



The Forth Meeting of the Project Steering Committee

4 September, 2007, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Forth Meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) was held on 4 September 2007 in the conference-hall of the Agency on Hydrometeorology, Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The meeting was attended by 12 participants, including the members of the PSC, project implementation unit and local consultants.

1. Opening of the meeting and introduction

Mr. Begmurod Mahmadaliev, Chairman of the Climate change group of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and National Focal Point of the UNFCCC in the Republic of Tajikistan welcomed the participants and opened the meeting. He expressed his inmost appreciation for all participants, particularly to those ones, who accepted to work as the members of the PSC and gave a brief introduction to the agenda of the meeting. Subsequently, Mr. Mahmadaliev announced a presentation of Ms. Nailya Mustaeva, Project information manager, on the project main outcomes achieved within the reporting period (Jan-Aug, 2007).

Ms. Mustaeva thanked the chairman and started with the brief outline of the project achieved results, focusing on two main areas of expertise – scientific and informational. In accordance with the following aspects, updated expert assessments on climate change in Tajikistan were finalized and summarized; moreover, the report summary was designed and translated into English. Furthermore, updated expert assessments on greenhouse gas inventory in Tajikistan were finalized and summarized as well as main results on vulnerability to climate change impacts were revised and integrated into adaptation planning policy. Along with the scientific research, cooperation with the international and regional organizations in terms of experience exchange and raising awareness on climate change was significantly developed. Besides, project technical and informational capacity formed through the updated and English-focused web-site, regularly issued bulletins and PR products was highly increased.

At the completion of the presentation, Mr. Mahmadaliev thanked the reporter and called the participants for discussion. As neither questions nor comments was provided, the chair encouraged the participants to be introduced with the draft summary on greenhouse gas inventory in Tajikistan (GHG Summary) and make comments or proposals (if any).

2. Discussion

Main points of the discussion were related to the GHG summary. Mr. Mahmadsarif Khakdodov, Deputy Minister of Energy and Industry of the Republic of Tajikistan, member of the PSC, expressed his suggestion to parallel the tendency of emissions change with the national economy development. Apart from it, he highlighted that its necessary to revise some data provided in the work and encouraged the statistical bodies to coordinate this issue.

Mr. Davron Valiev, Chief of the Programme on state investments of the Ministry of Trade and Economical Development of the Republic of Tajikistan, temporary member of the PSC, expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the work of the meeting. Within the discussion he supported the project activities related to climate change, mentioning that in accordance with the National Development Strategy until 2015 (approved by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan) it is important to make some revisions and amendments to the current programmes, which focus on emissions minimization or mitigation.

Mr. Khurshed Karimov, Vice-president of the Academy of science, member of the PSC, suggested enhancing of the research activities on innovative technologies development to absorb carbon dioxide emissions, involving local scientists to contribute to the current activities on climate change mitigation. Finally, he expressed his appreciation to the local consultants and experts for their effective work on GHG Summary.

3. Closure of the meeting

Mr. Begmurod Mahmadaliev thanked the participants for their active participation and comments made in the discussion. He expressed his appreciation for the project implementation unit for arrangement and hosting the meeting.