



**Office of the Chief Executive
Executive Committee on (SDGs)
SDGs Coordination Unit**

Subject: Meeting Minutes
Date: August 29, 2017
Venue: Sapidar Palace
No: 2

Agenda:

- Opening remarks by Co-chairs
- Presentation on SDGs progress update by Mohammad Nabi Sroosh
- Presentation on Executive Committee Draft ToR by Abdul Rahman Shekib
- Any Other Business

Discussions:

- The Co-chairs of the Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) reiterated the importance of achieving SDGs in Afghanistan and the crucial role of the Executive Committee to reach SDGs.
- H.E Mustafa Mastoor, Acting Minister of Economy explained the rationale behind the establishment of Executive Committees, in particular Executive Committee on SDGs. He exemplified that setting up the Executive Committee on SDGs provides a platform that enhances coordination between cross-sectoral stakeholders involved in the SDGs implementation process.
- H.E Nasrullah Arsalai, DG of Council of Ministers Secretariat talked on history of Committees in Afghanistan's public administration, above all the Executive Committees and their impact on fast-track implementation of affairs that have cross-cutting nature. He also pointed out on the integrated nature of the SDGs and related targets that requires all stakeholder's collaboration and cooperation and the role of the Executive committee and high-level political structure to provide the platform to this end.
- Honorable Mr. Jocelyn Masson, UNDP Deputy Country Director praised the establishment of the Executive Committee, reminded the importance of adopting an inclusive approach in the achievement of the SDGs, in particular by involving civil society organizations. He further reiterated the support of the UN system in Afghanistan to all stakeholders in their efforts to achieve the SDGs.

- Honorable Mr. Per Albert Ilsaas, Representative of Norwegian Embassy also welcomed the implementation of SDGs in Afghanistan and expressed his government willingness to support the Afghanistan in achieving SDGs
- Honorable Ms. Barbara Egger pointed out the importance of SDGs and its implementation in Afghanistan. She enumerated SDGs one of EU's commitments in Afghanistan and expressed EU's support to Afghanistan in order to achieve SDGs. She also shed light on SDGs implementation process in European countries.
- Honorable Mr. Mohammad Nabi Sroosh Director-General of Policy and Result Based Monitoring at Ministry of Economy updated the members of the Committee on SDGs implementation progress and future steps.
- Honorable Mr. Hasibullah Moahed, Deputy Director-General of Central Statistics Organization urged that baselines and targets shall be set based on present surveys accurately. He also emphasized the importance of SDGs alignment and its incorporation into sectoral policies and plans.
- Honorable Ahmad Jan Naeem, Deputy Minister of Public Health for Policy and Planning proposed to include academia and Universities in Committee membership.
- Honorable Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Malikyar, Deputy DG of NEPA pointed out the significance and importance of environment protection in Sustainable Development and reiterated the vital role of NEPA in SDGs implementation process. He further insisted not to ignore the environmental pillar of sustainable development when it comes to discussing ways to achieve the SDGs.
- Honorable Feroz Masjedi, DG of Policy and Planning for MoCI, urged on measurability and applicability of some of the indicators in Afghanistan.
- Honorable Mr. Abdul Rahman Shekib, Senior Economic and Development Advisor to H.E Chief Executive explained the Executive Committee on SDGs ToR, structure and composition of working groups. He reiterated the coordinating role of the Committee in involving main stakeholders in SDGs implementation process. His presentation led to productive discussions on structure of the working groups. It was agreed to have four technical working groups, each of which will respectively focus on:
 - Security and Governance
 - Agriculture and Rural Development
 - Health, Education and Social Protection
 - Economic Growth and Infrastructure
- The members of the Executive Committee on SDGs agreed that it was not necessary to establish a technical working group dedicated to partnerships, but discussions on partnerships should occur in each of the four technical working groups.
- Representative of British Embassy, Mr. Abdul Hazrat Shah welcomed the establishment of the Committee and proposed that the Central Statistics Office acts as the fourth co-

chair for it plays a vital role in setting baselines and targets and will be crucial in monitoring the progress made against the targets. The two Co-chairs namely; H.E Mustafa Mastoor, Minister of Economy and Honorable Jocelyn Masson, UNDP Deputy Country Director agreed and supported the idea.

