

Ecosystem based Adaptation in Mountain Ecosystem in Nepal

Project Executive Board Meeting Minute

Date: 8 October 2012
Time: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m
Venue: WTLCP Meeting hall, Babarmahal Kathmandu

Members Present:

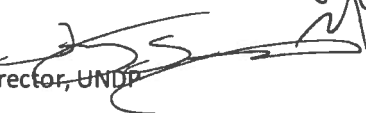
1. Mr. Gauri Shankar Timala
Chief, Planning and Monitoring Division
Department of Forest



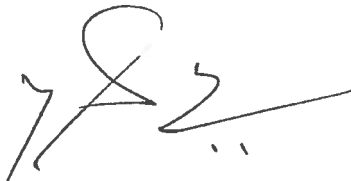
2. Mr. Prakash Pyakurel
Monitoring Officer, Department of Forest



3. Mr. Jorn Sorensen,
Deputy Country Director, UNDP



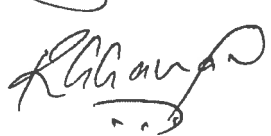
4. Mr. Vijaya Singh,
Assistant Country Director, UNDP



5. Mr. Yam Malla,
Country Representative, IUCN

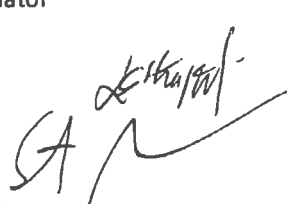


6. Mr. Rajendra Khanal,
Program Coordinator, IUCN



7. Mr. Mozaharul Alam,
Regional Climate Change Coordinator

8. Ms. Leela Sthapit,
Program Associate, UNDP



9. Stephanie Macpee
Consultant, UNDP



10. Moon Shrestha
Project Coordinator, EbA



Agenda

1. Welcome remark and opening of the meeting by Mr. Gauri Shanker Timala, NPD
 - Self-introduction
 - Short remarks by Mr. Jorn Sorensen, UNDP DCD (P)
2. Update about the project (background, objectives, working modalities, and achievements made so far)
 - Presentation on Project Work Plan and Budget for Approval
3. Discussion on the presentation
 - Approval of Project Work Plan and Budget
 - AOB
4. Closing of the meeting by NPD
 - Concluding remark by UNDP DCD (P)

Proceeding

The first PEB meeting of Ecosystem based Adaptation in Mountain Ecosystem in Nepal was organized on 8th October 2012 at WTLCP meeting hall from 3:30p.m onwards. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Gauri Shankar Timala, National Project Director of this project. Mr. Timala welcomed all participants in the first PEB meeting and opened the floor for the project presentation.

Ms. Moon Shrestha, Project Coordinator presented about the project. Being the first PEB meeting, Ms. Shrestha briefly gave the project overview including objectives, geographical coverage, components, fund flow mechanism and budget of the project. She also highlighted the achievements of the project till date and presented the quarterly work plan of the project for the period of October to December 2012.

After the meeting, the discussion focused on implementation modality at the center and district level as well as coordination among partners, which aims to further strengthen the project.

Discussion on implementation mechanism:

Jorn Sorensen enquired about role of field office and emphasized on efficient coordination with district stakeholders. Similarly, Mr. Yam Malla also focused on role of Department of Forest and said that DoF should have direct role in the project implementation as well as the learning from this project will be useful for future planning of the department. Mr. Malla said that the tool prepared by project is a

decision making tools which will help mainstream EbA concept in other ecosystem related project of the department.

Mr. Prakash Pyakurel from Department of Forest emphasized on the involvement of DoF both at center and district level while preparing and implementing the methodology, which will help the concerned personnel from DoF to understand various aspects of EbA and therefore will be able to contribute in integrating the project learning into other plans of the department.

Discussion on coordination mechanism:

The participants emphasized on the coordination of the project at all level. The project is a multi-partner and multi country project. Therefore, effective coordination with partners, national stakeholders as well as communication with Peru and Uganda team is very essential for the success of the project.

Mr. Rajendra Khanal from IUCN emphasized on regular communication among partners while Mr. Mozaharul Alam emphasized on coordination role of Department of Forest in bringing all partners together. Mr. Alam also highlighted on building on existing knowledge and experience related to tools and methodologies and building the capacity of the stakeholder while applying the methodologies.

Mr. Vijaya Singh further emphasized on setting up a mechanism for communication and coordination both at central level as well as district level. Mr. Singh also highlighted the role of DoF on building on the learning from this project and scaling up in similar ecosystems within the country, with focus on mountain ecosystems.

Decisions:

The PEB meeting approved the work plan and budget of USD 100,000