

Project: “Strengthening country capacities for climate change adaptation and mitigation and finalization of Country Work Programme for the Republic of North Macedonia”

Second Climate Change Need Assessment Workshop: “Verifying the results of the climate change needs assessment for GCF country work programme development”

Agenda

Date: 11 June (Friday) 2021

Working languages: Macedonian/English

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

ZOOM registration link: https://fao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvc-ChrTkiHtBSDwuc_sHHK2bXX4zgGUSx

Background

The Republic of North Macedonia, submitted to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) its Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) in 2015, as a first exercise to identify the country’s concrete measures and contribution to the global efforts for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions. In April 2021, the Government has adopted the Enhanced Nationally Determined Contribution to the Paris Climate Agreement, setting ambitiously its national goal to achieve 51% reduction of GHG emissions by 2030, compared to 1990 emissions (or 82% net emissions reduction). The estimated reduction will be achieved through implementation of an Extended Mitigation Scenario from the Energy Strategy which is enriched with policies and measures from the industry; agriculture, forestry and other land uses; and waste sectors.

To comply with these commitments, the country has conducted relevant efforts and has achieved important progress. In this context, the country has accessed resources from the Green Climate Fund through the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme; namely two readiness projects have been approved with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) serving as the implementing partner, under the leadership and guidance of the Cabinet of the Deputy President of the Government in charge of economic affairs, coordination of economic departments and investments, as National Designated Authority for the GCF, to help the country become more prepared for the impacts of climate change. As part of the implementation of the second GCF readiness project, FAO is conducting different activities to identify and assess country capacity needs linked to implementation of climate change adaptation and mitigation measures to support NDC implementation and engagement with the Green Climate Fund.

The objective of the need assessment process conducted has been twofold:

1. to identify the capacity needs of key stakeholders in the country relevant for the implementation of country’s commitments as defined in the NDCs, based on which a training curriculum will be developed in the frames of the Second GCF Readiness Project. This process will be continuation of the on-going activities of the relevant stakeholders for straightening and developing the Climate Change capacities on national and local level;
2. to define capacity needs that could be covered as part of the country’s engagement with the GCF through its readiness programme, being the key inputs for the Readiness Needs Assessment section within the GCF Country Work Programme, but also potentially serving to explore other sources of support to cover identified needs in the Republic of North Macedonia.

General objective of the workshop:

The main objective of the workshop is to inform and validate the preliminary results of the conducted climate change need assessment process that will be utilized to develop the GCF Country Work Programme.

Participants:

Government agencies, relevant ministries, academia, private sector, civil society organizations, international organizations and media.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

Time	Activity	Main topics to be addressed
10:00 -10:10	Welcome/opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>NDA representative</i> • <i>Mr. Igor Slavkoski National Team Leader and Project Manager (FAO)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of workshop and the climate change needs assessment activity for the country • The inter-linkages of the climate change needs assessment with the other activities under the GCF second Readiness project
10:10-10:30	Session 1: Main Results of the conducted Climate Change Need Assessment a) Presentation “Key Findings of Climate Change Need Assessment” <i>Ms. Slavjanka Pejchinovska-Andonova, National Climate Change Specialist (FAO)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective of the process • Overview of conducted activities: Interactive Workshop and Survey • Key Findings: Interactive Workshop and Survey • Next Steps
10:30 -10:50	Session 2: Open Discussion	
10:50 – 11:00	Session 3: Closing remarks	