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

- The terms of Reference of the Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals should be amended to reflect the facts that:
 - The Central Statistics Organization (CSO) will be a co-chair of the Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals.
 - The Executive Committee will meet on a bi-weekly basis, every other Tuesdays at 10:00 am at the Office of the Chief Executive.
 - The Committee's Working Groups should be reorganized into four Working Groups, namely: *Security and Governance; Agriculture and Rural Development; Health, Education and Social Protection; Economic Growth and Infrastructure.*
- Each Working Group is responsible for enhancing and promoting partnership with stakeholders in their respective areas of work.
- Central Statistics Organization (CSO) was proposed to act as the fourth Co-chair of the Executive Committee on SDGs, however, this decision is subject to H.E the Chief Executive approval.
- Civil society organizations shall be included in all technical Working Groups

Actions to be taken:

- Revise the terms of reference of the Executive Committee on SDGs for approval at the Executive Committee's meeting
- Discuss the structure and composition of the technical working groups at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- Tentatively, discuss the draft terms of reference of the technical working groups in the next meeting.

Signatures of Co-Chairs:

Dr. Mustafa Mastoor

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

Mr. Jocelyn Masson

UNDP – Deputy Country Director

For

Mr. Nasrullah Arsalai

DG of Council of Ministers Secretariat

Annex 1:**Participants List of 2nd Executive Committee Meeting on SDGs:**

S/N	Name	Organization	Designation
1	H.E Nasrullah Arsalai	Office of the Chief Executive	DG of Council of Ministers
2	H.E Mustafa Mastoor	MoEC	Minister of Economy
3	Mr. Jocelyn Masson	UNDP	Deputy Country Director
4	Ms. Delbar Nazari	MoWA	Minister
5	Mr. Abdullah Jawad	MAIL	Deputy Minister
6	Mr. Ahmad Jan Naeem	MoPH	Deputy Minister
7	Mr. Sediqullah Tahiry	MoFA	SDGs desk Focal Piont
8	Mr. Ghulam Qader	MRRD	Director of communication
9	Mr. Shaikh Ahmad Matin	Kabul Municipality	Acting Deputy Manager and Senior Advisor
10	Mr.Shafiq Atayee	ACCI	Deputy director
11	Mr. Feroz Masjidi	MoCI	Director of Palicy and Plan
12	Mr. M. Ahmadzai	MoF	Policy Director
13	Mr.Mirajuddin Shams	MRRD	Acting Deputy Minister
14	Mr. Laluddin Aryubi	MoLSAMD	Deputy Minister
15	Mr. Hasibullah Moahed	CSO	Deputy Director General
16	Mr. Ghulam Mohd Malikyar	NEPA	Deputy Director General
17	Mr. TimorSharan Deputy	IDLG	Minister of Policy
18	Mr. Sami Stanekzai	President Office	Policy Director
19	Mr. Sayed Mohd Hashemi	MoJ	Deputy Minister
20	Mr. Abdull Rahim Faizad	ACIM (Afghan Chamber of Industry and Mine)	Vise Chairman
21	Mr. M. Hassan Sepahi	FACT (Federation of Afghanistan Craftsmen and Traders)	Chairman
22	Ms. Humaira Saqib	Civil Society	Executive Director
23	Prof. Dr Asadullah Muhaqqique	MoE	Deputy Minister
24	Mr. Nabi Sroosh	MoEc	Policy Director
25	Ms. Claire Van loveren	UNDP	Proqram Officer
26	Ms. Marziya Baydulloeva	UNAMA	Deputy head of RCO
27	Mr.Sajid Taqwa	UNDP	Program Manager
28	Mr. Abdul Hazrat Shah	British Embassy	Statistics Advisor
29	Ms. Barbara Egger	EU	Team Manager
30	Ms. Taria Aina	USAID	Program Manager
31	Per aAlbert Ilsaas	Embassy of Norway	Minister counselor DHoM