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By the first deputy chairman of the State
Forestry Committee of the Republic of
Uzbekistan

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MINUTES

of videoconference organized by the State Forestry Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter ‘Forestry Committee’) with SDS stakeholders – ministries and authorities of the Republic of Uzbekistan

4 February 2021

Tashkent city

Moderator of videoconference:

A. Zakhadullaev – head of department for international relations and ecotourism development of Forestry Committee

Participants of videoconference:

S. Umarov – head of department for combatting desertification and drought of Forestry Committee;

Kh. Talipov – deputy head of department for combatting desertification and drought of Forestry Committee;

N. Fayzullaeva, B. Akhmedjanov – representatives of State Committee for ecology and environmental protection of Uzbekistan;

S. Abdullaeva – representative of Centre of Hydrometeorological Service of Uzbekistan;

N. Gafurov, B. Adilov – representatives of Ministry of Agriculture of Uzbekistan;

O. Jabborov – representative of Cadastre Agency under State Tax Committee of Uzbekistan;

M. Boltaev, Sh. Dadaboev – representatives of Ministry of Emergency Situations of Uzbekistan;

S. Shirinbetov, Sh. Kuldasheva, Kh. Khalbekova, S. Abdirahimova – representatives of Academy of Science of Uzbekistan;

A. Madumarov – representative of the Institute for strategic and interregional studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

Sh. Umarova – Director of CAREC Uzbekistan;

U. Sadullaev – representative of Committee for silk farming and karakul breeding;

L. Ikramova – representative of “Green Future” LLC;

A. Ravshanov, A. Nozimov, S. Muratov – national experts.

AGENDA:

Consideration and discussion of the draft National Action Plan on capacity building for management and mitigation of the negative impact of sand and dust storms (SDS) in Uzbekistan

With the support of the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) a video conference was organized to discuss the draft National Action Plan to combat sand and dust storms in Uzbekistan.

Mr. O. Khakimov (the first deputy chairman of the State Forestry Committee) opened the videoconference, and in his introduction he noted the importance of combating sand and dust storms and land degradation, and the role of forest plantations in reducing the negative impact of SDS. He thanked all the conference participants and wished them fruitful work.

A. Zakhadullaev (Forestry Committee) – explained the purpose and objectives of the project, and was the moderator of the conference.

A. Nozimov (Forestry Committee) – presented the compiled atlas using a geographic information system program. This atlas of Uzbekistan points out the sources where sand and dust storms occur in varying degrees.

A. Ravshanov (National Expert) – presented and explained to the participants the draft Action Plan for building capacity for managing and reducing the negative impact of sand and dust storms in Uzbekistan.

Representatives of ministries and departments gave speeches and shared their views with participants.

Sh. Kuldasheva (Academy of Science) noted the great work done on compiling an atlas characterizing areas with the manifestation of sand and dust storms, she also noted the need for an inventory of regulatory legal acts related to sand and dust storms, since if such a document is available, it will be possible to consider and improve it. In addition, she proposed to create a permanent commission on an alerted early warning system for sand and dust storms.

S. Shirinbetov (Academy of Science) noted that the Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry is currently testing various preparations for studying the growth and development of phytomeliorants on the drained bottom of the Aral Sea.

Shakhnoza Umarova, Director of CAREC Uzbekistan, delivered the message of Zh. Annaklycheva to the conference participants and wished fruitful work to all.

A. Zakhadullaev – noted the performed worked, supported the creation of a permanently operating commission and the proposal of early warning system.

Having listened to the suggestions and comments of all speakers and having exchanged views, the participants have

DECIDED:

1. Based on comments and suggestions of project stakeholders to insert additions and suggestions to the draft National Action Plan on capacity building for management and mitigation of the negative impact of SDS in Uzbekistan.

2. That the responsible executor (A. Nozimov) shall, by February 28, 2021, carry out an inventory management of long-term hydrometeorological data and based on this form a list of areas affected by SDS to varying degrees (strong, medium, weak, etc.) and based on this prepare GIS maps and submit them to the management for approval.

3. To send a letter to all interested ministries and departments to identify officials responsible for SDS, collect their contact details and form members of a permanently operating commission.

4. Together with the commissions develop the mechanism of an early warning system for the expected risks of SDS in Uzbekistan.

5. To organize a comprehensive joint work of responsible persons to develop proposals related to the management and reduction of the negative impact of SDS and the exchange of information between interested ministries and departments

**The minutes of the conference was conducted by
Sobirjon Umarov**