDGs. nerefore, quickly finish the administration process and award the job of the consultancy.

Mr. Sujith Rathnayake, Environment Management Officer, Air Resource Management and International Relations, agreed to complete getting TEC approval within next week. Addl. Secretary Mr. Nammawatta asked from Ms. Lovita to request the extension for this project considering the discussed point in this meeting.

Mr. D. Abeysooriya, Chief Accountant, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment highlighted, treasury allocated for this project in 2015 as amount Rs.5M. Therefore, it is better to request additional funds from treasury.

Finally Addl. Secretary (NR) thanked all the participants and conclude the meeting.

