

## Minutes of the Meeting

<b>CCAM-II Project Steering Committee Meeting</b>	Date: 24 February, 2021
	Time: 3.00 PM to 4.00 PM
	Online (Zoom) meeting
<b>Co-Chairs</b>	<p>Ms. Aliona Niculita – Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP</p> <p>Mr. Irfan Tariq – Director General (Environment &amp; Climate Change), Ministry of Climate Change</p>
<b>Participants</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Humayun Qaisar, Economic Advisor, Embassy of Japan in Pakistan</li> <li>2. Mr. Raza Iqbal, Director DRR Implementation, National Disaster Management Authority</li> <li>3. Dr. Zahid Hussain Shar, Director Operations, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Sindh</li> <li>4. Mr. Ghafoor Agha, Deputy Director M&amp;E, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Balochistan</li> <li>5. Dr. Azmat Hayat Khan, Chief Meteorologist, Pakistan Meteorological Department</li> </ol> <p>UNDP:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Knut Østby, Resident Representative</li> <li>2. Mr. Amanullah Khan, Assistant Resident Representative, Environment and Climate Change Unit</li> <li>3. Mr. Muhammad Sohail, Programme Officer, Environment and Climate Change Unit</li> <li>4. Mr. Usman Manzoor, Programme Officer, Environment and Climate Change Unit</li> <li>5. Mr. Naeem Iqbal, National Project Coordinator, DRR in Pakistan Project</li> <li>6. Ms. Arish Naseem, Climate Change Consultant, Environment and Climate Change Unit</li> <li>7. Mr. Rana Muhammad Naeem, Programme Associate, Environment and Climate Change Unit</li> </ol>

	<p>8. Ms. Amber Masud, Research and Reporting Officer, DRR in Pakistan Project</p> <p>9. Ms. Amna Memon, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, DRR in Pakistan Project</p> <p>10. Mr. Gohar Yaseen, Administration and Finance Officer, DRR in Pakistan Project</p> <p>11. Mr. Adnan Iqbal, Administration and Finance Officer, Tsunami and Earthquake Preparedness Project</p> <p>12. Ms. Sumaira Jabeen, Administration and Finance Associate, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Project</p>
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<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Discussion Points</b>
<b>Opening remarks</b>	<p>Mr. Amanullah Khan opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. He informed that the PSC Meeting was co-chaired with the government, in this case the Director General of Environment from the Ministry of Climate Change, Mr. Irfan Tariq.</p> <p>Ms. Aliona Niculita proceeded to welcome the participants and thanked them for their presence. She informed that UNDP sets up a PSC for every project, both in Pakistan and elsewhere. This allows all concerned stakeholders to guide the implementation of the project, as well as approve plans for the coming year. She added that 2020 was not an easy year, not only for this project but for all projects and Pakistan as a whole. However, with the cooperation of all those present, we were able to achieve a number of results in spite of the challenges faced. She also introduced the new Resident Representative to UNDP, Mr. Knut Ostby, who formally joined recently.</p> <p>Mr. Knut Ostby introduced himself as the new RR for UNDP, having joined in January. He introduced CCAM as a central portfolio in the activities of UNDP's climate change unit. He explained that it is important to</p>

<p><b>Remarks by the representative from the Ministry of Climate Change</b></p>          <p><b>Presentation on the project by UNDP</b></p>	<p>touch base at the strategic level periodically, through these PSC meetings. He said that he looks forward to visiting the field to witness the impact of the project.</p> <p>Co-chair and representative from the MoCC, Mr. Irfan Tariq said that he looks forward to being engaged with the project and seeing how the project supports Pakistan's institutional mechanisms for climate change adaptation and mitigation. He said he looked forward to seeing the plans for the coming year. He showed eagerness to see the results of this important project.</p> <p>Mr. Amanullah Khan thanked the DG for his remarks. He then invited Ms. Arish Naseem and Mr. Naeem Iqbal to present the progress of the project.</p> <p>Ms. Arish Naseem began the presentation by providing a policy background and UNDP's involvement in developing the National Climate Change policy. She introduced the components of the project linked with water management, solid waste management, tsunami preparedness, energy, climate finance support on NDCs to the government of Pakistan, and the framework for the implementation of the National Climate Change Policy.</p> <p>The three main objectives of the project are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Supporting the government in strengthening policy areas, advocacy and awareness on environmentally sustainable adaptive practices, disaster risk reduction and sustainable energy</li><li>2. Strengthening national and provincial capacities to adapt to climate change by mainstreaming climate resilience in all key sectors and securing investment</li><li>3. Building capacities of the key stakeholders especially the communities and partners in sustainable management of resources such as energy, water, forests, and biodiversity</li></ol> <p>The major progress on planned activities were also presented. Key partnerships with the private sector were highlighted, especially those with Coca-Cola and Unilever. The Coca-Cola projects focus on water access for irrigation in mountain communities and are being implemented in two areas in Skardu. One project under</p>
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Coca-Cola was successfully completed in September 2020, while the other is being scaled up and will be completed by April 2021. A total of 8 billion liters of water have been replenished through the partnership with Coca-Cola so far, and more than 50,000 people, including 14,500 women, have benefited. A partnership with Unilever and the CoRe Alliance has also been formed for solid waste management. The CoRe alliance is a partnership of different corporates, with the aim to reduce their plastic footprint. Through these partnerships, UNDP can help create a demand for sustainable packaging.

