



**Federal Government of Somalia and United Nations Joint Programme for Sustainable
Charcoal Reduction and Alternative Livelihoods (PROSCAL)**

**Minutes of First Programme Steering Committee Meeting
13 October, 2016: AMISOM VIP CONFERENCE ROOM
Mogadishu International Airport**

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

H.E. Abdirisak Omar Mohamed, Minister of Internal Security and Mr. Peter de Clercq, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General/ UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia/ UNDP Resident Representative co-Chaired the meeting. H.E. Abdirisak Omar Mohamed co-Chaired the meeting on behalf of H. E. Said Hussein Iid, Minister of Livestock, Forest and Range.

In his opening remarks, H.E. Abdirisak Omar Mohamed, Minister of Internal Security, emphasised on the importance of the Joint Programme on Charcoal and referred to the UN Security Council Resolution demanding International cooperation to support Somalia in addressing the issues around charcoal trade and use. He stated that Somalia alone cannot address the charcoal issues that are impacting on our security, environment and traditional livelihoods of our people. He recalled the programme being finalised during his earlier ministerial portfolio as Minister of National Resources. He called for starting with full scale implementation of the Joint Programme without further delay as it will curtail the illegal export of charcoal, promote alternative energy sources, help in securing sustainable livelihoods for the communities involved in charcoal production and support reforestation in areas denuded because of charcoal production. Minister thanked Sweden and Italy for their financial support to the programme and expressed his expectations that other donors will also provide support.

Mr. Peter de Clercq, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General/ UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia, in his opening remarks flagged the irreversible negative consequences of unsustainable charcoal production in Somalia. He stated that the international value of charcoal produced in Somalia is estimated as USD 250 million, which is more than the country's budget of USD 240 million. This is leading to wide scale deforestation and the country will deplete all its forests resources if immediate efforts are not made to check the production of charcoal. He gave the example of Haiti, where the entire productivity of land resources has lost because of cutting of trees for charcoal production making the Haitians vulnerable to natural disasters. He added that increasing domestic demand due to rapid urbanisation (Mogadishu being the fastest growing city in African continent) would put additional pressure on forest resources. Highlighting the fact that majority of the people involved in charcoal value chain are poor and vulnerable women and youth with no alternative sources of livelihoods, he stated that a comprehensive approach should be followed for their transition to more sustainable livelihoods options. The profit earned from the charcoal trade is by the middle entrepreneurs and groups. He added that two main donors, Sweden and Italy, have come forward to support the programme. However, the programme needs more resources as the available funds at this stage are only 10% of the total programme budget of USD 23.6 million. On behalf of the UN participating agencies (UNEP, UNDP and FAO) he assured of full support

in implementation of the Programme. In his capacity as the Humanitarian Coordinator, he offered to raise the issue of charcoal in country as well as at international levels to help addressing the problems associated with charcoal production in Somalia and get the essential financial support from the donors.

The opening remarks by the co-Chairs were followed by round of introduction of participants. (Agenda and List of Participants is attached as Annex 1)

Agenda Item 2 - Introduction to the FGS and UN Joint Programme for Sustainable Charcoal Reduction and Alternative Livelihoods Programme:

Mr. Abdulkani Raghe, Advisor to the Ministry of Livestock, Forest and Range gave a presentation to the participants on the Joint Programme. Mr. Ugo Leonardi, Remote Sensing Specialist, FAO SWALIM, presented a semi-automated GIS based analysis of Charcoal Production Sites. The two presentations covered the programme background, main components and severity of environmental degradation that takes place due to unchecked cutting down of trees to produce charcoal. FAO SWALIM analysis revealed that one tree is cut every two and a half minute in study area. (Presentations are attached as Annex II).

Mr. Jonathan Brooks highlighted the need for separate approaches to deal with the Charcoal issues. In north (Somaliland and Puntland) charcoal production is at subsistence level. Whereas, charcoal production is at an industrial scale in the South of Somalia. He emphasised to come up with a well thought out strategy for tackling industrial scale production, as cutting on demand is going to risk livelihoods of a many of already marginalised workers in Charcoal value chain. He added it is important to absorb youth and women currently involved in charcoal production in programme activities focused on making energy efficient cook stoves.

