



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

**Minutes of Third Programme Steering Committee Meeting
10 December 2018: Somali Air Force Hangar
Mogadishu International Airport**

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

The meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Hussein Mohamud Sheikh Hussein, Minister for Livestock, Forestry and Range, Federal Government of Somalia; Mr. Peter de Clercq, Deputy SRSG/UN Resident Coordinator/ Humanitarian Coordinator; and Mr. George Conway, Resident Representative a.i., UNDP Somalia.

The co-Chairs welcomed the participants and took note of representation of Federal Member States. Mr. Peter de Clercq, UN DSRSG/RC/HC, reminded of the importance of the programme and its launch in 2013. He emphasised on the need for accelerated implementation of the Programme to counter the massive deforestation in charcoal production areas. At current rate of deforestation Somalia will lose all its tree cover within 40 years. He flagged that this is an emergency and the Joint Programme should show the impact in reversing the environmental degradation caused due to charcoal production.

H.E. Hussein Mohamud Sheikh Hussein, Minister for Livestock, Forestry and Range, Federal Government of Somalia, expressed full commitment of the Federal Government in successful implementation of the programme. He thanked the EU, Italy, Sweden and UN agencies (UNDP, UNEP and FAO) for their continued support of the programme. He stated that the first ban on charcoal was announced in 1969 by the Somali Government. However, weakening of institutional structures after 1991 resulted in unchecked production to the extent that the UN Resolution 2036/2012 had to be imposed with recommitment of current Federal Government of Somalia to ban charcoal production. He added that the Ministry of Livestock, Forestry and Range being the government counterpart is fully committed to the Charcoal Reduction Programme through the establishment of sustainable sources of energy to overcome the environmental degradation and reverse the threats to Somalia's fragile ecosystems. The Minister emphasised on the need for continued UN support in the implementation of the programme and developing capacities within the government institutions for evidence-based monitoring of charcoal production and movement. He asked for the progress reports on the livelihoods component of the programme and pointed out on lack of engagement of Federal Ministry and Federal Member States focal points during implementation of livelihoods activities. The Minister emphasized the federal government's commitment to expanding the recently established nursery centres in Mogadishu and member states to fulfil Ministry's goal of planting 1,000,000 trees each year to meet sustainable development goals and to reverse the severe deforestation and land degradation caused by charcoal production.

(Agenda and List of Participants is attached as Annex 1).

Agenda Item 2 –Presentations on the FGS and UN Joint Programme for Sustainable Charcoal Reduction and Alternative Livelihoods Programme (PROSCAL):

Mr. Abdulkani R Barrow, Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Livestock, Forestry and Range presented the programme outline and objectives. Updating participant on the expansion of the Charcoal business, he summarised key accelerators as: 1) Limited livelihood options; 2) Somalia Livestock Export ban by the United Emirates; 3) Lack of Policies and incapacitated institutions; 4) Illegal Charcoal trade and high demand from the Gulf Countries; 5) limited awareness and Weakened tradition decision making systems; 6) Prolonged conflicts and cycles of droughts; 7) Lack of alternative livelihood options and insufficient employment opportunities. Meeting the demand and supply sides of the Charcoal value chain, he informed the participants on the Programme strategy as: 1) Capacity building to meet compliance towards implementing a mutually adopted Charcoal Reduction Agreement/Respond to Security Council Resolution 2036(2012); 2) Setting up of strong policy & legal frameworks at national level and regional level; 3) Empowering and supporting Government institutions & local communities for monitoring and enforcement of policy and legal instruments; 4) Conflict sensitive programming while taking into account the needs of vulnerable groups (women, youth and IDPs) in the charcoal value chain; 5) Ensuring high level of ownership by Federal Government of Somalia with the support of international partners through demonstration of best practices for technology diffusion to promote alternative sources of energy; 6) Establishment of best practices for alternative livelihoods and investment for the charcoal value chain beneficiaries. Sharing updates on the Programme Budget, he said that the total budget is USD 23.6 million while available budget for 2018-19 is USD 1.9 million. Mr. Abdulkani also covered the update on decisions of first Steering Committee Meeting. This was followed by presentation on progress under three components of the programme. Mr. Hassan Abdirizak, Project Manager UNDP, presented the 2018 achievements on capacity support to the federal and federal member states, awareness campaigns around charcoal issues, establishment of businesses on alternative sources of energy and transition to energy efficient stoves. He informed the participants that the activities have been undertaken under Letter of Agreements arrangements with the Federal Ministry of Livestock, Forestry and Range and focal Ministries of member states (including Somaliland). Mr. Rashid Ateye, Project Officer, Charcoal Programme, UN Environment (UNEP) shared the progress on the National and Regional Policy on Charcoal. He informed the participants about completion of Gaps Analysis Report and status of the draft National Policy. Draft National Policy will be completed by 15 December 2018 for the review of relevant government institutions and Peer Review Group of Somali Experts. Mr. Ugo Leonardi, Head a.i., FAO SWALIM, presented the progress on GIS based analysis for the Charcoal Production Sites. He shared the steps involved in the analysis of the impacts of charcoal production. The final report covering the timescale of 2011 and 2017 was disseminated at the International Conference on Charcoal. Staff of Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Jubaland State, has also been trained on application of GIS and Remote Sensing for monitoring of Charcoal Production. Mr. Simon Mumuli, Land Resources Officer, FAO-SWALIM, presented the progress under the Livelihoods Diversification for Charcoal Value Chain Beneficiaries (CVCBs) component of the programme. The programme supported the local communities on good agriculture practices, fodder production, bee husbandry and farm produce grading and marketing.

