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Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran

To further strengthen the national climate change
decision-making mechanism

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Iran's economy heavily depends on fossil fuel energy extraction and processing. The country's energy use intensity and per capita CO₂ emission levels are among the highest in the world.

Iran's CO₂ emissions have an increasing trend; surging from 337 325 Gg CO₂ equivalent in 1994 to about 832 043 Gg in 2010 and projected to be increased in coming years if not addressed appropriately.

While the lack of holistic adaptation and mitigation plans in development sectors is still among the challenges that the country confronts, increasing frequency and intensity of extreme climatic events – which are driven by greenhouse gas emission – contribute to reduced vegetation cover, soil erosion, desertification, water shrinkage, and loss of livelihoods across the country.



Expected Results

Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness and Preparatory Programme supports the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran in strengthening the country's capacities to access and manage climate financing to fulfil its commitments to reducing emission and strengthening resilience.

This Readiness Programme also

works to strengthen the Department of Environment as the GCF National Designated Authority (NDA) to improve the country's coordinated climate change investment, planning and decision-making mechanisms and strengthen stakeholders' engagement in all projects aimed to adapt to and mitigate climate changes.

FAO'S CONTRIBUTION

As the United Nations specialised agency leading global efforts on sustainable agriculture development to end hunger and poverty, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) offers technical expertise to its member countries in supporting their efforts to plan, access to finance, implement and report on climate change adaptation and mitigation measures in agriculture and natural resources management.

In the framework of this GCF Programme, FAO in close collaboration with the Government of Iran, implements various activities, including holding training workshops for NDA staff and the Iranian stakeholders and mobilising national and international expertise to developed national mechanisms.



Programme Objectives

- Establishing a coordination mechanism to develop, appraise and finance climate-change related projects.
- Strengthening the institutional, functional, and technical capacities of NDA.
- Developing operational guidelines for the NDA.
- Training NDA staff on climate finance and fiduciary standards, country-ownership and accountability.
- Developing stakeholders' engagement framework for taking part in GCF portfolio development and decision-making.
- Supporting the Iranian stakeholders in identifying adaptation and mitigation priorities of the country.



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Main partner

Funded by the Green Climate Fund and technically facilitated by FAO, this Programme is being implemented in close partnership with Iran's Department of Environment as the national counterpart of the project and country's leading authority for climate action.

Broad-based partnership

The Programme will benefit from active engagement of the private sectors, civil society and research institutions such as Tehran University and other public offices, such as the Ministry of Agriculture Jihad, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Iran Meteorological Organization.

Budget

Fully provided by the Green Climate Fund, the total budget allocated to this Programme amounts USD 419 495.

The main portion of this budget is dedicated to knowledge and experience transfer.

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