

आज मिति २०७४/०१/१९ गते संघीय जर्मनीको संघीय वातावरण मन्त्रालय (BMUB) को आर्थिक सहयोग र संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघीय विकास कार्यक्रम (LUNDP) सँगको सहकार्यमा यस मन्त्रालय मार्फत सञ्चालन भईरहेको Supporting Developing Countries to Integrate Agricultural Sectors into National Adaptation Plan (NAPS) विषयक कार्यक्रमको नेपाल खण्ड Supporting Nepal to Integrate Agriculture Sectors into National Adaptation Plan (UNFA/GLO/616/UND) परियोजनाको प्राविधिक कार्यदलको बैठक कृषि विकास मन्त्रालयका सह-सचिव श्री सुरेश बाबु तिवारीज्यूको अध्यक्षतामा देहायका पदाधिकारीहरूको उपस्थितिमा सम्पन्न भयो।

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## Meeting Agenda

1. Review till date progresses of the project
2. Build synergy with NAP-Process regarding Climate Vulnerability/ Risk Assessments
3. Relevant updates in the project implementation
4. Project related other issues

## Meeting Operation

The meeting operated as per its programme schedule that initiated with a brief welcome and orientation speech by the chairperson to the meeting and self-introduction among the meeting participants. The chair cautioned of tentatively two hours' meeting time, and allowed four presentations in order.

- **Presentation 1: Progress Updates** - Mr. Parashuram Adhikari, under secretary and the project desk officer in Ministry of Agriculture Development (MoAD) shared the meeting agenda and previous PTT-meeting resolution, briefed on project updates in terms of its formulation and implementation structure, and put lights on performance of the project activities and till date progresses complemented by Dr. Deepak Mani Pokhrel (NPC), as and when appropriate. They informed in detail about the activities UNDP and FAO, as per their scope, are preparing to contract out to service providers; technical and financial evaluations of proposals received from interested parties are already completed and sent to respective procurement authorities for final decisions and contract agreement. Similarly, DoI, DHM and GESI focal person in MoAD added as member in the PTT and, as member in the PSC, Embassy of Germany, joint-secretary from Ministry of Irrigation, and rest of joint secretaries in MoAD, DG from DOA and DLS and additional two representatives from Peasant Coalition (Farmers' Commission). Dr. Pokhrel emphasized need of strong coordination between NAP process and NAP agriculture, and added such been assured because of same leadership (chairperson) in NAP process TWG for AFS and NAP-Ag PTT.
- **Presentation 2-V/RA framework and Indicators:** Mr. Gyanendra Karki and Dr. Shree Bhagwan Thakur from NAP Process team briefed respectively on 'objectives, approaches and elements of NAP process, and IPCC approaches and the process conceptualized framework (7-steps) of CC-V/RA', and ' on 'National Adaption Plan formulation process including sub-sector wise indicators (on exposure, adaptive capacity and sensitivity), progresses and forward plan.
- **Presentation 3- Improving Governance of Climate Finance in Agriculture Sector:** In the presentation Mr. Madhukar Upadhyay (UNDP) briefed GoN's efforts on mainstreaming climate change in the planning and budgeting in general and agriculture sector starting with the Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Review (CPEIR) 2011 and subsequent development and introduction of the budget code to track climate-responsive budget across development sectors. The presentation dealt with specific initiatives carried out under each of the major components of the Public Finance Management (PFM) including budget allocation, expenditure and reporting at national level, and briefly presented the results of the district level CPEIR with focus on agriculture. In addition, Mr. Upadhyay informed about two recent initiatives - Public Expenditure Tracking Survey (PETS) of selected climate-relevant programme (Small Irrigation programme of the Cooperative Farming, Small Irrigation and Transportation of Seeds & Fertilizers Programmes) assessing flow of fund, and a collaborative research. Both the initiatives have been designed to inform on the effectiveness of the programme to the decision making of climate budget allocation. The overall objective of the presentation was to initiate discussion on exploring ways of tracking climate finance within agriculture to feed into decision making.
- **Presentation 4- NAP Agriculture Project updates:** Mr. Beau Damien from FAO-RAP (on Mission) presented on global scenarios of NAP-Ag Project. In his presentation, he included objectives and key features of the project, partner countries, NAP Ag programme outcomes (Global and National level), global milestones, global support core areas global technical support products and opportunity for Nepal to request supports in these areas. He also added national planning process in association with NAP, sector integration, key questions accelerating field activities during 2017 and Nepal feedback to

