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Nepal - Integrating Agriculture in National Adaptation Plans (NAP-Ag) Inception Report

Inception Workshop Overview

Date: 3 October 2016

Location: Kathmandu, Nepal

Organizers: Ministry of Agricultural Development of Nepal, FAO, UNDP

The Inception Workshop *Supporting Nepal to Integrate Agricultural Sectors in National Adaptation Plans* was attended by 35 representatives from various government ministries and institutions, the Nepal Agriculture Research Council and the Nepal Federation of Environmental Journalists.

Workshop Objectives:

- To present the NAP-Ag programme's support to MOAD and relevant Ministries in integrating agriculture in the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process in Nepal;
- To conduct an open discussion to fully explain the NAP-Ag programme to stakeholders and to obtain feedback on potential gaps in current adaptation planning.

Highlights:

- Mr. Lekhanath Acharya, Joint Secretary in MOAD and the National Focal Officer of the project, delivered a welcome speech highlighting the vulnerability of agricultural production to climate change. He stressed the importance of integrating the agriculture sectors in the formulation and implementation of the NAP for the agriculture sectors;
- Mr. Batu Krishna Uprety, member of the NAP-Ag steering committee, spoke on behalf of the Ministry of Population and Environment and discussed the progress made on the NAP process in the past, highlighting Nepal's successful formulation of NAPA and LAPA;
- Mr. Beau Damen (FAO) and Mr. Glenn Hodes (UNDP) highlighted the importance of NAPs as an opportunity for a country to be able to address risks and vulnerabilities in climate-sensitive sectors, identify and prioritize response actions, and strengthen capacities to use domestic and international climate finance more effectively to reduce loss and damage in the sector. They explained that the NAP process is a continuation of NAPA process and will help in accessing and implementing projects with LDCF, GCF, GEF and other bilateral funds available. They described the NAP-Ag programme as important for gender mainstreaming as an entry point for the agriculture sectors into the planning process to climate change adaptation;

- Dr. Deepak Mani Pokharel, the NAP-Ag National Coordinator for Nepal, gave an outline of the organization process and management structure. He said the official approval of the NAP-Ag programme had been given by the Government of Nepal on 21 June 2016, and reaffirmed that the NAP-Ag programme is country-driven and guided by national priorities and synergies with other ongoing initiatives;
- Mr. Yogendra Kumar Karki, officiating Secretary for the Ministry of Agricultural Development acting as Chairperson, facilitated the open discussion. Discussion points included:
 - The importance of the inclusion of the fisheries subsector (Mr. Shyam Prasad Paudel, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Livestock Development);
 - Disaster risk reduction issues should be addressed by the process (Mr. Narayan Bahadur Thapa, Under-Secretary of Home Affairs);
 - There was a need to prevent duplication of efforts by leveraging the synergism between the current NAP and the NAP-Ag programme (various participants).

Work Plan Summary:

OUTCOME 1	Timeline
Output 1.1: Training and institutional capacity building in adaptation-sensitive planning	2016-2018
Output 1.2: Training and institutional capacity building in Economic Valuation and Investment Appraisal tools	2016-2018
Output 1.3: Developed training materials based on needs identified	2017-2018
OUTCOME 2	
Output 2.1: Institutional strengthening of MOAD/MoLD and district authorities to mainstream CCA into Agricultural Development Strategy planning and budgeting	2017-2018
Output 2.2: Consultative dialogue and planning processes supported at national and district levels to mainstream CCA into sector planning and budgeting	2017-2018
OUTCOME 3	
Output 3.1: Design and apply impact assessment framework for existing agriculture-based livelihood projects	2017-2018
Output 3.2: Strengthened capacity of agriculture-based monitoring units for effective monitoring and adaptation budgeting	2017-2018
OUTCOME 4	
Output 4.1: Convened exchanges on science, technology and economics of adaptation to support integration of adaptation options into national adaptation plans	2017-2018

Results:

- The stakeholders were familiarized with the NAP-Ag programme, and endorsed the implementation of the NAP for the agriculture sectors;
- The four outcomes of the NAP-Ag programme, the corresponding activities, and their time frame for implementation were accepted by stakeholders.

This overview was generated by the Integrating Agriculture in National Adaptation Plans (NAP–Ag) Programme. The full Inception Report and information on other NAP-Ag activities in Nepal can be found on the following pages:

www.fao.org/in-action/naps/partner-countries/Nepal
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