(Presentations are attached as Annex II)

After the presentation, Mr. Peter de Clercq, invited participants for comments and clarifications.

Mr. George Conway, Resident Representative a.i., UNDP, stated that Somalia is at tipping point when it comes to deforestation due to charcoal production. Charcoal Joint Programme started activities in 2016 with emphasis on finding alternative measures on livelihoods of charcoal value chain beneficiaries and energy needs. The impacts of the programme are not clear and it is important to undertake mid-term evaluation of the programme to address the issues, assess outcome level progress, trends in charcoal use and steps taken by the government to implement the government ban and UN resolution.

Ms. Clara Polsinelli, Programme Coordinator, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, noted that the programme activities are mostly focused on reducing internal demand of charcoal which is only 1/5th of the total charcoal production. Remaining consumption is in other countries. Actions being taken to check the regional consumption need to be clarified. She added that the programme is of priority for Italy, however, we need to see clearly spelt out milestones with SMART indicators. She also asked for the structure of Programme Management, implementation roles and responsibilities and whether any funding from Gulf countries was being channelled through the MPTF to the Joint Programme.

Mr. Peter de Clercq highlighted the need for political engagement of the Federal and Federal Member States government to address the enforcement of movement of charcoal from Somalia to other countries. He committed to engage SRSB in these discussions as the charcoal demand cannot be addressed without high level political engagement.

Mr. Jonathan Brookes, Senior Coordinator FAO Somalia, mentioned that charcoal in the south is being produced at industrial scale to meet the demand of other countries. The analysis by FAO-SWALIM clearly indicates that not a single tree will be left in 40 years if production continues at this scale. It is important to evaluate the programme and look into the areas where realignment is required for an effective enforcement of charcoal ban and options that can be scaled up to reduce local demand.

Responding to the point on government actions, Minister of Livestock, Forestry and Range, brought to attention the recommitment of government to ban charcoal and also the national Policy and Act and regional Policy being drafted with UNEP support. The Minister stressed that 2019 will be the year to completely halt Charcoal exportation from Somalia. He added that the enforcement of the ban can be strengthened with high level political engagement as indicated by Mr. Peter de Clercq.

Responding to other main points, Mr. Abdul Qadir Rafiq, Portfolio Manager, Resilience and Climate Change UNDP Somalia, said that the mid-term evaluation of the programme will help in assessing outcome level impacts as well as for course correction where needed in Joint Programme implementation. He informed that the recent report from UN Sanctions Monitoring Group has noted 25% reduction in revenues from charcoal movement. This is positive, however, the real demand of Charcoal from other countries need to be established. He also clarified on the roles and responsibilities of Federal Ministry, Focal Ministries from Member States and UN participating agencies. He added that at this stage no funding is coming from Gulf States.

Mr. Rashid Ateye, Project Officer, Charcoal Programme, UNEP, informed that the national and regional policy component involved engagement of Gulf countries. Federal Ministry of Livestock, Forestry and Range and UNEP will be organising meetings with governments of Gulf countries to seek support in enforcement of charcoal ban. Similarly, national charcoal strategy will cover the national actions and support needed to implement national actions.

The discussion on 2018 progress was followed by presentation of 2019 outputs and activities. UNDP, UNEP and FAO presented the 2019 plan. In addition to the activities to be implemented within the

scope of current level of funding, FAO-SWALIM also shared the proposed activities for evidence-based information on charcoal production, use, trade and dynamics. Additional funding requirements for evidence-based information and livelihoods component were also presented.

Agenda Item 3- Roadmap from the International Charcoal Conference

The draft road map was circulated to the participants. It was noted the priorities of the Road Map are included in the work plan for 2019. The 2019 activities linked to the Road Map should continue. However, the Road Map should also be reviewed during the mid-term evaluation of the programme.

Agenda Item 4- Update on Resource Mobilisation

PSC was informed of the additional funding from Sweden through MPTF for the Charcoal Programme. It was decided that the further resource mobilisation for Joint Programme be after the mid-term Evaluation.

Agenda Item 5 – Any other Business

H. E. Mohamed Hussein Mohamed, Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Range, Galmudug State, shared the measures taken by the Galmudug State to stop production and use of Charcoal. The report presented by the Minister is attached as **Annex III** to the minutes.

