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Launch Workshop

Enhancing policy coherence for the SDGs through integrated climate, land, energy and water (CLEWs) assessments and institutional strengthening in Ethiopia

Conference Room 6, UNCC, UNECA, Addis Ababa

17th January 2019 / 09:00 – 17:30

Background

The Paris Agreement on climate change and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide an agenda for development to the 2030s. The 17 goals cover all aspects of development, from health and education to energy, climate change, and partnerships. Moreover, the SDGs and the Paris Agreement on climate change stress the need for coherent policies across sectors. Goal 13 of the SDG on climate change action also emphasizes the importance of ensuring policy coherence across different sectors to adequately address climate change challenges.

Ethiopia is also committed to incorporate sustainable development goals in its national development plans by adopting policies, strategies and organizational reforms that can enhance sustainable development. Ethiopia's Vision 2025, GTPs (I and II) and the Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) are the central driving plans which explicitly outlines the importance of incorporating climate change issues on the countries development path. Many of these development paths focus on the three highly important and connected sectors relating to water, energy, and land (agriculture).

As part of this commitment, the Ministry of Water, Irrigation, and Energy (MoWIE) of the federal democratic republic of Ethiopia is determined to integrate SDGs and the associated targets into the ongoing GTP-II plan which continues until 2020 and beyond (GTP-III- 2021-2025 and GTP IV 2026- 2030). In this regard, policy coherence is required for conducive institutional arrangements.

In response to a request from the Government of Ethiopia, the United Nations Department of Economics and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) are **implementing a capacity development project to support coherence in policy formulation in the areas of climate, land, energy, and water**. This support to the Government of Ethiopia will focus on two interrelated areas; i) the application of integrated quantitative analysis to address interlinkages between Climate, Land, Energy and Water systems (CLEWs); and ii) institutional



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arrangements and mechanisms to facilitate effective and structural coordination among stakeholders in these areas.

CLEWs is a methodology for integrated assessment of resource systems that provide a means to analyze and assess the interlinkages that exist among energy, water and agricultural systems as well as their impacts on - and vulnerability to – climate change. It is designed to help identify and quantify the trade-offs and synergies that may exist in simultaneous pursuit of policy goals in each area to support a coherent and cohesive process for strategy and policy formulation.

Objective of the workshop

For the analytic process to reach its full potential in terms of efficiency and impact, the participating institutions need to be knowledgeable customers of the analysis, understanding the role and purpose and value of the tools. Thus the need for effective collaboration and coordination both vertically and horizontally among these institutions, to ensure that decision making processes can effectively support policy cohesion.

In this regard this launch workshop aims to assess the potential gaps regarding policy incoherence, integrated methodologies to evaluate synergies and the trade-off between sectors, capacity, and institutional strength in the Ethiopian context where discussion will be held in a plenary session.

The following issues will be addressed in this launch workshop:

- I. Present the rationale, methods and objectives of the CLEWs capacity development project;
- II. Discuss the mandates and roles of relevant ministries and agencies to develop an understanding of their needs, priorities and potential interest in this project;
- III. Discuss current use of models and quantitative analysis to support policy formulation within the participating ministries and agencies;
- IV. Discuss current institutional arrangements, coordination mechanisms and decision-making processes within and among the different ministries and agencies;
- V. Discuss challenges, needs and gaps in capacity, coordination and data; and
- VI. Define the scope, aims and plan for project implementation, including the participation and role of different ministries and agencies;
- VII. Discuss the way forward to support coherence in policy formulation in the areas of climate, land, energy, and water.

Workshop participants are experts and analysts from government offices and research institutions who will be directly involved in the analysis. This launch workshop helps catalogue current efforts initiatives and data availability, assessment of current capacities and



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identification of any gaps and needs. The outcome from the workshop will help the UN team to design country specific CLEWs model and train experts to do analysis in the next phase of the project.



Draft Agenda

Thursday 17th January,		
08:30- 09:00	Registration	
09:00- 09:30	Welcome Remarks	H.E. Dr. Eng. Seleshi Bekele Minister for Water Supply and Sanitation, MoWIE
		Mr Oliver Chinganya OiC, Climate Change, Environment and Natural Resources Management Division, UNECA
09:30-10:30	Why CLEWs? An introduction to CLEWs and its uses	Thomas Alfstad, UNDESA
10:30-11:00	Coffee	
11:00-12:00	CLEWs case studies: Experience in other countries.	Eduardo Zepeda, UNDESA
12:00- 12:30	Ethiopia CLEWs capacity development strategy	Tasneem Mirza, UNDP
12:30- 13:00	Institutional arrangements to facilitate coherence in sustainable development policies.	Veronique Verbruggen, UNDESA
13:00- 14:30	Lunch	
14:30- 15:30	National planning process: experience of GTP and SDGs alignment	Ato. Habtamu Takele, Planning Commission
	Policy formulation experience of MoWIE	Ato Abiti Getaneh, MoWIE
	Integrated approach in ecosystem management	Dr. Adefires Worku Ethiopian Environment and Forest Research Institute
	Land-Water-Energy-Nexus for land restoration: A success story	Dr. Wuletawu Abera International center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)
	Small scale irrigation development and food security	Ato. Belete Bantero Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency (ATA)



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	Integrated quantitative analysis tools in water system	Dr. Zeleke Agide: Ethiopian Institute of Water Resources (EIWR)/AAU
	Water and Energy sector coordination	Ato. Kaleab Getaneh: WSWG Secretariat/ MoWIE
15:30-16:00	Coffee	
16:00- 17:00	Roundtable discussion	
17:00- 17:30	Discussion, comments and feedback. Way ahead.	UNDESA/UNDP/UNECA team