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National Capacity Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Governance (NCSA) in Somalia

Minutes of Project Board Meeting

28 October, 2016: UNDP Somalia Support Office, UNON Complex Gigiri; UN Common Compound, Airport Road, Mogadishu; and, UNDP Office, Mogadishu International Airport

Agenda Item 1 - Opening Remarks and Introduction of the Participants:

Mr. David Akopyan, Deputy Country Director, UNDP-Somalia, co-chaired the meeting with the State Minister of Environment and welcomed the participants from the Federal Government, Federal Member States (South West, Galmudug and Puntland) and Somaliland to the Project Board meeting. In his opening remarks he stated that the NCSA project being implemented with the funding of GEF and is likely to help in starting with a follow-up larger project. Though the funding for the project is modest, the project is of strategic importance to help Somalia in meeting its commitments to UN Conventions on Environment. He invited for presentation and discussion on the project.

List of participants is attached at Annex 1.

Agenda Item 2 - Presentation and Progress Update on "National Capacity Self-Assessment for Global Environment Governance Project in Somalia":

Mr. Abdul Qadir Rafiq, Project Manager, Environment and Energy, presented the background of the project and progress update on 2016 activities and outputs. He informed the participants that this phase of the project has concluded with the final NCSA report and a concept note for the follow-up project. He highlighted the importance of NCSA for Somalia by stating that the capacity assessment has been done to identify gaps for meeting Somalia commitments to UN Conventions on Biodiversity, Climate Change and Desertification. Sharing the status of follow-up project, he informed the participants that the concept note is currently under review by Global Environment Facility (GEF) and as soon as it is approved, Federal Government and UNDP will be holding consultations with key stakeholders to flesh out the details for the full project document. Copy of presentation is attached at Annex 2.

Mr. Akopyan invited the participants for their comments and questions.

Mr. Abdirisak, Director General (Environment), Office of the Prime Minister, cited that almost all key institutions and sectors in Somalia lacks the resources and capacity to perform their assigned roles and it's a pleasure to have the NCSA project that address national and regional level capacity needs.

Ms. Muna Dalmar, Director General, Ministry of Environment, Wildlife and Tourism, Puntland stated that Puntland has a five-year strategic plan with capacity gaps and key priority that requires the support of UNDP thus the NCSA project would be an opportunity for us to address our capacity needs and develop it to the better. She added the need for addressing the capacity issues at all levels. She gave the example of success of Joint Programme on Local Governance (JPLG), which support all tiers of the government on administrative side. She said, NCSA should also follow similar approach in its implementation to build capacities from local to national levels. She added that her Ministry has developed a project proposal for Natural Resources Management component of JPLG, which has been submitted to UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) for funding.

Director General, Ministry of Agriculture in the Federal Government of Somalia, suggested the need to enhance the coordination of the key sector ministries in order to have a rationalised and well-coordinated national capacity development plans and strategies.

Engineer Mohamed Elmi Hussein, Director General, Ministry of Environment and Rural Development, Somaliland, shared experience of Somaliland in devolved systems for environment management. He informed that district level development plans to deal with environment issues have been developed for 4 districts. The plans include management of agriculture and livestock at the district level. He further added that as part of NCSA, coastal and marine areas should also be considered and relevant institutions be strengthened.

Agenda Item 3 – Summary of Decisions by the Chair:

Summing up the key points raised by the participants, Mr. Akopyan summarised the following decisions and action points:

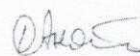
1. NCSA project is of modest size but strategic for Somalia as it will help in coming up with a larger initiative.
2. While developing the larger project all the stakeholders should be consulted at the Federal level, Federal Member States Level and Somaliland.
3. Management arrangements for the follow-up project should be aligned with evolving administrative structures in Somalia.
4. Efforts be made to raise co-financing from potential donors. GEF funds be used as seed funding to attract additional resources.

Approved by:



