



**LOCAL PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LPAC)
REPORT**

Project Title: Capacity Development for Sustainable Development and Management of Water Resources in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

The meeting took place on Wednesday, 27 July 2011 10:00 hours at UNDP Conference room, Riyadh.

Participants:

Ministry of Water & Electricity (MOWE):

Mr. Helal Alharithi Consultant to Deputy Minister for Water Affairs	Member
Mr. Abdallah Mohamed Alghamdi Office Manager, Office of Deputy Minister for Water Affairs	Member
Mr. Hatim Sreen General Manager, Water Information Department	Member
Dr. Ayaz Hasan Senior Water Specialist, Office of Deputy Minister for Water Affairs	Member

UNDP:

Ms. Mayssam Tamim Assistant Resident Representative	Chairperson
Dr. Riyad Musa Resident Representative	Member
Mr. Yassin Hassan Yassin Governance Team Leader a.i	Member
Ms. Haifa Al Mogrin Program Associate	Member
Ms. Sarah Alshoura Program Associate	Member
Ms. Abeer AlNajai M&E Associate	Member
Ms. Selwan Al-Eshaiwi Intern	Member
Mr. Asim Salah Senior Program Associate	Member

Opening

Dr Riyad Musa, UNDP Resident Representative, welcomed the participants of the LPAC meeting, and expressed his gratitude to the Government of Saudi Arabia for inviting the UN system to assist on this important project, and he wishes all the success for the meeting to reach a consensus agreement and recommendations.

Brief Presentation of the Project

Ms. Mayssam Tamim, UNDP Assistant Resident Representative, gave a brief presentation on background of the project, current status and future planned activities of the project. Further, during the presentation, main outputs and potential stakeholders of the project were also highlighted.

The project intends to provide advisory and capacity development support to the MOWE by strengthening the technical capacity of MOWE for sustainable development and management of water resources of the Kingdom. The main policy options to achieve sustainable development were highlighted during the presentation are:

- (i) Consider non-renewable groundwater as a strategic national resource,
- (ii) Rationalize and reconcile water supply and water demand, especially in irrigation,
- (iii) Increase level of services for potable water supply and sanitation, including private sector participation,
- (iv) Need to plan and manage on the basis of solid analytical databases and information systems,
- (v) Improve the legal and regulatory framework favoring monitoring, coordination and stakeholder participation and
- (vi) Capacity development and institutional restructuring.

Record of Discussions:

- ❖ A short presentation was delivered by Ms. Mayssam Tamim, highlighting proposed working strategy, conceptual framework and Results Resources Framework (RRF) of the project. This was followed by detailed discussions on various aspects of the project.
- ❖ Mr. Yassin raised two important points in the RRF of the project. He highlighted that protection zones needs to be the added in component-1 of RRF describing the more about protection of water reserves for future generations. The Second point was to develop key performance indicators (KPIs) for the project to measure the progress of the project. He also mentioned to develop an indicator unit to produce and monitor Target 10 under Goal 7 of the MDGs.
- ❖ Dr. Ayaz, acknowledged and agreed to incorporate all the above points in the revised PD.
- ❖ Dr. Ayaz emphasized that the project outcome is huge and needs a lot of work and collaboration of all stakeholders in order to achieve the set goals. He also highlighted the importance of engaging partners in the implementation of the project and a number of activities should be done in different directorate and regions especially the activity of the workshops. He further stressed the importance of media coverage to ensure the intended awareness is properly raised. The ensuring of proper media coverage of launching of the Project was discussed and agreed and further the proposal for full media (press) coverage for project signing event is agreed upon pending approval of H.E. the Minister.
- ❖ The issue of National ownership and the use of UNDP logo in the project activities and reports were further discussed during the meeting. UNDP ownership concept and logo policy was shared with the MOWE members. UNP has no objection to reports carrying its logo under the project as long as such reports are cleared by MOWE for public access.

- ❖ UNDP highlighted the importance of the existence of potential national officers to be aligned with the International experts for the purpose of transfer of the knowhow and develop their capacities for sustainability of development.
- ❖ Mr. Helal, agreed and explained that this important issue is currently being addressed by the Ministry, he also suggested it should be spelled out very clearly in the TOR of the International experts.
- ❖ The LPAC meeting also discussed the public awareness campaign that the project is planning to carry out and how the importance of such campaign to be build on gender balance concept.
- ❖ Dr. Ayaz pointed out the importance of the data information activities to the ministry, and how urgently the international experts are needed to be on board.
- ❖ Last but not least the LPAC agreed that coordination with other relevant water sector stakeholders is the major key for the success of the project.

Recommendations of Project Advisory Committee (PAC)

Important Recommendations of the Meetings	Follow-up
✓ The PD has been found feasible and in line with government priorities as well as with UNDP mandate	UNDP
✓ Changes will be made to reflect the issue discussed above	MOWE/UNDP
✓ The PAC strongly recommended for approval and signing the Project Document of the above mentioned project, " <u>Capacity Development for Sustainable Development and management of Water Resources in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</u> "	MOWE/UNDP

Adjournment

The chairperson thanks all participants for their presence and concludes the meeting at 13:20 hrs.

Approved by:

Ms. Mayssam Tamim,
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UNDP Program



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