

### **Final validation workshop report**

**Project: Improving Adaptive Capacity and Risk Management of Rural Communities in Mongolia**

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Venue: UN House, Meeting room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

The Final validation workshop was taken place on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at UN House, Ulaanbaatar. The workshop was facilitated by Ms. Mariana Simoes, Regional technical specialist, UNDP Regional Hub in Bangkok, and co-facilitated by Ms. Bunchingiv.B, climate change specialist, UNDP Mongolia.

The workshop was opened by Mrs. Bulgan.T, Director-General of Green development policy coordination department, Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia (MoET), followed by opening speeches from Mrs. Beate Trankmann, Resident Representative, UNDP Mongolia and Mrs. J.Saule, Deputy Minister of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia (MoFALI).



At the opening speeches, Mrs.Bulgan from the MoET highlighted the objective of the proposed project is critical issues in Mongolia and thanked the UNDP CO Mongolia for their active engagement and their support in the project formulation. Through her speeches, Mrs. Beate Trankmann, RR, UNDP Mongolia, welcomed all participants and highlighted the objective of the workshop is to review and endorse the full project proposal for the submission to GCF Secretariat and welcomed comments and suggestions from the

representatives. The speech by J.Saule, Deputy Minister, MoFALI, acknowledged the importance of engagement and collaboration between relevant sectors during project implementation.

The workshop was attended by a total of 55 representatives from the key involving partners and participant list is attached to this document as appendix 1, which comprised of representatives from Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MoET), Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry (MoFALI), National emergency management agency (NEMA), National agency for

meteorological and environment monitoring (NAMEM) and representatives from local governments such as Dornod, Sukhbaatar, Zavkhan and Khovd where the project will be implemented. In addition, representatives from relevant research institutions, private companies, NGOs and international development organizations namely FAO, SDC, IFAD, World Bank, ADB were welcomed to the workshop as well.

**The objective of the final validation workshop** is to provide final opportunities to all relevant stakeholders to discuss and confirm once again the objectives, outcomes and activities identified in the full project proposal.

**The introductory part of the workshop:** An agenda for the workshop is attached as appendix 3 in this report. During the introductory part of the workshop, regional technical specialist, UNDP Regional Hub in Bangkok Ms. Mariana Simoes provided an overview presentation of the project proposal to the audience. She presented overview of the project covering, project rationale looking at current challenges and impacts from climate vulnerability, project formulation stages including project objectives and components, importance of the project, project locations and budget, project result framework and project governance. Through her presentation, Ms. Mariana Simoes highlighted the project objectives including strengthening adaptive capacity and resilience to climate change rural communities engaged in animal husbandry through the following interlinked Outputs<sup>1</sup>:

- Integrate climate information into land and water use planning at the national and sub-national levels
- Scaling up climate-resilient water and soil management practices for enhanced small scale herder productivity
- Build herder capacity to access markets for sustainably sourced, climate-resilient livestock products

**Plenary discussions and validation by components:** The workshop was continued as plenary discussions and validation among the delegations. The following 3 outputs of the project were discussed openly among the representatives under facilitation by Ms. Mariana Simoes, regional technical specialist and Ms. Bunchingiv.B, climate change specialist, UNDP Mongolia. Discussion of each output is focused on whether stakeholders had any specific recommendation to improve design or eventual implementation of the proposed project. Discussions of each output are summarized in the below table. Where appropriate, recommendations resulted in enhancements to the project design, as well as further consultations related to appropriate co-financing.

Outputs	Discussion and validation
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<sup>1</sup> Output titles have been adjusted to match the final wording in the GCF Funding Proposal

