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Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Economic Affairs  
(BC & SF Division)**

North Block, New Delhi  
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To

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Additional Country Director  
UNDP India  
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**Subject: Approved minutes of LPAC meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 on GCF Project**

Sir,

The approved minutes of the meeting of the Local Project Appraisal Committee held on 18th June 2019 under the chairmanship of Shri Rajat Kumar Mishra, Joint Secretary (BC&SF) in respect of GCF assisted "Enhancing Climate Resilience of India's Coastal Communities" project is enclosed.

LPAC has approved the project for implementation. It is requested that regular updates on progress of the project may be given to Department of Economic Affairs.

Yours sincerely



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## Minutes of the Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) meeting

Date & time: 18 June 2019 at 12 pm

Venue: Room no. 73, North Block, New Delhi

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1 LPAC took up GCF assisted “Enhancing Climate Resilience of India’s Coastal Communities” project for consideration. The meeting was chaired by Joint Secretary (Bilateral Cooperation and Sustainable Finance) and it was attended by DEA, NITI Aayog and UNDP representatives. The list of participants is placed as **Annexure A**.

2 UNDP explained the main objectives of the project and activities to be undertaken in the project. UNDP informed that the GCF Board had approved in its October 2018 session, the project submitted by India. The project’s total resource envelop was approximately USD 130 million out of which approximately USD 43 million is through grant from GCF. Co-financing is committed by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and three States Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Maharashtra which are the target States for intervention in the project. MoEFCC is the national executing entity of the project. The project was designed in such a way that two States from eastern coast and one State from western coast have been selected. Approximately 1.7 million people would be direct beneficiary of the project. The project’s duration is 6 years, from 2019 to 2025.

3 JS (BC&SF) inquired about the work to be carried out under the proposed project. UNDP informed that the project starts at conducting vulnerability assessment of the coast. Ecosystem conservation, restoration and management are important component of the project. Under the project, there would be emphasis on building climate resilient livelihoods and enterprises through value chains and strengthened access to markets. The project will focus on integrating ecosystem-centred community-based approaches to adaptation into coastal management and planning.

4 JS (BC & SF) appreciated the Project and its relevance. He mentioned that cyclones are frequent in many coastal states of India, particularly Odisha and AP. The agriculture-horticulture based rural economy gets devastated by such frequent cyclones. In this context, the Project formulated around adaptive options for building up resilience, gain much relevance. He further suggested that innovative projects around culture-heritage-natural scenic sites, coastal states being rich in such assets, may be explored, to link them with livelihoods, in convergence mode, while conserving such sites as well.

5 The representative of NITI Aayog enquired if monitoring and evaluation Framework, model of scaling up, consultations with all relevant stakeholders, and review in project at regular intervals have been considered and designed as part of the project. UNDP clarified, that there is a detailed Monitoring & Evaluation framework of UNDP as an accredited agency for GCF project which are applicable to this project as well, the Project looks at the scaling up model which can be replicated to other States, there are various activities that have scaling up potential and the project promotes scaling up through engagement of various stakeholders, extensive consultation have happened during the project development stage at all levels including consultations with the village fishermen groups. Their views/inputs have been considered while developing the project. UNDP also highlighted the system in place to review the project implementation regularly through monitoring visits, progress review and consultations. As part of the GCF implementation guidelines, a mid-term review and a final terminal evaluation at the end of the Project are also scheduled.

6 JS (BC&SF) desired that convergence with similar projects being funded by bilateral agencies and are being implemented by MoEFCC and MoHUA should be attempted to maximize the efficiency of resources.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair

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**List of Participants:**

**DEA**

- 1 Mr Vishal Pratap Singh, Deputy Secretary (SF&UN)

**Niti Aayog**

- 1 Ms Deepika Lohia Aran, Director

**UNDP**

- 1 Ms Nadia Rasheed, Deputy Resident Representative
- 2 Mr Rakesh Kumar, Additional Country Director
- 3 Ms Preeti Soni, Chief-Climate Change, Resilience and Energy
- 4 Mr Pankaj Mehta, Head-Resource & Planning Unit
- 5 Ms Momin Jaan, Monitoring & Evaluation Analyst
- 6 Ms Akshara Saini, Finance & Admin Assistant

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