Programme Steering Committee Decisions

1. High-level political dialogue involving the Government leadership and SRSR for enforcement of ban on Charcoal export be initiated.
 2. Timing of Government led delegation to Gulf States was agreed from 17 to 25 February 2019. High level contacts to be established by the Ministry and UNEP in preparation of the meetings.
 3. Setting up of market chain for fuel efficient stoves, LPG and Green Charcoal through Innovation Camps was approved. The programme to setup incubators for young entrepreneurs to come up with market solutions. Programme to provide start-up grants for most promising business models. This approach will help in going beyond the “proof of concept” approach.
 4. Somalia Charcoal Side Event be organised at UN Environment Assembly from 11 to 15 March 2019. Federal Ministry of Livestock, Forestry and Range to lead with support of UNEP, UNDP and FAO.
 5. Additional funds of USD 1.06 million from Sweden be allocated for capacity development of national institutions and evidence-based monitoring. 60% of the funding be allocated for capacity support, awareness raising, forestry & rangeland policy formulation through MOLFR and UNDP. 40% to be allocated for Evidence Based Monitoring through MOLFR and FAO-SWALIM. PSC approved the allocations.
 6. Mid-term Evaluation of the Joint Programme to be conducted early 2019 to assess outcome level impacts, required level of political engagement and course correction for implementation of the programme.
 7. It was agreed that the workplan of 2019 of the livelihood component presented by FAO be put off until the Ministry hold a separate meeting with FAO-SWALIM in Jan 2019 to align the livelihood component of the programme with Ministry priorities.
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Approved by:



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Annex I



Federal Government of Somalia and United Nations Joint Programme for Sustainable Charcoal Reduction and Alternative Livelihoods (PROSCAL) Draft Agenda for 3rd Programme Steering Committee Meeting

Date: 10 December 2018– Venue: Meeting Room, Somali Airforce Hangar, MIA

Agenda Item	
9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	Registration
9.30 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. Opening Remarks by the co-Chairs and Introduction of the Participants	Minster of Livestock, Forestry and Range and Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General/ UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia to co-Chair and open the meeting with statements on behalf of the Federal Government and the UN Opening remarks to be followed by round of introduction of the meeting participants
9.45 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. 2018 Progress Update and presentation on 2019 Work Plan on FGS and UN Joint Programme for Sustainable Charcoal Reduction and Alternative Livelihoods Programme	A presentation to the participants on the Joint Programme; 45 minutes presentation to be followed by discussions – MoLFR; UNDP; FAO; UNEP to present
11 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Road map from the International Charcoal Conference	MoLFR to present the road map from International Charcoal Conference and highlight the action points from January to June 2019 with role of various institutions
11.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. Update on resource mobilisation	Presentation on resource mobilisation and allocations of new contribution from Sweden to the UN Multi-Partners Trust Fund (MPTF) for the Charcoal Programme. Decision on utilisation of new funds for capacity development and awareness raising through the MoLFR, Federal Member States (including Somaliland) – UNDP and MoLFR to present
11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon Any other business	Programme Steering Committee members may raise any other points for discussions
	Closing remarks by the co-Chairs
	Lunch

Participants	
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H.E. Hussein Mohamud Sheikh Hussein	Minister of Livestock, Forestry and Range Federal Government of Somalia
Mr. Peter de Clercq	Deputy SRSG/UN Resident Coordinator/ Humanitarian Coordinator
Mr. George Conway	Resident Representative a.i. UNDP, Somalia
Mr. Guglielmo Giordano (Represented by Ms. Clara Polsinelli, Programme Coordinator)	Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
Haji Mohamed – (Sent regrets for not being available)	EU Programme Manager, Infrastructure and Natural Resource Management
Mr. Vincent Kutai - (Sent regrets for not being available)	Programme Manager (WASH, Statistics, Environment and Climate), Embassy of Sweden
H. E. Mohamed Hussein	Minister, Ministry of Environment, Galmudug
H.E. Aidid Suleiman Hashi	Minister, Environment, Jubaland
H.E. Mohamed Hussein Dirie	Minister, Environment and Rural Development, Hir- Shabelle
H.E. Mohamud Isse Mohamed	Deputy Minister, Environment, Wildlife and Tourism, Puntland
Mr. Zakaria Bashir Mohamed	Focal Point, South West State
Mr. Ali Ibrahim Ali	Permanent Secretary, Office of the Presidency, South West State
Mr. Ahmed Yusuf Ahmed	Director General, Environment Office, Office of the Prime Minister
Mr. Serge Tissot (Represented by Mr. Jonathan Brooks, Senior Coordinator, FAO Somalia)	Representative, FAO-Somalia
Ms. Juliette Biao Koudenoukpo (Represented by Mr. Rashid Ateye, Project Officer, Charcoal Programme, UNEP)	Director, Regional Office for Africa, UNEP
Mr. Abdulkani R. Barrow	Senior Advisor, Ministry of Livestock, Forestry and Range
Mr. Abdul Qadir Rafiq	Portfolio Manager, Resilience and Climate Change, UNDP Somalia
Mr. Hassan Abdirazak Ahmed	Project Manager, UNDP Somalia
Mr. Ugo Leonardi	Head a.i., FAO SWALIM
Mr. Simon Mumuli	Land Resource Officer, FAO Somalia
Mr. Eltayb Adam	Technical Advisor, FAO Somalia
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