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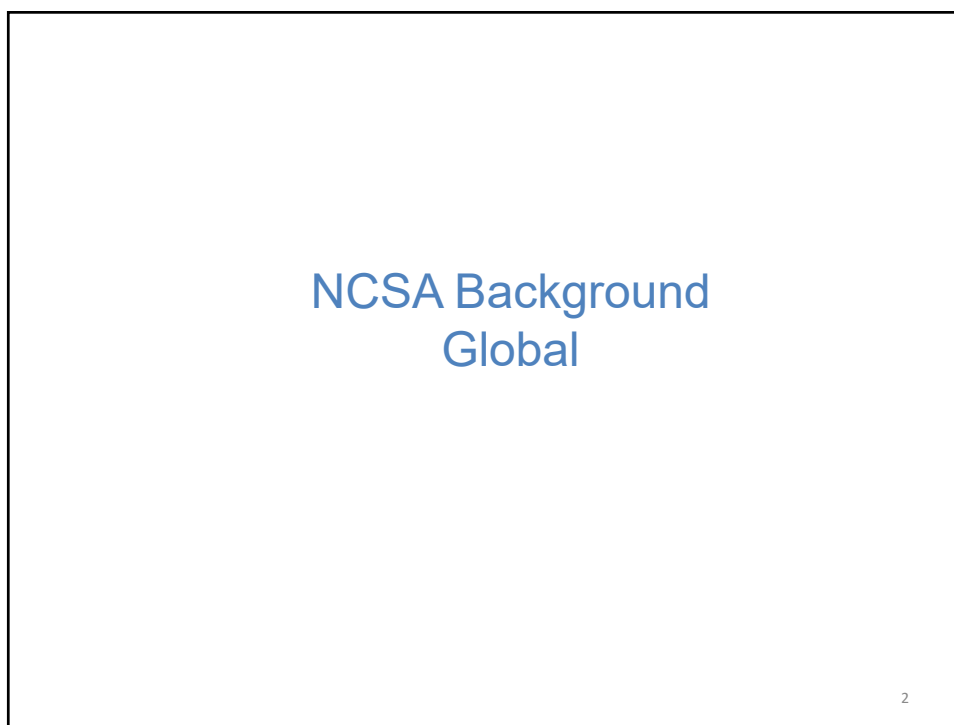
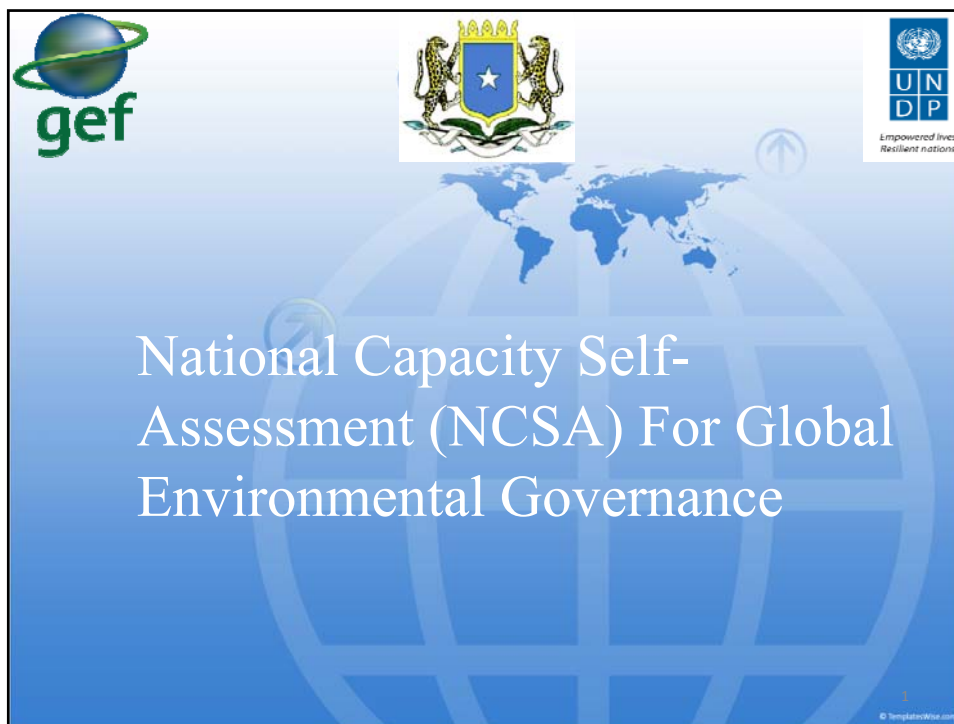