Mr. Guglielmo Giordano, Representative, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, observed that the enforcement to check the supply and demand of charcoal cannot be effective unless alternative sources of energy and livelihoods are available for the people. He gave the example of Haiti, where even after an embargo on charcoal production, people continued to produce charcoal due to the lack of alternative sources of energy to meet the basic energy needs. He raised the questions on how to reach out to the people involved in charcoal production – this would become even more difficult where security situation limits access. Flagging the importance of public awareness, Mr. Giordano advised to use all possible mediums, such as, electronic, role plays, poetry, songs, jingles, with sharp messaging. Without a consistent awareness campaign people would not realise that unsustainable production of charcoal impacts livestock industry and agriculture production. He also added that the focus on promoting Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) to substitute charcoal is good – but this transition will only happen if the price of LPG is comparable to charcoal.

Mr. Yusuf Ali Mohamed, Director General, Ministry of Internal Security, appreciated efforts of Mr. Abdulkani in launching the programme in member states. The validation of the programme in Mogadishu was well attended and helped in bringing all the key stakeholders on-board and also to determine prioritise.

Mr. Vincent A. Kutai, Programme Manager (WASH, Statistics, Environment and Climate), Embassy of Sweden, highlighted the need to broadly look into the long term approach and find a long term resolution to limit the inequality in the whole charcoal trade and transactions. He added that there is a need to generate resource collectively to meaningfully address the outstanding charcoal trade and use.

Mr. Saidou Hamani, Regional Coordinator, Disasters and Conflicts Programme, Regional Office for Africa, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), assured of UNEP support to the programme. In particular, he highlighted the role that UNEP will play in building cooperation among regional countries to support Somalia. He extended support of UNEP to raise the programme profile at African Environment Ministers Forum and UN Environment Assembly.

Agenda Item 3 - Progress update on activities under Programme Initiation Phase (PIP):

Mr. Abdulkani Raghe presented the update on activities under the PIP. He informed the participants about the needs of member states to undertake awareness raising activities and building their capacities to effectively take part in the implementation of the programme. (Presentation is attached as Annex I).

H.E. Mohamed Hussein, Minister of Environment, Galmudug State, appreciated the launching event in Adado. He stated that the livestock and agriculture is directly impacted because of environmental degradation. He further added that the religious leaders and traditional elders can play a major role in raising awareness. He also emphasised the need to promote alternative sources of energy across all states of Somalia.

H.E. Mo`alim Mohamoud, Minister of Environment, South West State, thanked Ministry of Livestock, Forest and Range for charcoal programme launch in Baidoa. He added that charcoal was being exported through Marka and Barawe. This has now been controlled, but it is important to make more efforts for awareness raising and capacity development of environment and other line ministries.

Mr. Kenedid Mumin Ali, Deputy Director General, Environment Office, Office of the Prime Minister, highlighted the need to promote alternative energy as part of the programme.

Agenda Item 4 - Update on resource mobilisation and presentation on scaled-up activities with currently available funding:

Mr. Abdul Qadir Rafiq, Project Manager, Environment and Energy, presented the status of resource mobilisation and main activities to be carried out with available funding. Participants were informed that the PIP activities would be absorbed in revised programme document that would have budget of USD 2.3 million and would conclude in December 2017. Any additional funds that are made available by donors will help in revising the scope of programme activities. Each revision of the programme document will be approved by Programme Steering Committee before final endorsement of the SDRF Steering Committee. (Presentation is attached as Annex IV).

Mr. Guglielmo Giordano raised the need for activities level details of budget distribution. He also brought to the attention of participants to revisit the list of acronyms in the programme document and keep only those that are mentioned in the main document.

Mr. Saidou Hamani stated that UNEP will provide technical oversight and inputs for activities under component 1 of the programme. The funds under component 1 will be utilised through UNDP and FAO.

Agenda Item 5 - Any other Business:

The need for international full-time programme coordinator was tabled. Mr. Abdulkani Raghe supported the idea on behalf of Ministry of Livestock, Forest and Range. The matter will be discussed further among government and participating UN agencies.

Agenda Item 6 - Key decisions and action points:

First Programme Steering Committee concluded with following decisions and action points:

1. Highest offices of the Federal Government and the UN in Somalia to be engaged for mobilising resources for the Programme.
2. Awareness campaigns to be designed for different target groups and implemented across Somalia.
3. Ministry of Livestock, Forest and Range, UNDP, UNEP and FAO to come up with a well thought out strategy to engage Charcoal Value Chain Beneficiaries for alternative livelihoods. The strategy to be discussed in the Inception Workshop of the Joint Programme.
4. UNEP to support raising the Programme profile at African Environment Ministers Forum and UN Environment Assembly.
5. FAO SWALIM to support monitoring of charcoal production and its impacts.
6. Joint Programme Document circulated to the PSC member is approved. UNDP to share the activity level budget distribution with PSC participants on e-mail. UNDP to also share the revised Programme Document with the SDRF Steering Committee.
7. Next meeting of the Programme Steering Committee to be held in February 2017.

