

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

Draft Agenda for 5th Programme Steering Committee Meeting

Date: 10th March 2022 Venue: SKA with virtual connection

Agenda Item	
09:30 a.m. to 09. 35 a.m.	Round of introduction
09.35 a.m. to 09.50 a.m. Opening Remarks by the co-Chairs	Deputy Prime Minister and DSRSG/RC/HC a.i open the meeting with statements on behalf of the Federal Government and the UN
09.50 am to 10.00 a.m. Donor Remarks	Remarks by donors
10.00 a.m. to 10.10 a.m. Update on the previous steering committee decisions points	Update on the previous steering and technical committee decisions points
10.10 a.m. to 10.40 a.m. 2021 Progress Update and presentation on 2022 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; 30 minutes presentation to be followed by discussions – OPM (DOECC); UNDP; FAO; UNEP to present
10.40 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Discussions and any other business	Discussion on the presentations, PSC members may raise any other points for discussions
11.00 a.m. to 11.20 Discussion on Program extension and formulation of next-generation prodoc	Discussion on Program extension and formulation of next-generation project document
11.20 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Closing remarks by the co-Chairs

Mr. Jocelyn Mason, United Nation Resident Coordinator, a.i..... Chair

H.E Mahdi Mohamed Gulaid, Deputy Prime Minister, Federal Government of Somalia.....co-chair

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

The meeting was co-chaired by H. E. Mahdi Mohamed Gullaid, Deputy Prime Minister, Federal Government Somalia, and Jocelyn Mason, the United Nation Resident Coordinator, a.i.

H. E. Mahdi Mohamed Gullaid, Deputy Prime Minister, Federal Government Somalia, in his opening remarks, acknowledged the presence of the Federal line ministries, Ministers and representatives from the Federal Member States, UN participating agencies, and donors. He further thanked the donors including Sweden, the EU, Norway, and Italy for their contributions to the program. He also acknowledged and reiterated that the Federal Government of Somalia has embarked on a dynamic political and economic renewal path after protracted civil strife and political turmoil. The tremendous changes that the country has experienced in recent years demonstrate the level of commitment to move the country forward a commitment by Somali leaders to meet their people's aspirations for a better future, and that better future begins with developing and protecting our environment for the future generations. He also, mentioned that the Federal Government of Somalia considers this flagship program an important priority, which is expected to clear the way for environmental restoration and environmental sustainability by reducing charcoal consumption. He underscored that the Federal Government of Somalia is committed to reaffirming its commitment to adopt new measures by regulating the charcoal industry. Furthermore, it will legislate to support a sustainable charcoal reduction in Somalia as recommended in the National Charcoal Policy formulated in collaboration with UNEP. Similarly, to expand the tree plantations to restore the ecosystem and extensive reforestation activities. While acknowledging the unrelenting support from all the other stakeholders, he stressed that PROSCAL remained underfunded since its start in 2016 to date. The Directorate of Environment and Climate Change, in partnership with UNDP, UNEP, and FAO, will develop the next phase of the program within this year to ensure that new and innovative approaches are applied to address the challenges around charcoal production and use. This will include encouraging private sector engagement for transition to alternative sources of energy, nature-based solutions to maintain the productivity of land resources, capacity development of national and sub-national institutions to monitor and regulate charcoal production, awareness-raising, and building climate resilience, peace, and security in areas where charcoal production is at its peak. He further appreciated Sweden and Norway in supporting the development of the new program. He appealed to other donors and UN agencies for their technical and financial support to the new phase of the program. On the part of the Office of the Prime Minister, He said that the Federal Government is committed to engaging the federal member states to implement the remaining activities of the ongoing program until 31 December 2022 and start implementing the new phase in January 2023.

Mr. Jocelyn Mason, the United Nation Resident Coordinator a.i., in his opening remarks, thanked the Deputy Prime Minister, H.E. Mahdi Mohammed Gulaid, for co-chairing the Programme Steering Committee meeting. He also welcomed the Ministers and Senior Officials from federal and federal member states to the Programme Steering Committee Meeting. He further reminded the Committee Members to focus on strategic actions that require discussion by the Steering Committee. He added that, for technical clarifications, separate meetings with the Directorate of Environment and Climate Change (DOECC) and UNDP will be held. He noted that the Programme has made major achievements, including the finalization of charcoal and forestry policies, awareness-raising about the issues of unsustainable charcoal trade at regional/international levels, and evidence-based monitoring of impacts of Charcoal production. The Programme also accelerated the diffusion of alternative energy and provided alternative livelihoods to Charcoal Value Chain Beneficiaries. He highlighted that the resurgence of illegal charcoal export in 2022 is a major setback to the gains made so far by the

programme and to the environment and economic well-being of the Somali people. This demonstrates that the illegal export of charcoal from Somalia remains a major challenge for the environment, peace, and security. He underscored that the meeting with Gulf ambassadors in Nairobi in February 2022 was a major milestone towards enhancing regional cooperation to curb the illegal charcoal export from Somalia. He further, emphasized the importance of deepening such cooperation with Gulf countries could contribute to resource mobilization for the next phase of the programme. He suggested that the Program is in its final year of implementation, there is a need to focus on the sustainability of the interventions through decentralized capacity-building and the implementation of charcoal and forest policies. In this regard, it is also important to forge partnerships with the private sector, NGOs, community-based organizations, and other related initiatives/projects.

The opening remarks made by the co-Chairs were followed by a round of introduction of participants. (Agenda and List of Participants is attached as Annex1: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zI0YE65YZOyl2-0eyZcuXuxwj_rtBPB-/view?usp=sharing)

Agenda Item 2– Update on the previous steering committee decisions points):

Mr. Abdulkani, the Senior National Programme Coordinator, DoECC-FGS presented the status of the 4th Programme Steering Committee and Technical Committee meetings follow up actions, and said that it was mostly addressed apart from few that were partially achieved including; 1) the reconvening of quarterly technical meeting among Government, Participating UN Organisations (PUNOs) and Donors; 2) Coming up with an additional resources mobilization strategy to cover underfunded activities and fully achieve Programme objectives.