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Annex I

List of Participants

1. H. E. Said Haji Mohamud, State Minister of Environment (co-Chair), Office of the Prime Minister, Federal Republic of Somalia, Mogadishu
2. Mr. David Akopyan, Deputy Country Director (co-Chair), UNDP-Somalia
3. H. E. Mohamed Hussein, Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Range, Galmudug State
4. H. E. Moalim Mohamud, Minister, Ministry of Forest and Environment, South West State
5. Mr. Abdirisak Mohamed, Director General, Environment Focal Point for Global Conventions, Office of Prime Minister, Federal Government of Somalia
6. Ms. Muna Dalmar, Director General, Ministry of Environment, Wildlife and Tourism, Puntland
7. Engineer Mohamed Elmi Hussein, Director General, Ministry of Environment and Rural Development, Somaliland
8. Director General, Ministry of Agriculture, Federal Government of Somalia
9. Chairman, Somalia Disaster Management Agency (SDMA)
10. Mr. Abdikhafar Abubakar, Somalia Disaster Management Agency
11. Mr. Abdulkani Raghe, Ministry of Livestock, Forest and Range, Federal Government of Somalia
12. Ms. Sagal Osman, Environment Office, Office of the Prime Minister, Federal Government of Somalia
13. Mr. Abdirashid Ali Ateye, Senior Environment Expert, Environment Office, Office of the Prime Minister, Federal Government of Somalia
14. Mr. Jonathan Brooks, Programme Manager, Poverty Reduction and Environment Protection Programme, UNDP
15. Mr. Abdul Qadir Rafiq, Project Manager, Environment and Energy, UNDP Somalia
16. Mr. Abdirisak Hussein Aden, Programme Specialist, Poverty Reduction and Environment Protection Programme, UNDP
17. Mr. Hassan Abdirizak Ahmed, Project Officer, Climate Change Resilience Project, UNDP
18. Mr. Salah Dahir, Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation Officer, Climate Change Resilience Project, UNDP
19. Mr. Awil Abdinor, Project Officer, Climate Change Resilience Project, UNDP



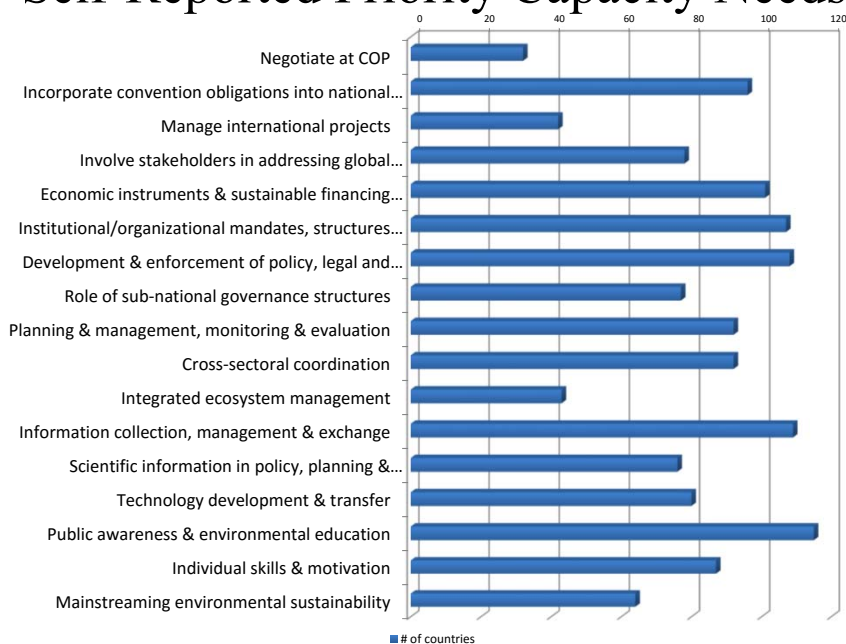
National Capacity Self-Assessment

The Purpose of the NCSA is to **catalyze national action to implement the three Rio Conventions** (Biodiversity, Desertification and Climate Change).

The **NCSA methodology** is one of broad national stakeholder consultations to critically discuss the **underlying capacity deficiencies, as well as the opportunities**, to meet national and global environmental objectives.

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Self-Reported Priority Capacity Needs



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Somalia's NCSA

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Somalia – Key Milestones

1. By 2009 Somalia became signatory to three Rio Conventions
2. New Federal Government Established in 2012 fully supported by the International Community
3. Federal Government announced its Six Pillars Policy in 2012
4. International support extended to Somalia from 2013 onwards for Peace and State Building (The Somali Compact 2013-16)
5. National Action Programme of Action for Climate Change Adaptation finalised in 2013
6. National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan completed in 2015
7. Additional Resources mobilised from Global Funds to address issues of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Desertification (2013-onwards)
8. National Capacity Self Assessment (2015-16)
9. Draft National Development Plan (2017-19)

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Somalia NCSA Process

- Office of the GEF Operational Focal Point
- National Focal Point for Global Conventions
- Workshops with national stakeholders
- Focus Group meetings
- Interviews with key individuals
- Information collected in parallel under National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan / National Action Plan to Combat Desertification and Drought

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Recommendations Biodiversity

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Somalia NCSA Recommendations Biodiversity

