

Pilot Program for Climate Resilience
Kyrgyz Republic
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SCOPING MISSION
19 – 22 October 2015, Bishkek

1. CONTEXT

The Kyrgyz Republic is a landlocked country located in north-eastern Central Asia between two major mountain systems, the Tian Shan and the Pamir. The Kyrgyz Republic is significantly threatened by climate change, with serious risks already in evidence. The country ranks regularly 1st or 2nd most vulnerable among all Central Asia due to both the impacts of climate change themselves and the country's social and productive structures¹. The Kyrgyz Republic understands the importance of addressing the challenge and is making every effort to ensure that these initiatives are successful.

Actions on climate change are reflected in the National Sustainable Development Strategy of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2013-2017 and the Program of the Kyrgyz Republic on Transition to Sustainable Development for 2013-2017. The Climate Change Coordination Commission (CCCC), headed by the First Vice Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, coordinates all the activities in the Kyrgyz Republic related to climate change. The CCCC is composed of all heads of key ministries and divisions, representatives of the civil, academic and business sectors.

Actions for adaptation to climate change are developed and included in the National Priorities for Adaptation to Climate Change in the Kyrgyz Republic till 2017 ("Priority Directions"). The Kyrgyz Republic has developed the sectorial plans and programs for adaptation in all vulnerable sectors, including agriculture, energy, water, emergencies, healthcare and forest and biodiversity. The main mission of the Priority Directions is the establishment of the national policy on resources mobilisation for minimisation of negative risks and utilization of potential opportunities of climate change for sustainable development of the Kyrgyz Republic, based on adaptive measures implementation in economic sectors, which are the most vulnerable to climate change.

In March 2015, the Government of Kyrgyz Republic officially submitted an expression of interest (EoI) to the Climate Investments Funds ("CIF") Pilot Program for Climate Resilience ("PPCR"), centred on the improvement of the public system of environmental protection and nature resource management, biodiversity conservation and restoration of natural ecosystems under climate change and promotion of the low-carbon development principles, as identified in the Priority Directions. The Kyrgyz Republic's EoI to develop an investment plan for the PPCR was approved by the CIF on 14 May 2015. The approval makes available USD 1.5 million to prepare a Strategic Program for Climate Resilience ("SPCR" or the "Program") for the PPCR. The grant is expected to be executed by the Government of Kyrgyz Republic, in cooperation with the multilateral development banks (MDBs).

¹ Maplecroft's Climate Change Vulnerability Index (CCVI)

2. MISSION OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The PPCR Scoping Mission represents the starting point for the development of the SPCR in the Kyrgyz Republic. Its objective is to initiate a dialogue with the government and its primary stakeholders to identify and plan the activities that will enable the sound preparation of the SPCR.

Specifically, the mission will:

1. Establish contact with the Kyrgyz authorities and relevant stakeholders and discuss with them the process for SPCR development, specifically its context, objectives, expected results, procedures, and implementation modalities, so as to ensure a sound understanding and a common vision of the Programme;
2. Assist in consolidating key documents, including national development plan, national and sectoral strategies, and other relevant background materials;
3. Identify the information gaps and the additional studies for the preparation of the SPCR;
4. Review synergies between the PPCR and related investments of MDBs, development partners, and technical agencies. Linkages between PPCR and other initiatives including Adaptation, Green Growth, Green Climate Fund, INDC as well as various development policies;
5. Discuss and confirm broad stakeholder engagement requirements and confirm key agencies from groups such as technical agencies (FAO, WMO), line ministries, national/local government agencies, academia, private sector, NGOs, CSOs, women's group, etc. Agree on a communications and consultation process with stakeholders during the preparation phase of the SPCR;
6. Discuss and confirm the broad implementation arrangements for preparing the SPCR, including procedures for accessing and using the preparatory grant resources including legal agreements, procurement and disbursement. Discuss MDB and Government responsibilities;
7. Discuss broad financing options for the SPCR, including linkages to GCF, GEF, other climate finance sources, as well as bilateral programs and Government resources; and
8. Identify and agree with the authorities on an indicative timetable for the preparation activities of the SPCR development as well as the institutional arrangements necessary for the preparation of the SPCR.

