

**The resolution of
GEF National Consultation in The Kyrgyz Republic**

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We, participants of GEF National Consultation, representing broad stakeholders (Parliament, Administration of the President, the Government, province state administrations and representatives of local self-government, educational and scientific institutions, NGOs, international organizations, business sector, representatives of GEF Secretariat and its implementing agencies),

Recognizing this consultation as:

- a strategic action aimed at development of a bilateral dialogue between the Kyrgyz Republic and GEF;
- as an effective opportunity for increasing wider public awareness within the country about GEF, its strategy, policy and procedures;
- as a facilitator of stakeholders identification of national priorities for rendering GEF assistance;
- as an assistance to the national GEF operational and political focal points to undertake effective coordination.

Stressing that the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic officially recognizes the interrelation between ecological problems, poverty and threats to security in its legislation and policy,

Considering:

- the willingness of the Kyrgyz Republic to fulfill Millennium Development Goals and its obligations under international ecological agreements
- the accumulated certain experience in resolution of national and regional ecological problems

have **defined** the following Kyrgyz Republic's *priorities* in the area of nature protection, that correspond to the GEF focal areas and strive towards sustainable development :

Capacity Building

- Cross-cutting Capacity Building:
 - Coordination of the GEF activities in the country through establishment of the GEF National committee.
 - Involvement of local self governments and the population.
- Assistance with implementation of Conventions on Biodiversity, Climate Change, Desertification and POPs
- Promoting Sustainable Development principles in all stages of the projects
- Integration of ecological norms in the projects and programmes in the areas of Sustainable Development

Biodiversity

- Catalyzing Sustainability of Protected Areas:
 - Capacity building for maintenance of ecological balance.
 - Promotion of effective cooperation between local population and the private sector.

- Capacity Building for Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- Generation and Dissemination of Best Practices for Addressing Current and Emerging Biodiversity Issues

Climate Change

- Increased Access to Local Sources of Financing for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
- Power Sector Policy Frameworks supportive of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
- Productive Uses of Renewable Energy
- Modal Shifts in Urban Transport and Clean Vehicle/Fuel Technologies
- Piloting an Operational Approach to Adaptation

International Waters

- Catalyze Financial Resources for implementation of agreed actions
- Expand global coverage with capacity building foundational work
 - Development of strategic programme of actions aimed at strengthening the system for water resource management and effective use
- Undertake innovative demonstrations for reducing contaminants and addressing water scarcity
 - Decrease pollution: rehabilitation and re-cultivation of dumps and tailings (including uranium)

Ozone

Вместо

- Methyl Bromide Reduction

Gradually decrease production of Methyl Bromide and introduction of alternatives as well as increasing capacity of users by providing trainings.

- Phase-out of Methyl Bromide and the installation of alternatives
- Training for all Methyl Bromide users

Persistent Organic Pollutants

- Implementation of policy/regulatory reforms and investments
 - To develop an institutional POPs management mechanism
 - To establish and launch the mechanisms on prevention of POP import to Kyrgyzstan
 - Increase technical capacity in decreasing POPs .
- Demonstration of innovative and cost effective technologies

Sustainable Land Management

- Introduction of effective land management principles taking into account the structural policy and national development plans
 - Support in restoration of pastures, plough-lands and traditional forms of land use through prevention of overgrazing and introduction of new twqnigues;

- Support in forest rehabilitation and creation of protective plantations to prevent erosion, land slides, avalanches and others.
- Implementation of innovative and indigenous sustainable land management practices and recommend the following *mechanisms*:

in the area of management:

- to improve and harmonize the national law-protecting legislation to make it in compliance with the international standards;
- to introduce ecological requirements and eco-system approach into sectoral policy with regard to prevention of ecological risks in planning and implementation of economic activity;
- to ensure transparency, public access in taking ecologically significant decisions including all stages of development and implementation of GEF projects;
- to undertake public awareness activities for decision making officials on international ecological and political process and international obligations of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- to promote development of ecological education at all the levels;
- to promote civil society participation in analytical, expert and project works;
- to promote ecological monitoring systems in the area of Biodiversity, land degradation, climate change, ozone depletion, POPs;
- to create favourable terms for the investment climate in the country for private sector involvement to solve environmental issues;
- to promote institutional capacity building for GEF Small Grants Programmes in the the Kyrgyz Republic through wide initiation of co-financing of projects on the local level, replication and scaling up of successful projects, introduction of methodology and logistics of GEF SGPs in other projects and programmes working on the community level.

coordination efforts:

- to spread experience of national consultation workshops in countries- recipients
- to strengthen cooperation between GEF implementing agencies, secretariats of the conventions and the Government of the Kgyz Republic;
- to create national Steering Committee in order to ensure effective and transparent management of GEF funds in the Kyrgyz Republic;
- to consider the possibility of direct representation of countries - recipients in the Central Asian region in the GEF council considering the specific vulnerability of the Central Asian region to the natural and anthropogenous ecological hazards representing a threat for the mankind as a whole, and also necessity of an establishment of more effective feedback .

implementation of priority targets:

- to maximize project impacts and sustainability in the project fields by using programmatic approach
- to catalyze sustainability of protected areas, national parks
- to create non-state protected areas, plantations, nurseries for restoration of endangered species of plants and animals by implementing projects
- to implement the projects identified in the strategy to be prepared by NCSA in the area of biodiversity, land degradation, climate change, stable organic pollutants;
- to promote introduction and productive uses of energy saving technologies using non-traditional and renewal sources of energy (solar, wind energy, micro-hydro energy and so on)
- to upgrade existing waste water treatment facilities and solid consumer and agricultural waste utilization systems

Taking into consideration, that for many years activity of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, directed on achievement of sustainable development and ensuring of ecological safety was carried out in close interaction and with support of GEF, participants of the Dialogue express their hope for further cooperation and support of implementation of actions of Kyrgyzstan in the increase / escalating of capacity.

Participants of the Dialogue express their deep gratitude to GEF Secretariat, United Nations Development Programme in Kyrgyzstan, deputies of the Zhogorku Kenesh of the KR, Administration of President of the KR, Government of the KR for assistance in organization and conducting of the GEF Country Dialogue workshop.