



Office of The Chief Executive
Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
SDGs Coordination Unit

Subject: Meeting Minutes
Date: September 12, 2017
Time 10:00 am
Venue: Sapidar Palace
No: 3

Agenda:

- Opening Remarks by H.E. Mustafa Mastoor, Acting Minister of Economy of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.
- Remarks by Honorable Co-chairs and Adoption of Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th August 2017.
- Discussion on Finalization of the Terms of Reference of the Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals.
- Discussion the structure, composition and chairmanship of the technical working groups.
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Discussions:

- The co-chairs of the Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals stated their remarks and requested members to make comments on the minutes that were presented. No comment was raised and the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals were subsequently approved.
- H.E Mustafa Mastoor, Acting Minister of Economy shed light on uniformity of Executive Committees established at Office of the Chief Executive and their rigid structures. He welcomed the proposal to include Central Statistics organization as the fourth co-chair of the Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and noted that this decision is subject to H.E the Chief Executive approval. He restated that membership to the committee and Working Groups is based on members' relevance to SDGs.
- The Honorable Aminuddin Hamed, UNDP representative presented the apologies of UNDP senior management for not being able to attend the meeting as both the Country

Director and Deputy Country Director were out of the country on the date of the meeting. He reaffirmed UNDP's support to SDGs implementation process in the country as well as globally. He also reminded that UNDP is revising its strategy to align its work with Global Development Agenda (SDGs).

- The Honorable Hasibullah Mowahed, Deputy General Director of Central Statistics Organization proposed to incorporate "Monitoring of SDGs implementation" to the functions and scope of work of the Committee. Mr. Moahed reiterated the significance of SDGs implementation and proposed to align all development policies and strategies with SDGs. He further added that Nationalization process is not the duty of this committee. In response, Mr. Abdul Rahman Shekib, Senior Adviser to H.E the Chief Executive of Afghanistan clarified and provided further information on the duties of the committee and enumerated the Nationalization of SDGs as one of the priorities and main functions of this committee.
- The Honorable Abdul Rahman Shekib, explained the functions and revised draft terms of reference of the committee. Mr. Shekib briefed the audience on changes brought in Working Group structure and membership. He reiterated the coordinating role of the committee and importance of achieving SDGs. He also noted that SDGs Technical Support team will work on drafting a template of the terms of reference of the technical working groups.
- The Honorable Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Malikyar, the Deputy DG of National Environmental Protection Agency expressed their interest to be member of the third working group (Health, Education and Social Protection).
- The Honorable Atiq Nasrat, CEO of Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry welcomed the initiatives by the Office of the Chief Executive for enhancing coordination, reforming administration and execution of government priorities. He also pointed out to the achievements made by PriSEC so far and expressed optimism for the SDGs committee as well. He proposed to include PriSEC as committee member.
- The Honorable Mr. Shah Wali Ataye, Policy and Planning Director of Ministry of Justice proposed to prepare Annual Executive Plan for effective SDGs implementation.
- The Honorable Sami Stanekzai, Director of Policy at Office of the President delineated ANPDF as government prioritization in the next 5 years. He however also highlighted that the Sustainable Development Goals go beyond 2020 and, as such, the ANPDF should be aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals.
- The Honorable Ms. Spozhmai, Deputy Minister of Women Affairs, expressed her organization's interest to actively participate in technical Working Groups meetings, given that gender issues are cross-cutting and relevant to all technical working groups.

Decisions taken by the members of the Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals:

- Central Statistics Organization (CSO) was proposed to function as the fourth Co-chair, however this decision awaits H.E the Chief Executive approval.
- Membership to Working Groups is not limited; nevertheless, the Committee will act in case of overcrowd.
- Ministry of Women Affairs included as co-chair in WG3 (Health, Education, Environment and Social Protection) and as member in all other Working Groups.
- Chamber of Commerce included as member in all Working Groups.
- National Environment Protection Agency included as member in WG3.
- Da Afghanistan Breshna Shirkat (DABS) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) included as members in WG4.
- Citizen Charter, IDLG, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology included in WG1.

Actions to be taken:

- All supporting documents, including minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals, should be translated into official languages.
- The terms of reference of the Executive Committee should be amended to reflect the discussions conducted during the meeting held on 12 September.
- The SDGs targets and indicators should be assigned to the relevant technical working group and presented to the members of the Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals.
- A template of the terms of reference of the working groups should be drafted and will be discussed during the next meeting of the Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals, to be held on 26 September.
- Include relevant International Partners as members in all Working Groups.

Signatures of Co-Chairs:

Dr. Mustafa Mastoor

Acting Minister of Economy and Special Representative and Senior Advisor of the Chief Executive of AFG



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~~Mr. Aminuddin Hamed~~
UNDP Representative



Mr. Nasrullah Arsalai
DG of Council of Ministers Secretariat



Annex 1:**Participants List of 3rd Executive Committee Meeting on SDGs:**

S/N	Name	Designation	Organization
1	H.E Nasrullah Arsalai	DG of Council of Ministers	Office of the Chief Executive
2	H.E Mustafa Mastoor	Minister of Economy	MoEC
3	Spozhnai	Deputy Minister	MoWA
4	Mohboobullah Iltaf	Director General for Plan	MAIL
5	Dr Ahmad Siar Mahjoor	Deputy Minister	MoHE
6	Ahmad Jan Naeem	Deputy Minister	MoPH
7	Eng. M. Akbar	Deputy Minister	MoUDH
8	Atiqullah Nasrat	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	ACCI
9	Feroz Masjidi	Director of Policy and Plan	MoCI
10	Mirajuddin Shams	Acting Deputy Minister	MRRD
11	Laluddin Aryubi	Deputy Minister	MoLSAMD
12	Hasibullah Mowhed	Deputy Director General	CSO
13	Ghulam Mohd Malikyar	Deputy Director General	NEPA
14	Timor Sharan	Deputy Minister of Policy	IDLG
15	Sami Stanekzai	Policy Director	President Office
16	Shah Wali Ataye	Policy and Plan Director	MoJ
17	Abdull Rahim Faizad	Vise Chairman	ACIM (Afghan Chamber of Industry and Mine)
18	M. Hassan Sepahi	Chairman	FACT (Federation of Afghanistan Craftsmen and Traders)
19	Humera Saqib	Executive Director	Civil Society
20	Pro. Dr Asadullah Muhaqqique	Deputy Minister	MoE
21	Nabi Sroosh	Policy Director	MoEc
22	Aminuddin Hamidi	Acting Head of Governance component	UNDP
23	Claire Van Ioveren	Program Officer	UNDP
24	Marziya Baydulloeva	Deputy head of RCO	UNMA
25	Sajid Taqwa	Program Manager	UNDP
	Hafizullah Hasif	Communication and Advocacy Officer	UNDP
26	Azim Wardak	Acting Director General for Economic Cooperation	MoFA
27	Abdul Basir Azimi	Deputy Minister for Finance and Admin	MEW
28	Reza Haidari	Acting Deputy Minister for Energy	MEW
29	Homayoon Seddiq	Advisor to Minister	MoEc
30	Jawaid Omar	Advisor to Minister	MoEc