The expected outcomes of the mission are:

1. Roadmap for SPCR development, including key milestones and timetable for preparing the SPCR, including 1st joint mission, technical mission(s), 2nd joint mission and submissions for endorsement; and
2. Draft outline of the proposal for USD 1.5 million TA (including institutional arrangements for managing funds).

The mission will prepare an Aide Memoire which reflects the agreements and conclusions reached on key issues, the next steps to guide the preparation of the investment plans and guidance to the MDBs for the preparation of ToRs and implementation of the Joint Mission(s).

3. PREPARATORY WORK FOR SCOPING MISSION

Prior to fielding the PPCR Scoping Mission, the following activities will be undertaken by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and MDBs as needed:

3.1 Stock-taking:

- a. Ensure familiarity with the Kyrgyz Government's EoI to participate in PPCR (all)
- b. Review country MDB priorities related to PPCR (Government and MDBs)
- c. Obtain CIF guidelines, templates and FAQs in order to be able to respond to questions during the mission (MDBs)
- d. Prepare a file with all relevant documents pertaining to PPCR issues (MDBs will lead and Government can fill in)

3.2 Mission coordination:

- a. Government and MDBs to confirm the mission terms of references ("ToR")
- b. MDB Focal Points to brief respective Country Office Representatives about the PPCR
- c. Government Focal Points to arrange mission meetings with key Ministries, National Agencies and Stakeholders to discuss key mission issues

3.3 Early consultations ahead of the mission:

- a. Government Focal Points will confirm that the scoping mission team seeks meetings with stakeholders as per the agenda below, with the objective of discussing the key strategic issues

3.4 Announce the scoping mission:

- a. Government Focal Point will send notification to the CIF Administrative Unit confirming the mission and Focal Points contact information.

4 MISSION COMPOSITION

Government of the Kyrgyz Republic

State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry (SAEPF) under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Sabir Atadzhanov• Mr. Shamil Iliasov• Ms. Zuhra Abaihanova• Mr. Marat Stamkulov• Ms. Dzhyparkul Bekkulova• Ms. Baglan Salykmambetova• Ms. Aizada Barieva
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Multilateral Development Banks

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Craig Davies, Senior Manager, Climate Change Adaptation• Marta Modelewska, Policy Manager, Sustainable Resource Initiative• Nurlan Jumaliev, Municipal and Environmental Infrastructure Analyst
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nathan Rive, Climate Change Specialist• Almaz Asipjanov, Consultant
World Bank (WB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Philippe Ambrosi, Senior Environmental Economist• Tolkun Jukusheva, Operations Officer

6 MISSION PROGRAMME

INITIAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

	MONDAY, 19 October	TUESDAY, 20 October	WEDNESDAY, 21 October	THURSDAY, 22 October	FRIDAY, 23 October
MORNING		Meeting with PPCR Focal Point and SAEPF	Consultation meetings with ministries and agencies	MDB preparation meeting	
AFTERNOON	MDB internal coordination meeting	Consultation meetings with ministries and agencies		Wrap-up meeting with PPCR Focal Point and SAEPP	
EVENING		Roundtable discussion (dinner) with development partners	Roundtable discussion (dinner) with CSOs	MDB internal coordination meeting (Drafting of the aide-mémoire/ next steps)	

AGENDA OF THE MEETING WITH PPCR FOCAL POINT AND SAEPF

Tuesday, 20 October (9:00 - 15:00)

