

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Round table with stakeholders on issues**  
**related to climate change and GCF funding mechanisms**

**Project: Readiness Program “NDA Strengthening and Country Programming support for Turkmenistan and initiating a Regional Approach to Climate Action” by GCF.**

**Main purpose of meeting:** To familiarize representatives of government organizations, academia and financial institutions with the principles of international climate finance engagement with the GCF, as well as with the Turkmenistan Readiness Project.

**Venue:** ZOOM online videoconference

**Date and time:** February 24, 2021, 10:30 -12:30 (Ashgabat, Turkmenistan)

**Hosted by:** **Bagirova Irana** (CAREC Project Coordinator in Turkmenistan) – **Event Moderator**, **Berdiyev Berdy** (Head of the Department on Coordination of International Environmental Cooperation and Projects, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan, National Focal Point for the GCF).

**International experts team:** **Pavel Činčera** (International Consultant for the introduction of the Coordination Mechanism and No Objection Procedures in Turkmenistan, and for the development of the GCF Country Programme for Turkmenistan), **Carmen Maria Arguello Lopez** (International Consultant on Strengthening Strategies for Financing Measures to Combat climate change and portfolio); **Lisa Gump** (CAREC International Technical Project Consultant).

**National experts team:** **Orazdurdiyeva D.** (Senior National Consultant for Stakeholder Analysis, Engagement and Support to Country Programme Process), **Akmuradov K.** (Junior National Consultant on Climate Finance), **Pendzhaev O.** (Junior National Consultant on Stakeholder Analysis), **Mamedov A.** (Junior National Consultant to support the NDA in capacity building).

**Participants:** Representative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan; representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan; representative of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan; representative of the Ministry of Energy of Turkmenistan; representative of the State Committee of Water Management of Turkmenistan; representative of the Academy of Sciences of Turkmenistan; representative of the National Institute of Deserts, Flora and Fauna of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan; representative of the Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs of Turkmenistan; representative of the State Commercial Bank of Turkmenistan “Daykhanbank”; representative of the Joint Stock Commercial Bank “Rysgal”; representative of the UNDP.

***Welcoming speech:***

The meeting was opened with welcoming words by **Berdiyev Berdy** (Head of the Department on Coordination of International Environmental Cooperation and Projects, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan, National Focal Point for the GCF) and **Irana Bagirova** (CAREC Project Coordinator in Turkmenistan).

**Pavel Činčera** (International Consultant for the introduction of the Coordination Mechanism and No Objection Procedures in Turkmenistan, and for the development of the GCF Country Programme for Turkmenistan) briefly presented the agenda and made the presentation “Introduction: GCF international climate finance principles”.

**Orazdurdiyeva D.** (Senior National Consultant for Stakeholder Analysis, Engagement and Support to Country Programme Process) made the presentation “**Introduction: GCF Readiness Project – Turkmenistan**”.

**Pavel Činčera** (International Consultant for the introduction of the Coordination Mechanism and No Objection Procedures in Turkmenistan, and for the development of the GCF Country Programme for Turkmenistan) made the presentation “Country Programme modalities”.

**Group Work:** filling the Questionnaire.

#### **Q&A session:**

- **Question: Makhtumkuli Akmuradov (Advisor, Department of International Organizations, MFA of Turkmenistan):** The Inter-Ministerial Commission on Environmental Protection includes two expert groups: the Working Group on International Agreements on Climate Change and the Working Group on International Agreements on Biodiversity. In this regard, can it be considered that the basis for the development of the functions of the GCF Coordination Mechanism has already been created in Turkmenistan?

- **Answer: Pavel Činčera (International Consultant for the introduction of the Coordination Mechanism and No Objection Procedure in Turkmenistan, and for the development of the GCF Country Programme for Turkmenistan):** The GCF Coordination Mechanism will serve as an expert platform to support the Inter-Ministerial Commission on Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan and, at the technical level, will consider and prepare documents for consideration by the Inter-Ministerial Commission on Environmental Protection, headed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan.

**Berdy Berdiyev (Head of the Department on Coordination of International Environmental Cooperation and Projects, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan, National Focal Point for the GCF):** in case if the Ministry of Construction and Architecture of Turkmenistan will be excluded from the Coordination Mechanism, proposed to exclude also the Ministry of Industry and Construction Production of Turkmenistan.

#### **Results of the meeting:**

1. The conference participants considered and decided to exclude the Ministry of Construction and Architecture of Turkmenistan and the Ministry of Industry and Construction Production of Turkmenistan from the list of the Coordination Mechanism;
2. It is agreed to propose the following composition of the Coordination Mechanism:
  - Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan;
  - Committee on Environment Protection, Nature Management and Agroindustrial Complex of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan;
  - Ministry of Adalat (Justice) of Turkmenistan
  - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan
  - Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan
  - Ministry of Energy of Turkmenistan

- Ministry of Health and Medical Industry of Turkmenistan
  - Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan
  - State Committee for Water Resources of Turkmenistan
  - State Committee of Turkmenistan on Statistics
  - Academy of Sciences of Turkmenistan
  - Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs of Turkmenistan
3. It is proposed to divide the Coordination Mechanism into two main groups: a) decision-making and coordination (public sector) b) expert (public and private sector).
  4. The Questionnaire will be sent to the participants of the round table, according to the results of which the documents within the framework of this project will be considered.
  5. It was proposed to hold the next meeting in a large format, with the participation of the representatives of the private sector, public organizations and donors.

**Closing speech:**

**Irana Bagirova (CAREC Project Coordinator in Turkmenistan)** summed up the results of the meeting, thanking all the participants for their active work and noted that this meeting was the first round table with representatives of the public sector, another round table with representatives of the private sector, public organizations and donors is scheduled.