

# **POLICY-BRIEF**

## NATIONAL DESIGNATED AUTHORITY (NDA) TECHNICAL GUIDELINES

The National Designated Authority (NDA) is the primary interface between the national institutions/entities on environment-related issues and Green Climate Fund (GCF) and is the main focal point for all matters related to the GCF activities in Turkmenistan.

In Turkmenistan, since 2019, the NDA role was taken over by the **Department on Coordination of International Environment Cooperation and Projects of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan** by decision of the Council of the GCF.

The NDA coordinates with national, sectoral and local development policies through the incountry Coordination Mechanism on Climate Action.

#### The NDA is responsible for the coordination of climate financing related to the GCF and plays the following important roles:

1. Coordination centre for communication and maintaining contacts with the GCF;

2. Main signatory authority on behalf of the government for all matters related to the GCF. If necessary, the NDA seeks Governmental approval before its decision;

3. Execution of the "No Objection" procedure under the GCF requirements;

4. Coordination of priorities and on environmental issues and engagement with the GCF, and is responsible for the GCF Country Programme development, including identification and selection of Project ideas.

### Structure of the National Designated Authority (NDA) for Turkmenistan

#### **NDA Coordinator**

The NDA Coordinator is responsible for Communication with the GCF on behalf of the Government of Turkmenistan (according to the Coordination Mechanism and legal governmental procedures).



**NDA Secretariat** 



### Head of Secretariat

Responsible for practical procedures of the NDA and provides

and provides support to the NDA Coordinator, leads secretariat operations/staff. Secretariat staff

(3-4 experts)

Responsible for performing NDA roles The NDA leads the Technical Expert Group (TEG) – Working Group on International Agreements on Climate Change. The TEG includes: 1) the line ministries' experts and 2) additional technical experts. The role of the TEG is to support the Inter-Ministerial Commission on Environmental Protection and the NDA by their sectoral technical expertise. The group prepares recommendations for NDA, including recommendations from the additional nongovernmental experts, however, the recommendations given by line ministries' experts must be addressed while preparing a decision that to be approved within the Coordination Mechanism.

# ROLE OF THE NDA WITHIN THE GCF COORDINATION MECHANISM COORDINATION MECHANISM SCHEME