<p>Output 1: Integrate climate information into land and water use planning at the national and sub-national levels</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the content and accuracy of weather forecasts [short range (6 hours to 5 days), medium-range (5 to 15 days)] and long-range (monthly and seasonal) climate predictions, as well as disaster warnings at local level,</li> <li>• Improve the technical and technological provision of aimag branches of NAMEM (communications, other devices and equipment, trainings)</li> <li>• Improve the technical and technological provision of observation stations and monitoring sites of NAMEM located in soums (computers, observation equipment, communication devices and equipment, trainings)</li> <li>• NEMA expressed their interest to collaborate actions closely with the project implementation unit during implementation.</li> <li>• Upgrade communication network and equipment (TV, radio, satellite communication devices, etc) to disseminate weather forecast and monthly and seasonal weather predictions among herders</li> <li>• Extend or demonstrate new mobile network providers in rural areas (isolated from soum and aimag centres) where the existing networks are not capable to operate.</li> <li>• Carry out participatory mapping study (with local stakeholders) on climate change impacts is essential when producing seasonal and multi-decadal forecast. Benefit of this multi-stakeholder study is to build capacity of local officials and decision makers and spatial data analysis will be done. The trial was conducted in Arkhangai province by Ger Community Mapping Center and the center is available to share detailed information about their trial results.</li> </ul>
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<p>Output 2: Scaling up climate-resilient water and soil management practices for enhanced small scale herder productivity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake water point explorations on areas with potential pasture carrying capacity and reflect the assessment to the integrated water resource management plans in target areas.</li> <li>• Take measures in protecting river and stream channels from damages, establish water harvesting systems in target areas</li> <li>• At local level, the proposed project should collaborate with Livestock Risk fund to increase internal co-financing for the project and improve pasture management measures. The risk fund is compromised of charging fee (500 MNT per sheep unit) from herders under the soum operation. The trial was undertaken successfully few soums in Mongolia in coordination with Green Gold project, SDC and The Center for Policy Research.</li> <li>• Under the establishment of RUG, 10-15 families should be integrated as a RUG at local level. In case of broader size of RUGs, measures on pasture and water management are not effectively implemented, shown by practices undertaken by the Green Gold project.</li> <li>• Resource use agreements (RUAs) under the proposed project, pasture and water agreements should be integrated. In Mongolian practice, issues of pasture and water are mainly taken together. Water agreement can be implemented under possessing engineered and hand wells among the HGs or WUGs.</li> <li>• Under the project implementation, equipment and technology to regulate river flows should be installed in big rivers to improve water management.</li> <li>• Conduct survey on application of ecosystem based land use among herders, local specialists, NGOs and local private entities</li> <li>• Integrate improved/developed ecosystem based LMPs into soum land management plan</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct series of training and workshops, organized by experts for implementing LUPs at local level among environmental departments, land officers, local communities, and PPCP</li> <li>• This output should be integrated consistently to relevant existing policy documents including water national programs and IWRMP at river basins.</li> <li>• Provide technical and financial supports to established HGs and PPCP that operates to improve pasture management and water source availability in local areas. Demonstration on technologies or ecosystem based good practices should be introduced to the RUGs and PPCP.</li> </ul>
<p>Output 3: Build herder capacity to access markets for sustainably sourced, climate-resilient livestock products</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of value chain and market access among the RUGs and PPCP at local level are essential to increase household income and provide sustainable agriculture.</li> <li>• Capacity development for resource user groups should be undertaken through trainings in EBA measures, market access, value chain etc.</li> <li>• Promote Global Market Access through Product Certification and Branding (organic products) to provide sustainable agriculture and balanced livestock head with pasture capacity.</li> <li>• Under the project implementation, demonstrate promotion mechanisms (financial and technical supports) for RUGs and PPCPs that undertake or replicate best practices on improving animal breeding to improve productivity.</li> <li>• Increase fodder plantation (local seeds and plants) and fodder storage houses in coordination with RUGs and PPCP.</li> <li>• Support animal breeding system for producing intensive farming breeds rather than traditional free pasturing animals by cooperating with Research Institute for Animal Husbandry</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage household crop farming to increase livelihood income through providing irrigations systems, green houses, local seeds and other climate-resilient agriculture technologies.</li> </ul>
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### **Wrap-up and closing section:**

The wrap-up section facilitated by Mr. Batjargal Zamba, UNFCCC Focal point and Mrs. Daniela Gasparikova, DRR, UNDP Mongolia. Mr. Batjargal informed that the active participation and important contributions from the stakeholders during the workshop, especially the representatives from project target aimags would be essential to finalize the project proposal for funding of GCF. He also highlighted the success of the development of a comprehensive full project document that meets the GCF requirements in Mongolia will depend on all of our active engagement in the process. In his word, he mentioned the project proposal is considered as approved by the stakeholders and recommended for further submission to the GCF Secretariat.

The wrap-section continued as short speeches by Mrs. Daniela Gasparikova, DRR, UNDP Mongolia. She expressed her sincere gratitude to representatives of four aimags and their active engagement in the project proposal. Mrs. Daniela Gasparikova also informed that interventions of ongoing projects and programmes will be focused on the project document, as recommended by the stakeholders. She highlighted continual feedback from us will be required for the GCF after submission of a full project proposals.



**Annex 18a – Appraisal Meeting Report**  
GREEN CLIMATE FUND FUNDING PROPOSAL

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**Annexure I: List of Participants for the Final validation workshop**

