



## Support for the management of an effective national coordinative mechanism regarding the Green Climate Fund

### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FACTSHEET

#### Project Overview

The project “Support for the management of an effective national coordinative mechanism regarding the Green Climate Fund” is the first project of the Republic of North Macedonia under the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme. It is implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) under guidance and leadership of the Cabinet of the Deputy President of the Government of North Macedonia in charge of Economic Affairs, as National Designated Authority (NDA) to the GCF.

The project was focused on strengthening the institutional capacities of the NDA to effectively fulfil its roles and responsibilities related to the GCF, helping to create needed national participatory and stakeholder engagement processes and to initiate the preparation of a GCF Country Work Programme, aligned with the national adaptation and mitigation priorities, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the GCF investment criteria.

The project followed the guiding principles of the GCF concerning gender, minorities and vulnerable groups, ensuring that this perspective is a priority in the context of the engagement of the Republic of North Macedonia with the Fund.

#### Stakeholder engagement

GCF encourages governments i.e. NDAs to engage in a regular dialogue with key stakeholders about GCF activities and plans, including stakeholders relevant for ESS and gender aspects. In that respect, GCF facilitates establishment of mechanisms for effective communication and engagement between the GCF, the NDA, and the identified key national stakeholders.

Stakeholder engagement, as readiness area 2 of the project, ensured the needed consultative processes with national stakeholders were undertaken to ensure the development of capacity, engagement and ownership, as well as the required participatory approaches in the decision-making processes.

The project has resulted in identified key national stakeholders, established mechanisms for effective communication and engagement with the stakeholders and conducted ten events to consult different stakeholders on GCF matters.

ORGANIZED EVENTS

10

PARTICIPANTS CONSULTED

300

ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED

71

#### Stakeholder Consultation Events

During the period March-August 2019, the NDA and FAO project team conducted 3 (three) stakeholder consultations in North Macedonia, including:

1. National Inception Workshop for the Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme, on 28 March 2019 in Skopje;
2. First National Stakeholders Consultation Event, on 7 June 2019 in Skopje
3. Second National Stakeholders Consultation Event, on 12–13 July 2019 in Mavrovo.

Over 300 participants were involved in these consultation processes from over 70 organizations including:

- Relevant Ministries
- Relevant Government Agencies
- Private sector
- Academia
- Civil society
- International organizations

The main objectives of the National Stakeholder Consultation Events were to:

- Inform relevant stakeholders on the activities and expected results of the project;
- Consult relevant stakeholders on the coordination and prioritization mechanism and prioritization criteria for projects developed in the Republic of North Macedonia to be submitted for consideration to the GCF;
- Publicly debate on different topics/issues related to the preparations for cooperation with the Green Climate Fund.



Second National Consultation Event, Mavrovo

## Focus Group Discussion on Climate finances

Three (3) Focus Group Discussions on climate finances were held in the period June-October 2019, where the third was engagement workshop specifically focused on the Private sector. The purpose of the Focus Group discussions was to gather the most relevant institutions and stakeholders in the process of climate finance tracking and monitoring, to discuss the proposed procedures for climate finance monitoring and exchange opinions and ideas that will be incorporated in finalization of the procedures for tracking, monitoring and streamlining of climate finance in the Republic of North Macedonia.

Over 35 representatives have participated in the Focus Group Discussions from 18 relevant organizations including Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Local Self-Government, Ministry of Economy, Secretariat for European Affairs, State Statistical Office, Development Bank of North Macedonia, Macedonian Bank Association, Chambers in North Macedonia, Commercial banks and private companies.



First Focus Group Discussion, Skopje

## Workshops to calibrate the Prioritization and Coordination Mechanism for the Green Climate Fund

Two (2) Workshops to calibrate the Prioritization and Coordination Mechanism for the Green Climate Fund were held in the period July-August 2019, with the following objectives:

- To discuss and agree on the Country Coordination Mechanism and Prioritization procedure for GCF projects in the Republic of North Macedonia;
- To discuss and define the national “No-objection” procedure for GCF projects to be exercised by the NDA;
- To validate the roles and responsibilities of each body in the country coordination mechanism for the Green Climate Fund.

Additionally, a training on No-objection procedure was conducted with the NDA staff after the second calibration workshop.



Calibration and Prioritization Workshop on the GCF, Mavrovo

These consultations were held with participation of the NDA, the FAO team and the other most relevant Ministries and government institutions.

## Annual Review of the GCF Portfolio

Meeting of the National Council on Sustainable Development (NCSD) “Enhancing Climate Action in the Republic of North Macedonia” was held as a final stakeholder engagement event of the Project, on 30 October 2019 in Skopje. The meeting included a high-level segment and a technical informative session, as follows:

- High-level segment: Meeting of the National Council on Sustainable Development for official validation of the results of the project “Support for the management of an effective national coordinative mechanism regarding the Green Climate Fund”- namely the proposed national coordination mechanism for the GCF, the mechanisms and criteria for prioritization and the “No-objection” procedure for projects developed in North Macedonia for GCF funding;
- Technical informative session – Launch of the First call for project ideas for GCF financing in the Republic of North Macedonia.

Over 100 representatives of relevant ministries, national institutions, local-self-governments, civil society, private sector, academia and international organizations attended the event.



Meeting of the NCDS, Skopje

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