

National Project Steering Committee (NPSC) - Terms of Reference

The NPSC (one per country) is the intersectoral policy setting and technical coordination body for the project at national level. (It will take over from the TAC of the PDF-B). It will be composed of up to fifteen members, including representatives from agriculture and environment, district and provincial/regional levels, and NGOs/CSOs representatives. Members of the NPSC will be responsible for representing their country / institution at technical and policy/administrative levels. The NPSC will meet at the start of the project (stakeholder launching workshop), and two other times during the project, if possible through visits to participate in workshops/training on policy, legal and institutional issues. The TAMP National Project Managers (NPM) for each country will attend as secretary. At other times the NPSCs will work through e-mail and as required teleconference facilities, and will oversee timely implementation and delivery of project outputs and outcomes. NPSC meetings will be held where possible in the beneficiary districts to allow national-district and policy-partner interaction. The TORs for the NPSCs will be reviewed and adopted by the RPSC at its first meeting.

The NPSC will be responsible for the following specific tasks, *inter alia*:

- Facilitate cooperation at policy, technical and local levels through information exchange, the dissemination of documents and reports, liaison and collaboration among concerned programmes and projects and sectors;
- Steer /guide the technical execution of the project taking into account relevant development policies, programmes and interventions, with a focus on inter-sectoral collaboration and liaison for integrated ecosystem management, considering issues of land degradation, biodiversity, carbon sequestration, protection of international waters and other environmental concerns alongside agricultural productivity, food security and poverty alleviation;
- Approve TORS and selection process for national project managers;
- Review and clear project work plans and associated budgets, on a quarterly or six monthly basis, including draft agenda of exchange visits and workshops (training, review);
- Advise on the selection and involvement of specific research and development bodies, agencies and resource persons to draw on the best institutional support and expertise available within the agricultural and environmental sectors;
- Liaise with host bodies and district authorities to ensure that they provide the requisite support to the project team for successful implementation of activities at regional and district levels.