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Annex I

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<p>9.30 a.m. Opening Remarks by the co-Chairs and Introduction of the Participants</p>	<p>H.E. Said Hussein Iid, Minister of Livestock, Forest and Range and Mr. Peter de Clercq, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General/ UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia/ UNDP Resident Representative to co-Chair and open the meeting with statements on behalf of the Federal Government and the UN</p> <p>Opening remarks to be followed by round of introduction of the meeting participants</p>
<p>9.40 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.:</p> <p>Introduction to the FGS and UN Joint Programme for Sustainable Charcoal Reduction and Alternative Livelihoods Programme – Ministry of Livestock, Forest and Range</p>	<p>Mr. Abdulkani Raghe, Advisor to the Ministry of Livestock, Forest and Range to give a presentation to the participants on the Joint Programme; 15 minutes presentation to be followed by discussions</p>
<p>10.15 to 10.35 a.m.</p> <p>Progress update on activities under Programme Initiation Phase (PIP)</p>	<p>Programme Initiation Phase started in April 2016 with a set of start-up activities for the capacity building of focal ministry, awareness raising, programme launch events in Member States, developing a Charcoal Policy and holding of International Conference on Charcoal.</p> <p>Mr. Abdulkani Raghe, Advisor to the Ministry of Livestock, Forest and Range and Abdul Qadir Rafiq, Project Manager,</p>

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	Environment and Energy, UNDP, to share the progress update on PIP activities.
<p>10.35 to 11.15 a.m.</p> <p>Update on resource mobilisation and presentation on scaled-up activities with currently available funding - Ministry of Livestock, Forest and Range, UNEP, UNDP and FAO</p>	<p>Presentation on resource mobilisation and allocations of funds under different components of Charcoal Programme. Ministry, UNEP, UNDP and FAO to present the allocations for activities under respective components. This will be followed by discussions.</p>
<p>11.15 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.</p> <p>AoB</p>	<p>Programme Steering Committee members may raise any other points for discussions</p>
<p>11.30 to 11.45 a.m.</p> <p>Key decisions and action points</p>	<p>Ministry of Forest, Livestock and Range to sum-up the key decisions and action points.</p>
<p>11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon</p> <p>Closing remarks by the co-Chairs</p>	
<p>Lunch</p>	

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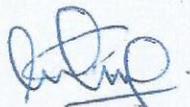
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3.	Mr. Yusuf Ali Mohamed	Director General, Ministry of Internal Security
4.	Mr. Jonathan Brooks	Programme Manager, Poverty Reduction and Environment Protection Programme, UNDP
5.	H.E. Mo`alim Mohamoud	Minister, Ministry of Environment, South West State
6.	H. E. Mohamed Hussein	Minister, Ministry of Environment, Galmudug
7.	Mr. Saidou Hamani	Regional Coordinator, Disasters and Conflicts Programme, Regional Office for Africa, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
8.	Mr. Abdulqani Barrow	Advisor, Ministry of Livestock, Forest and Range
9.	Mr. Ed Rico Chonbu	Operations Manager, FAO Somalia
10.	Mr. Guglielmo Giordano	Representative, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
11.	Mr. Vincent Kutai	Programme Manager (WASH, Statistics, Environment and Climate), Embassy of Sweden
12.	Mr. Kenedid Mumin Ali	Deputy Director General, Environment Office, Office of the Prime Minister
13.	Mr. Ugo Leonardi	Remote Sensing Specialist, FAO SWALIM
14.	Mr. Abdul Qadir Rafiq	Project Manager, Environment and Energy, UNDP Somalia
15.	Mr. Abdirisak Aden	Programme Specialist, Poverty Reduction and Environment Protection Programme, UNDP
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17.	Ms. Miski Muse	Programme Associate, UNDP

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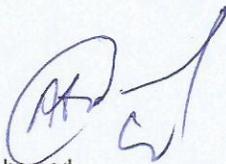
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