

Enabling the Republic of Tajikistan to prepare its Second National Communication under the United Nations Framework Convention on climate change (UNFCCC)



The Fifth Meeting of the Project Steering Committee

29 February, 2008, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Fifth Meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) was held on 29 February 2008 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-Dec, 2007).

Ms. Mustaeva revealed the most important achievements attained within the project reporting period and focused on development of summarized outcomes of climate change assessments and GHG Inventory as well as on progress with vulnerability and adaptation of natural resources and human health to adverse impacts of climate change. Moreover, considerable advance was evident with raising awareness on climate change and dissemination of knowledge as well as bridging and development of international cooperation in terms of scientific and field research under the project.

Upon completion of the presentation, Mr. Mahmadaliev went to discussion of the project documents available for the future prospect, i.e. annual project plan with activity timelines.

2. Discussion

Main points of discussion were related to involvement of international scientific society into project-related activities in terms of capacity building and development of scientific knowledge/ expertise, scheduling for summer-autumn 2008. Moreover, Mr. Khurshed Karimov, Vice-president of the Academy of science of the Republic of Tajikistan, member of the Project Steering Committee, expressed his outmost belief that local Tajikistani scientists could considerably contribute to pilot field researches that are expected to be conducted at the Lake Karakul.

Mr. Makhmadsharif Khakdodov, Deputy Minister of energy and industry of the Republic of Tajikistan, member of the Project Steering Committee, indicated that it would be important for the local specialists and project experts to analyze climatic fluctuations with anomalous cold winter observed in Tajikistan this year and make parallels with climate change and variability.

In order to attain positive results of the planned activity and integrate outcomes of the field research into the project flow and information capacity, Mr. Mahmadaliev proposed to postpone the project completion date until 31 December 2008. As he said, successful completion of the project by the end of this year will provide an opportunity to present Second National Communication of the Republic of Tajikistan on climate change at forthcoming sessions of the Conference of the Parties and to get feedback from international counterparts. Supporting Mr. Mahmadaliev's proposal, Mr. Sukhrob Khoshmukhamedov, UNPD Program Coordinator, member of the Project Steering Committee suggested that all members of the PSC should give an in-depth consideration to the project revised documents and make a final resolution. With no objections to the proposed, it was decided to postpone the project completion date until 31 December 2008.

3. Closure of the meeting

Mr. Begmurod Mahmadaliev thanked the participants for their active participation and feedbacks given during discussion. He expressed his appreciation for the project implementation unit for arrangement and hosting the meeting.