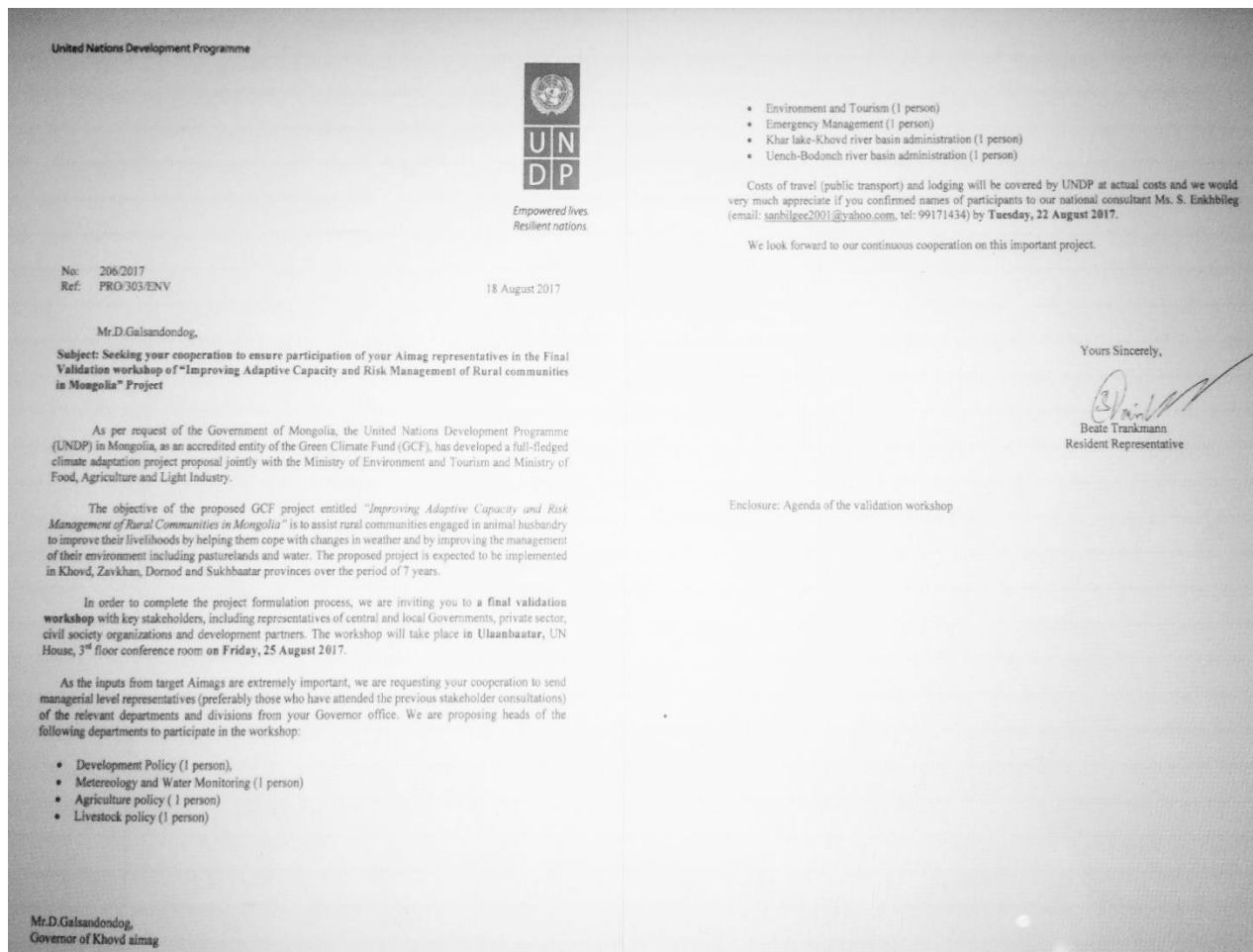
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**Annexure II: Invitation letter for Final validation workshop signed by RR, UNDP Mongolia**



**Annexure III: Agenda for Final Validation workshop on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017**



**AGENDA**

**Final Validation workshop of the “Improving Adaptive Capacity and Risk Management of Rural communities in Mongolia” project**

**Day:** 25 August 2017

**Time:** 9.00 am – 2.00 pm

**Venue:** UN House, Meeting room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Facilitator:** *Ms. Mariana Simoes, Regional technical specialist, UNDP Regional Hub in Bangkok*

09:00 – 09:30	<p>Opening of the Stakeholder Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>T.Bulan, Director-General of Green development policy coordination department, Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia</i></li> <li>- <i>J.Saule, Deputy Minister of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia</i></li> <li>- <i>Beate Trankmann, Resident Representative, UNDP Mongolia</i></li> </ul>
09:30 – 10:00	<p>Overview of the proposed project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Ms. Mariana Simoes, Regional technical specialist</i></li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:30	Q&A
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/Tea Break
11:00 – 12:50	<p><b>Component specific discussions and validation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Ms. Mariana Simoes, Regional technical specialist</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Output 1: Climate informed medium and long-term planning for the livestock sector</b></p> <p><b>Output 2: Climate vulnerability of herder livelihoods reduced through water and land management and investments</b></p> <p><b>Output 3: Herder household income increased and de-risked to reduce vulnerability of agriculture-based livelihoods.</b></p>
12: 50 -13:00	<p>Wrap-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Mr. Batjargal Zamba, UNFCCC Focal point</i></li> <li>- <i>Daniela Gasparikova, DRR, UNDP Mongolia</i></li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break