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the global NAP Ag team. Mr. Damen noted with respect to implementation readiness that the GCF Nationally Designated Authority for Nepal has prioritized a concept note support by MoAD and Ministry of Livestock Development (MoLD) to be prioritized for development into a full GCF proposal and that the NAP-Ag program could also support this process.

- **Discussion:** As per schedule, the chairperson requested members to put their concerns and the respective presenter to respond. Major concerns were - if MoLD were represented in the PSC; the V/RA indicators presented would have also included new emerging animal pests and diseases; the meeting took a shape of workshop with four presentations, and no decision points identified in the presentations; what the project was going to carryout in the pilot districts; what was weightage of Ag-sector budget on CC; timeline synchronized to arrive NAP document (NAP-process) and to integrate into sector planning (NAP-Ag); using climatic information in climate budgeting; and installation of meteorological stations and other supports to DHM in pilot districts. Some of the concerns were responded with the rest considered suggestive and by default acceptable. Need for further works on the V/RA indicators is accepted, even by NAP-process as required by the 7-steps and mentioned the indicators are not 'prescriptive and mandatory'. Dr. Pokhrel briefly shared project activities in the pilot districts with example such as the NAP-Ag project will use the V/RA indicators to assess climate vulnerability there, conduct economic valuation of ecosystem services and CBA of CCA options and case studies on M&E of CCA integration, and emphasized joint work with NAP-team to finalize on the indicators. Towards the end of meeting Mr. Battu Upreti (Team Leader of NAP-process), Dilaram Bhandari (DG in DoA) and Beau Damen (FAO-RAP) delivered their impressions on the meeting. Mr. Upreti highlighted on aspects of NAP-process such as nine working groups operative with 201 members nominated by GoN, its principle of living no one behind and use of DHM data in V/RA. He also highlighted that 'integrating agriculture into NAP' was meaningful in contrast to 'integrating NAP into Agriculture'; Nepal NAP-process on global tracking for its global flagship on risk and vulnerability assessment; and requested Beau Damen to support from the NAP-Ag program on awareness raising and training events on the Ministry of Population and Environment (MoPE) V/RA methodology. Mr. Damen agreed that this could be an activity that NAP-Ag could support particularly as it relates to the agriculture sectors and noted that this would also be an interesting opportunity to foster a peer exchange with NAP-Ag colleagues in Thailand who have also been applying a risk based V/RA process as part of their NAP process. Mr. Damen committed to follow-up with the NAP Global team to see how this might be best facilitated. Mr. Dila Ram Bhandari emphasized Nepal agriculture sector budget being climate responsive.

#### **Conclusion of the Meeting:**

The chair summarized the meeting, and concluded it as follows.

- The chair shared to the meeting informing that he had confusions about different climate change initiatives in MoAD; however, with such meetings, he gained clear perceptions into them specifically the National NAP Process, the NAP-Agriculture and GEF (LDF) supported climate change adaptation in agriculture that the chair led implementation under MoAD. Moreover, the chair to the meeting ensured effective coordination among the initiatives, and suggested possibility of devising a core team of technical experts from the PTT to work critically on formulation and evaluation of the methods and tools in CC-V/RA, EV, CBA (IA) and CCA monitoring.
- Beyond looking for possibilities of capacity building of technical personnel within relevant ministries through engagement in NAP-Ag related trainings organized in-country and/or abroad, based on the meeting discussion, the chair suggested organizing events to engage PTT members in the case studies (field trainings) in the pilot districts as a part of capacity enrichment and/or programme monitoring.
- To the end, the chair concluded the meeting operation been effective to keep PTT members and relevant stakeholders informed of the project activities and timely progresses.
- Finally, he thanked Mr. Beau Damen and all other participants for their active participation and formally closed the meeting.

End of meeting

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