Systemic Level:

- National Policy for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use
- Legislation for Access and Benefit Sharing (GMOs, EIA)
- Data Collection and Information Management System
- Resources for enforcement of Existing Laws
- Awareness Raising and integrating Biodiversity Concerns in all levels of Education Curriculum
- Mobilise Resources to Operationalize NBSAP

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Somalia NCSA Recommendations Biodiversity

Institutional Level:

- Create Cross Sectoral Group for Biodiversity Management
- Define Roles and Responsibilities of Each Ministry vis-à-vis CBD obligations
- Provide Financial Support to the Ministries for training on baseline assessments of biodiversity
- Establish a regulatory authority for review and approval of EIAs
- Integrate biodiversity management techniques in on-going awareness programmes implemented by NGOs

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Somalia NCSA Recommendations Biodiversity

Individual Level:

- Training of government staff dealing with CBD on biodiversity management and planning
- Technical training of government staff on monitoring techniques and surveys
- Building capacities of university staff
- Support private sector in approaches for mitigating environmental impacts as part of their investment plans

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Recommendations Desertification

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Somalia NCSA Recommendations Desertification

Systemic Level:

- Develop Land Use Plans and Zoning Regulations
- Develop policy and funding strategy for financing R&D and technology transfer
- Establish a fund for combating desertification

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Somalia NCSA Recommendations Desertification

Institutional Level:

- Establish coordination mechanisms among relevant federal, member states and local government institutions
- Incorporate land management related customary laws and traditional systems in decision making processes at federal, member states and local levels
- Provide equipment and infrastructure for carrying out land assessments and baseline studies
- Build capacities of institutions (agriculture, water, livestock, environment) for R&D and technology diffusion

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Somalia NCSA Recommendations Desertification

Individual Level:

- Training of local government officials in land use planning and their regulatory functions
- Training of environment ministries officials in carrying out baseline assessments and land degradation analysis
- Community trainings in use of conservation technologies (land and water)

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Recommendations Climate Change

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Somalia NCSA Recommendations Climate Change

Systemic Level:

- Integrate climate change actions in national development frameworks and plans
- Align donors strategies with national development plans including climate change actions
- Develop regulatory and legislative frameworks on climate change aligned with UNFCCC obligations

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Somalia NCSA Recommendations Climate Change

Institutional Level:

- Establish a national center for climate change research, mitigation and communication
- Establish a training center to impart short trainings to national and member states institutions
- Invest in establishing a network of climate monitoring system that corresponds to international standards
- Develop tools to be applied by the ministries dealing with economic / productive sectors for climate-compatible development

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Somalia NCSA Recommendations Climate Change


Individual Level:

- Technical trainings of individuals in mitigation assessments, climate data analysis, emissions calculations
- Community training on climate sensitive practices, technologies and techniques
- Initiate a young professionals training programme on climate sensitive development and businesses

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Follow-up Project to NCSA

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**Strengthening national capacities for improved
decision making and mainstreaming of global
environmental obligations**

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Three Main Components

1. Environmental Governance through Strengthened Policies and Coordination
2. Decentralisation of Global Environmental Governance
3. Approaches and Values for the Global Environment

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Improved Environmental Governance through Strengthened Policy Coordination

1. In-depth analysis of Policies and associated institutional arrangements
2. Build synergies of Rio Conventions with policy frameworks
3. Decision-making processes strengthened for mainstreaming Rio Conventions
4. Update and streamline institutional mandates for global environmental governance
5. Enhance monitoring and compliance arrangements (EIA and SEA)

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Decentralisation of Global Environmental Governance

1. Guidelines for decentralized management of the global environment
2. Targeted strengthening of capacities for sub-national and local levels actions
3. Three sub-national demo projects to test implementation of sub-national planning frameworks
4. Resource mobilization strategy for Rio conventions mainstreaming

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Approaches and Values for the Global Environment

1. Stakeholders dialogues and sensitisation on Rio Conventions
2. Brochures, fact sheets, articles on Rio Conventions
3. Public Service Announcements on global to local linkages of Rio conventions
4. Improved education curricula and youth civic engagement
5. Web-based information sharing on global environmental goods and national level socio-economic priorities

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Estimated Project Financing (USD)

Component	GEF	Co-financing Cash and in-kind
Environmental Governance through Strengthened Policies and Coordination	540,000	600,000
Decentralisation of Global Environmental Governance	540,000	600,000
Approaches and Values for the Global Environment	300,000	400,000
Project Management Cost	120,000	150,000
TOTAL	1,500,000	1,750,000 (300,000: 1,450,000)

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