On the policy front, UNDP is supporting the MoCC in reviewing and updating the National Climate Change Policy. This involves carrying out provincial consultations, identifying challenges to implementation, assessing the policy impact on the private sector, and developing national and regional action plans for the implementation of the policy. Under Climate Promise, UNDP is supporting the government in enhancing their NDCs.

Mr. Naeem Iqbal proceeded to present the progress on the project Strengthening Tsunami and Earthquake Preparedness in the Coastal Areas of Pakistan. UNDP has a history of working on tsunami and earthquake preparedness in Pakistan, since 2009. Regarding the progress on the project, the Tsunami Preparedness Guidelines have been drafted. At the community level, the project has been working on preparedness as the communities are likely to have very little time to react in the event of a near-source tsunami, from the Makran Subduction Zone in Pakistan's case. 900 youth volunteers have been trained in emergency response, and 196 women in enterprise training.

The project is also working closely with NED University on a seismic hazard assessment of coastal urban areas in Balochistan and Sindh, as well as inundation profiling. The data collection process has been completed. Furthermore, the building bylaws for coastal areas are being updated to account for coastal hazards. UNDP is also working closely with UNESCO to develop regional early warning systems and held a regional workshop last year in February.

<p><b>Questions and answers</b></p>	<p>Mr. Naeem Iqbal also discussed challenges faced during implementation. In particular, Sindh faced the longest COVID-19 lockdown, which hindered implementation in the project areas. Some challenges were also faced in coordination with the government, as all the disaster management institutions were engaged in COVID-19 response. He thanked the Government of Japan for granting a one-year extension for the project so that the remaining activities can be implemented.</p> <p>The presenters went on to outline the planned activities for 2021, including enhancing NDCs under Climate Promise, updating the National Climate Change Policy, building partnerships with the private sector, carrying out tsunami preparedness interventions, and managing the Global Water Challenge portfolio in partnership with Coca-Cola.</p> <p>Potential partnerships in 2021 include RTI-USAID, National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA), Coca-Cola, Unilever, and MoCC.</p> <p>Following this, the floor was opened for questions. Mr. Amanullah Khan explained that CCAM is a cluster of projects that look into different aspects of climate change, deriving directly from the National Climate Change Policy and aligned with the SDGs. It is a cosmos of the different ingredients needed to manage climate change at the national level.</p>
<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p>	<p>Mr. Azmat Hayat thanked UNDP for providing the details of ongoing projects and for their ongoing support in the Tsunami Project. He highlighted that there are various other climate change related hazards that need to be addressed, including flooding and heatwaves, as these are likely to be more intense in the coming years. UNDP should therefore take initiatives to mitigate the effects of heatwaves and urban flooding in urban islands in Pakistan.</p> <p>Mr. Irfan Tariq from MoCC said that the NDCs support needs to be expedited and extended to the provinces as well. Mr. Amanullah Khan responded that 6 consultants from UNDP are working in close consultation</p>

with the government, and provincial consultations will take place for updating the national Climate Change policy.

Ms. Aliona Niculita said that it appears that we are in agreement over the results of 2020 and the planned activities for 2021. **The committee agreed to the one-year extension of the project *Strengthening Tsunami and Earthquake Preparedness in the Coastal Areas of Pakistan* until 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

Dr. Zahid Hussain from PDMA Sindh thanked UNDP and all the participants for the meeting.

Ms. Aliona Niculita thanked Ms. Arish and Mr. Naeem for filling in for the project manager, and Mr. Knut Ostby pointed out that members can feel free to raise any questions and recommendations after the meeting as well. Ms. Aliona closed by thanking the members for their partnership and cooperation and said that the Annual Work Plan and Annual Progress Report would be approved.

Endorsed by



16-Mar-2021

Ms. Aliona Niculita

Deputy Resident Representative - UNDP