Agenda Item 3 – presentation and Progress Updates on the Joint Programme-DoECC, UNDP, FAO & UNEP.

On behalf of UN Environment, Mr. Abdirashid Ateeye, Project Officer, presented the progress of UNEP activities under Component one. He mentioned that national charcoal and Forestry policies are developed and validated. He stated that UNODC in collaboration with UNEP developed DNA & forensic charcoal guidelines, local authorities and regional institutions will be trained on these guidelines to curtail illegal charcoal export from Somalia. He added that a meeting with the Gulf ambassadors has been organized in Nairobi, Kenya to persuade the Gulf states to stop the import of illicit charcoal and support investment in alternative energy substitutes to charcoal use.

Mr. Ugo Leonardi, Technical Advisor, FAO SWALIM, Presented studies on the monitoring of charcoal production and its dynamics in Southern Somalia. He stated the two studies have been completed and the digital images are being analyzed for the third one which will be finalized in March 2022. The new analysis will provide valuable information on charcoal production linked to local consumption and combined with previous analysis, helps identifying suitable areas for reforestation and afforestation programs for the rehabilitation of degraded lands.

Mr. Hassan Abdirizak Ahmed, National Task Manager UNDP, made a presentation on the progress made national awareness raising and Alternative Energy Solutions to Charcoal Use under component two. He highlighted that production and marketing of fuel-efficient stoves, production of “green charcoal” from invasive species and subsidized LPG sets activities were implemented to reduce charcoal consumption and to transition to alternative energy for cooking. He also mentioned that program has piloted clean institutional cooking through the combination of solar water heating systems, large efficient stoves and LPG to reduce and displace the use of charcoal and firewood at public institutions such as hospitals and schools.

Under Component three: FAO, Mr. Didier Habimana, presented the key achievements including training of lead farmers and provision of livestock and agricultural inputs (beehives, assorted beekeeping equipment/tools & fodder seeds), promoting of value chains and establishment of nurseries as alternative livelihood options to charcoal value chain beneficiaries.

The presentation of updates was concluded with highlights on the issues and challenges facing the program including 1) the full realization of the Programme Objectives will only be possible with the availability of funds – Programme Budget has a shortfall of 60%. Important elements of continuous monitoring, capacity development of institutions and communities, and acceptable coverage of CVCBs with alternative energy and livelihoods will remain partial with the existing level of funding; 2) Regional Partnerships with the Gulf States did not materialize as envisaged; 3) Delayed implementation due to late approval of annual workplan and 4) the Covid-19 situation has also impacted the implementation of the programme.

(Presentations are attached as Annex II: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mfA8xb7gaC53kY3FKg-sd867lXoMczfl/view?usp=sharing>)

Comments and Feedback:

The Chair opened the floor for comments and feedback after the project presentation. The comments from participants and responses are documented in the table below:

Comments / Feedback	Responses
<p>Mr. Kamau Waithaka: Programme Manager, Embassy of Sweden:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acknowledged that Sweden has been the main supporter of PROSCAL and will continue filling in the 2022 funding gaps and the second-generation Programme, especially on the Capacity-building and alternative energy component - Suggested that PUNOS to identify jointly the 2022 funding gaps and preset it to the Sweden embassy for support - To accelerate implementation activities of 2022 activities as per the approved workplan and to pave way for upcoming evaluation. 	<p>Agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PUNOS to identify jointly the 2022 funding gaps and preset it to the Sweden embassy for support
<p>Mr. Ahmed Yusuf (DoECC-FGS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highlighted that recurring drought and unsustainable charcoal production undermines the efforts to Sustainable natural resource management and environmental governance across Somalia - The implementation and Donor's support of the completed natural resource management policies will significantly promote climate change adaptation and sustainable natural resource management at all levels. These include the National Climate Change Policy, National Environment Policy, National Water Policy & National Environmental management 	<p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DoECC in collaboration with the federal member states and donors to mobilize resources to support the implementation of the completed NRM policies

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bill/acts, National Charcoal Policy, and National Forestry Policy & Strategy.	
Mr. Hussein Ahmed (DG, MOECCRD Galmudug) - Stated that there is an increase of charcoal production in Mudug region due to the current drought as there are limited livelihood options	- It was discussed that the interconnection between charcoal production and drought should be raised in the humanitarian forums to explore support for the affected areas.
Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Hassan, Director of Hydrometeorology, MoEWR-FGS: - Underscored that his ministry has achieved urban and rural electrification with funding support from the World Bank. The upcoming Africa Minigrid Programme will promote clean energy especially mini-grid systems - MoEWR-FGS and DoECC-FGS to discuss further action plans on the sustainable ecosystem in Somalia.	Agreed. - MoEWR-FGS and DoECC-FGS to discuss further action plans on the sustainable ecosystem in Somalia. - The GCF Pipeline project supports climate Smart Rangeland across Somalia

Agreed Decisions:

- The Program Steering Committee (PSC) endorsed to extend the programme duration by 9 months (from April 2022 to December 2022).
- 2022 Workplan to be revised to incorporate the new funding from Norway. The revised Workplan to be shared with the PSC Members for virtual approval
- PUNOS to identify jointly the 2022 funding gaps and have follow-up discussions with Sweden on the allocation of resources of the 2022 funding gaps

Minutes Approved by:

Mr. Jocelyn Mason, United Nation Resident Coordinator, a.i..... Chair

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