ITEM	FOCUS	LEAD PRESENTER
1. Welcoming and opening of the meeting		
2. Introduction to the PPCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline of the process of the SPCR development 	MDBs
3. Government development strategy and current status in adaptation and climate resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of national strategies and their objectives Consolidation of background material to understand the baseline status of resilience planning and implementation in country 	FP/ SAEPF
4. Institutional arrangements for climate change and climate resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing cross-sectoral coordination mechanism within the country (CCCC) CIF procedures and MDB procedures (procurement, legal agreements, etc.) 	FP/SAEPF MDBs
5. Current adaptation and climate resilience investments and capacity building activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of ongoing activities supported through multiple climate change resilience related funds and ongoing resilience investments supported by each MDB and bilateral donors Pipeline of each MDB Country engagement in Climate Finance 	MDBs
6. Needs and gaps for SPCR development - a basis for SPCR budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying thrust and potential areas of SPCR focus, building on but not limited to EoI Broader enabling needs (e.g. climate information and climate services; private sector engagement) 	FP/SAEPF/ MDBs
7. Institutional arrangements for SPCR development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisational and administrative responsibilities – roles of country focal point, lead MDB, other MDB(s)/MDB focal points for the respective countries Implementation arrangements and processing arrangements (e.g. alignment with established processes) 	MDBs/ FP/SAEPF
8. Roadmap for SPCR development and budget proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion about the steps to prepare and submit the SPCR by the country for the PPCR Sub-Committee endorsement Timetable – 1st Joint Missions, technical missions, 2nd Joint Mission (if applicable), submission for endorsement Stakeholder consultation process and modality; identify key agencies for Joint Mission, including technical agencies (FAO, WMO, IFAD, WHO, GEF), line ministries, national and local government agencies, academia, private sector, NGOs, CSOs, women's group, etc. Presentation on MDB experiences in SPCR development 	MDBs/ FP/SAEPF
9. Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for Joint Mission 	MDBs

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH DONOR ORGANISATIONS

Tuesday, 20 October (evening)

Development Partners & International Organisations:

- DFID
- Embassy of Finland
- Embassy of Germany/ GIZ
- Embassy of Switzerland/ SECO and SDC
- EU Delegation
- FAO
- GEF
- JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency)
- KOIKA
- KFW
- OECD
- UNDP
- UNECE
- UNEP
- USAID
- World Food Programme

MEETINGS WITH MINISTRIES AND STATE AGENCIES

Wednesday, 21 October

MINISTRIES AND STATE AGENCIES:

- Prime Minister's Office
- Ministry of Water Resources, Agriculture and Land Reclamation of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Ministry of Energy and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic
- State Agency of Architecture, Construction and Housing and Communal Economy under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic (incl. Department of Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Development)
- Ministry of Emergency Situation of the Kyrgyz Republic, including Kyrgyzhydromet – National Agency for Hydrometeorology under the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Ministry of Transport and Communication of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Ministry of Public Health of the Kyrgyz Republic

Areas for discussion:

- i. Needs assessment (consultations, workshops, analytical work, investment)
- ii. Alignment of PPCR with national development process
- iii. Institutional arrangements
- iv. Private sector
- v. other

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH CSOs

Wednesday, 21 October (evening)

Civil Society Organisations:

- Camp alatoo
- Kyrgyz Association of Forest and Land Users
- Mountain Partnership Secretariat
- MSDSP KG, Aga Khan Foundation
- Fluid PF
- Regional Mountain Centre
- Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia
- Climate Change Centre
- UNISON

AGENDA OF THE WRAP-UP MEETING WITH PPCR FOCAL POINT AND SAEPP

Thursday, 23 October

ITEM	FOCUS	LEAD PRESENTER
1. Welcoming and opening of the meeting		
2. Summary of the MDB meetings with key stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present the outcomes of the discussions with key stakeholders	MDBs
3. Preparation for the Joint Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss and agree on key milestones for the development of the SPCR• Discuss the draft proposal for USD 1.5 million TA	
4. AOB		
5. Conclusion		