

**Support to Anti-Corruption in Nigeria : Civil Society Component**

**Minutes of the Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) Meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013, UNDP Office, Anambra House, Asokoro, Abuja**

**Agenda**

1. Introductions
2. Welcome Remarks by LPAC Chairman
3. Brief on the "Support to Anti-Corruption" Project
4. Review and Appraisal
  - a. Objective, Outputs
  - b. Proposed Implementation Strategy
  - c. Management Arrangements
  - d. Specific endorsements
    - Strategy/DIM Modality / Governance Structure
5. Next Steps and Closing

**Highlights from discussions:**

Welcome Remarks by LPAC Chairman

- UNDP's Deputy Country Director (Programmes), Mr. Bernardo Cocco, welcomed participants to the Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) meeting. He stated the objectives of the meeting which are to present the project's aims and objectives; garner partner commitments and appraise the project's direction in order to reach a consensus with key stakeholders on key implementation issues on the project.

Brief on the "Support to Anti-Corruption" Project

- The EU-funded "NGAX60 - Support to Anti-Corruption in Nigeria" project, being implemented primarily by UNODC, has been formulated in collaboration with national stakeholders to enhance transparency and reduce corruption in Nigeria. The objectives of the project are: i) to provide effective support to anti-corruption coordination, policy formulation and legislation; ii) to strengthen institutional and operational capacity in the main anti-corruption agencies, with an emphasis on cooperation; and iii) to enhance accountability, transparency and public engagement.
- As the lead agency on the project, UNODC will work with national stakeholders to achieve the first two objectives. The UNODC has approached the UNDP for partnership, specifically in implementing the third objective which seeks to achieve the stated outcome: "civil society organizations empowered to increase the provision of services and their participation in anti-corruption activities enhanced". The civil society component of the project, to be managed by UNDP, will last for 57 Months (end date March 2017) and has a total budget estimate of US\$4,810,000 for the period.
- The proposed implementation modality is the Direct Implementation (DIM) where UNDP will take on the role of implementing partner and assume overall management responsibility and accountability for project implementation. The rationale for implementing the project using the DIM modality were stated as follows: 1) UNODC is using the DIM approach for the first two components of the project; and 2) the sensitive nature of the project's outputs will benefit from UNDP's role as an impartial facilitator on politically sensitive issues such as fighting corruption.
- The project's governance structure is proposed to include a civil society advisory board aimed at providing strategic guidance towards ensuring the project achieves its set objectives. The advisory board will comprise representatives of civil society organizations, anti-corruption agencies, UNODC and UNDP.

Review and Appraisal

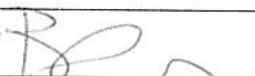
- The draft project document needs to be revised to include agreements on audits, support costs and associated costs in line with UNDP requirements. It was also agreed that the project title be revised to read "Support to Anti-Corruption in Nigeria: Civil Society Component". While maintaining the origin of the title, it was agreed that the new title would differentiate the project from the main project and will indicate that the project is focused exclusively on the civil society component for which UNDP is to be solely accountable.
- Following a discussion on UNDP programme modalities, it was agreed that the DIM modality was the preferred option. Especially since benefits to be derived from the DIM modality include: the ability for the civil society organizations to maintain their independence and the integrity of envisaged anti-corruption campaigns; and coherency in the implementation of the project with UNODC's approach.

- There were discussions on the focus/scope of the support to be provided to civil society organizations. It was agreed that working with civil society organizations has both national and sub-national implications which the project will take cognisance of. As much as possible the project will also be aligned with the first two components of the larger project being implemented by UNODC. In this regard, the Civil Society Expert, recruited by UNDP to manage the project, will work closely with members of the anti-corruption project team at UNODC.
- Participants at the meeting, particularly those from civil society, further requested that project implementation commence as soon as possible. They were informed that following the LPAC meeting the minutes of the meeting and the project document will be sent to UNDP HQ along with a request for approval to use the DIM modality to implement the project.

Next Steps:

1. Prepare minutes of the Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) Meeting and circulate for feedback and inputs before the minutes are finalized.
2. Request for DIM Approval from UNDP HQ.
3. Commence implementation of the project.

Action Points	Party Responsible
<u>Revisions to the Project Document</u>	
1. Revise the title of the project to read "Support to Anti-Corruption in Nigeria: Civil Society Component".	CSO Expert/Project Team
2. Reflect the total budget for the project on the cover page.	"
3. Include in the project document information on audits, support costs and associated costs in line with UNDP requirements.	PFT/ CSO Expert/Project Team
4. Share reports of recent mappings and baseline surveys conducted on civil society organisations working on anti-corruption.	Meeting participants
5. Prepare minutes of the Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) Meeting and circulate for feedback and inputs before the minutes are finalized.	UNDP Project Team
6. Request for DIM Approval from UNDP HQ.	UNDP Project Team
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Designation/Organisation</b>
1. Mr. Bernardo Cocco	Deputy Country Director (Programmes), UNDP
2. Mr. Sam Egwu	Team Leader Governance and Peace Building, UNDP
3. Mr. Jesse Wachanga	Project Officer, UNODC
4. Mr. Femi Ladapo	National Project Officer, UNODC
5. Mr. Lukman Adefolahun	Programme Officer, Zero Corruption Coalition (ZCC)
6. Ms. Esther Agbon	Governance Coordinator, Actionaid
7. Ms. Lilian Ekeanyanwu	Head, Technical Unit on Governance and Anti-Corruption Reforms (TUGAR)
8. Ms. Bosede Oguntuberu	Data Analyst, Technical Unit on Governance and Anti-Corruption Reforms (TUGAR)
9. Mr. Auwal Musa	Executive Director, Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC)
10. Mr. Kolawole Banwo	Senior Programme Officer, Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC)
11. Mr. Michael Atodo	Independent Corrupt Practices & Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)
12. Ms. Azuka Ogugua	Independent Corrupt Practices & Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)
13. Ms. Ekanem Bassey	CSO Expert, UNDP
14. Mr. David Adejo Andrew	Programme Analyst, Local Governance, UNDP
15. Ms. Lilian Adiele	Programme Finance Analyst, UNDP
16. Mr. Segun Olusola	Programme Associate, UNDP
17. Ms. Folake Oluokun	Programme Analyst, Anti-Corruption and Public Procurement, UNDP

Minutes Approved by: 	Mr. Bernardo Cocco, LPAC Chair / Deputy Country Director (Programmes), UNDP
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