

Minutes of

The seventh Meeting of the Project Board of the UNDP/GEF/MWRIE 'Promoting Utility Scale Power Generating from Wind Energy' Project

Date: 15 January 2019

Time 13:00 to 15:00

Venue: Ministry of Water Resources, Irrigation and Electricity - Abu Shoura Hall

Participants: (Attendance sheet is attached)

Minutes of the meeting:

1- Agenda:

13 : 00- 13 : 10	Opening by Eng. Mahjoub Issa Khalil, Director General of Renewable Energy Directorate.
13 : 10 - 13 : 20	Speech of Undersecretary Dr. Omar Osman Elamin Al-Azrag Chairman of the project.
13 : 20 - 13 : 40	Presentation of Operational Annual Report for 2018 Eng. Hind El-Amin Al-Nour (Project Manager)
13 : 40 - 13 : 55	Presentation of the work Plan and Budget for 2019 Eng. Hind El-Amin Al-Nour (Project Manager)
13 : 55 - 14 : 40	Discussion
14: 40-15: 00	closing of the session by the Undersecretary of the Ministry Dr. Omar El-Amin Othman Al-Azrag

2- Opening:

The workshop was inaugurated by Eng. Mahjoub Issa Khalil, Director General of Renewable Energy, Where he presented the meeting's agenda to be approved by members of the Board, Undersecretary Dr. Omar El-Amin Osman Al-Azrag Chairman of the Project Board gave a speech about the project and view the agenda where it was approved by the Board members.

3- Review of 2018 Annual Operational Report and 2019 work Plan by project Manager Eng. Hind Al-Amin Al-Nour:

Project activities and performance ratio for each activity were presented during 2018. The 2019 work plan and budget were presented.

Discussion:

2018 Annual Operational Report and 2019 work Plan were discussed by the Board members, the Board members appreciate the efforts of the project teams and their achievements.

The following are comments and questions:

No.	Question / proposal	Reply or comment
1	Dr. Omar Al-azrag: The plan should focus on training in the pilot project targeting the ministry employees as well as universities students.	
	Mr. Abd Elhafeez Fadl: In the coming period the project should focus on the dissemination and awareness of the project outcomes.	Eng. Hind There will be increased efforts in the media and outreach especially in the implementation of pilot project.
	Dr. Hanaa Hamdallah: - It is good to reach agreement between project partners to implement a pilot project. - The project should focus on the private sector integration into its activities. - One of the key achievements done by the project is the NAMA study, through it we can have a window of finance. - The budget allocated for training in the pilot project is \$ 5000, which is not enough.	- Eng.Hind Al-Amin: There is also a budget for meetings and workshops to be added to this item.
	Mr. Mohammed Khair Al-Junaid: - Training programs should be taken into consideration during the pilot project implementation. - Public awareness of wind energy should be considered.	Eng.Hind: There will be increased efforts in the media and outreach especially in the pilot project.

	<p>Mr. Amin Sabri:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There should be coordination between the outputs of the high Committee for Renewable Energy and the draft Renewable Energy Law. - The Ministry of Finance must be committed to pay the local component of the pilot project. 	
	<p>Dr. Al-Fadil Barima:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wind Energy Project should be kept on the schedule of implementation of the pilot project. - Consider extending of the project time earlier in order to complete the remaining tasks. - It is important to continue the support to the universities and higher education institution with demonstration materials. 	<p>Eng.Hind:</p> <p>A pilot project implementation schedule has been prepared by the consultant for the year 2019 and will be shared with the members of the Board.</p> <p>-There is a provision for budget support for demonstration materials.</p>
	<p>Mr. Abdel- Azim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will other activities in the project be affected by the portion transferred from the budget to the pilot project? 	<p>Eng.Hind:</p> <p>There is \$ 800,000 allocated for outcome1 equipments and the training for this outcome will be part the pilot project contract.</p>
2	<p>Mr. Yasir Abdullah:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed to form a committee to supervise the consultant and contractor in the implementation of the pilot project. - Follow up the commitments of ministry to complete the pilot project such as civil works and transmission line. 	<p>Eng. Hind:</p> <p>There will be a sub-committee to follow up the pilot project.</p>
	<p>Mr. Saleh Ali Abdullah:</p> <p>The scope of work must be clearly stated for the each of SEDC and SETCO.</p>	<p>Eng. Hind:</p> <p>There are specifications for the transmission line that has been done by SEDC and the funding will be from the Ministry of Finance.</p>

	<p>Mr. Min:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is recommended to prepare a detailed plan to complete the pilot project because time is too short. - If the project is extended, the GEF does not fund the administrative costs for the project implementation unit so a full work plan must be worked out. 	<p>Eng. Hind :</p> <p>The pilot project implementation schedule has been prepared by the consultant for the year 2019 and will be shared with the members of the Board.</p>
	<p>Dr. Nour Allah:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is important to have a plan of activities associated with the pilot project. - Please revise the report because there is a difference of 119 thousands USD in the budget. 	
3	<p>Mrs. Safia Mahmoud:</p> <p>Next week, the Ministry of Finance will present the national budget in its final form, showing the portion devoted to the wind energy.</p>	
4	<p>Mrs. Noha Mohammed Bashir:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is the construction of road from the local component? Also the plan should include the local and foreign components. 	<p>Eng.Hind:</p> <p>The road from the local budget and the ministry plan will be with the project plan.</p>
5	<p>Dr. Omar Al-azrag:</p> <p>The Ministry of Finance strongly supports renewable energy projects because they save fuels.</p>	
6	<p>Mr. Abdullah Al-Maqli:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After completing the measurement in Nyala and Tokar, it was necessary to move to other areas. - For us in the holding company, the issue of generating electricity from wind power is a top priority. 	<p>Eng. Hind:</p> <p>In 2017 the meteo. Mast instruments were calibrated and the project will help in the installation.</p>

7	<p>M. Amin Sabri: - Can the administrative expenses of the project be financed by the ministry in case of project extension?</p>	<p>Mr. Abdullah Al-Maqli: the completion of the pilot project is crucial for us in the holding company. And we will support it.</p>
	<p>Mr. Mahjoub Issa: The Ministry is committed to the implementation of civil works, electrical connection and the transfer of equipment. There will be a committee from the project and the Ministry to follow up the implementation of the pilot project.</p>	
	<p>Mr. Min: UNDP will undertake a review of the project three months prior to the project completion date. There must be a detailed plan that specifies whether the project will end on time or not. The extension should be approved six months prior completion date if the pilot project is not completed in the planned time.</p>	
	<p>M. Abdul Hafeez: What is the holding company's readiness to implement the pilot project?</p>	<p>Mr. Abdullah Al-Maqli: The pilot project is one of our top priorities and our main program is to build wind power plants and then solar energy, where the pilot project is needed.</p>
	<p>Dr. Nouredine: - We are pleased with the commitment of the Government of Sudan to walk in the path of renewable energy and now focus on climate change and projects to mitigate the impact of climate change. If there are projects ideas in these areas, we are ready to write a concept note for these projects.</p>	<p>Eng.Hind: The wind energy project with the ministry will help to provide projects ideas for the GEF And GCF.</p>

1- Recommendations:

- MWRIE to form a Committee for supervision of the pilot project to work with the consultant and the contractor.
- The project should prepare action plan to determine whether the project will be completed on time and prepare for the extension request before June if necessary.
- The 2018 Annual Operational Report, the 2019 work plan and budget has been approved by the Board.

2- Closing session by Undersecretary Dr. Omar Al-Azrag, Chairman of the Project Board:

Dr. Omer has expressed his gratitude to all participants of the 7th Project Board Meeting.

Signed by:

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