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Consultation Meeting with Stakeholders

A consultation meeting on Climate Fiscal Framework (CFF) study was held on 5th November, 2012 at Planning Commission Campus, chaired by Dr. Shamsul Alam, Member, General Economics Division (GED), Planning Commission organized by the PECM Project.

Changes in Leadership

Change is the law of life that gives us overview of past , present and future. The PECM Project experienced recently changes in leadership. From now, Md. Rezaul Karim, Joint Chief, Planning Commission would lead the project as National Project Director .



The former National Project Director of PECM Project joined in Socio-Economic Infrastructure (SEI) Division of Planning Commission in October 2012. During his tenure, the project achieved some significant achievement in mainstreaming Poverty-Environment-Climate Change-Disaster issues into national level planning and budgeting process particularly Perspective Plan, 6th Five Year Plan and ADP etc





Consultation Meeting on Local Level CCF with Stakeholders

A consultation meeting was held on 05 November, 2012 at Planning Commission Campus. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Shamsul Alam, Member, General Economics Division (GED), Planning Commission. Md. Rezaul Karim, NPD, PECM Project and Joint Chief, GED, Mr. Swapan Kumar Sarkar, Director General, LGD Md. Tarikul Islam, Assistant Country Director, UNDP Bangladesh, Abu Mostafa Kamal Uddin, Climate Change Specialist, UNDP Bangladesh, and others from different ministries and PC were present in that meeting.



The objective of the meeting was to seek recommendations and suggestions from the participants on “Piloting Climate Fiscal Framework at Local Governments at selected climate hotspots in Coastal Bangladesh”. The main objective of this study is to formulate a climate fiscal framework for the local government in Bangladesh.

AKM Mamunur Rashid, NPM, PECM Project presented the main concept of the study, particularly rationales, dimension of Climate Fiscal Framework at Local level, Objective, methodology, challenges and opportunity.

Key Suggestions from the Meeting

- The Study could be divided into two parts, first part might be study and interventions. In the second part The model developed by the study will be tested and readjusted based on practical situation. Coupled with, the model might be submitted to Local Government Division (LGD) for wider replication across the country.
- CFF should not be considered as a stand alone intervention rather an embedded system with other plans and activities exists in local level .
- Disaster-Environmental issues are also needed to be included with Climate Change because CC-Environment-Disaster issues are interlinked.
- For selecting study areas, (4) four eco-systems might be considered e.g. *Haor*, Coastal Belt, Barind Track and Central Plate.
- Proper planning, capacity gap, budget allocation and knowledge consolidation at local level are needed to be considered.
- The study could explore the linkages and cooperation for effective planning and implementation of development interventions between the projects particularly CDMP, UZP, GZGP, and partners mostly NGOs, Private sectors .
- The local level expenditure could be included into National Accounting System through introducing a link with budget code.
- The study could explore the linkages between BCCRF and local level planning and expenditure and way forward to find out solutions.



Changes in Leadership

In October, 2012 Md. Rezaul Karim joined as a Joint Chief in General Economic Division, Planning Commission and took the responsibility to lead PECM Project as a National Project Director.

Mr. Karim has more than 28 years of experience in managing, assessing and monitoring of development projects and programs with different Ministries, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) and Planning Commission.

He joined as a BCS Economic Cadre Professional in 1983. During his tenure of service, he has strong motivation to serve for the Development Planning Process in Bangladesh.



Md. Rezaul Karim , NPD of PECM Projects is discussing on the work schedule of project.

Mr. Karim has completed B.A (Hons) and Master's in History from University of Rajshahi. and after on earned a Post Graduate Diploma on Development Planning.

He received different sorts of Training in home particularly on Project Preparation, Development Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, EIA, Management Development, GIS Application, Result Based Management (RBM), Public-Private Partnership (PPP) etc.

Successfully he completed some foreign training on Project Evaluation in UK, Managing Rural Development in Thailand, Project Management in Singapore, Capacity Building to Enhance Domestic and Foreign Investment Flow in Asia and Pacific Region in Australia is significant.

He gained practical knowledge on impacts of development interventions by visiting different parts of Bangladesh . Mr. Karim also took part in study tours aboard particularly Thailand, Australia, India, China, Germany and Vietnam and translated those learning into actions in Bangladesh development policy in a realistic way.

During the short period of time as an NPD, he has gone ahead with the project activities in positive spirit. Key activities are as follows-

- Planning and Review Meeting with PECM Staff The discussion agenda of the meeting were up coming events of PECM Project; Follow-up actions; Next month's work plan; TPP Revision and some Administrative Issues
- Dialogue initiated for reviewing existing DPP/TPP
- A consultation meeting with stakeholders on "Piloting Climate Fiscal Framework at Local Governments at selected climate hotspots in coastal Bangladesh".
- Workshop on validation of DPP revision with Hon'able Planning Minister
- Meeting with GED Member, UNDP personnel and other high officials

Monthly Planning and Reviewing Meeting

A meeting was held on PECM Project Office on 04 February, 2012 at 11:00 AM to discuss the monthly plan and actions to be taken to implement those schedule work as well as review the progress of PECM Project. The meeting was presided by Md. Rezaul Karim, National Project Director, PECM Project and Joint Chief, GED, Planning Commission. AKM Mamunur Rashid, National Project Manager, PECM Project and the PECM Project Staff including Planning Expert; Training, Knowledge Management & Communication Expert; IT Assistant and Finance & Admin Assistant participated in the meeting. The discussion agenda of the meeting were

- Up coming events of PECM Project;
- Follow-up actions;
- Next month's work plan;
- TPP Revision of the PECM Project
- Some Administrative Issues

Learning and Sharing Session (LSS)

A Learning Sharing Session held in NPS's room at Planning Commission on 6 October, 2012 on 'Urban Food Security Analysis by using GIS System'. All PECM staff and representative from GED were present in that session.

Networking with Partners

A workshop on 'Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation: Challenges and Way Foreword" in October 2012 at IDB Bhaban. The workshop was organized by European Union, DANCHURCH AID and RDRS Bangladesh. AKM Mamunur Rashid, National Project Manager, PECM Project attended that workshop as a Panel Member as part of networking with the partnership among the key drivers in PECD issues.

A learning sharing on good practices at local level was the key essence of the workshop. Lessons from RDRS interventions on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation were shared and discussed.

Two presentations took place, followed by a panel discussion on the key issues. Finally, the floor was open for discussions and participants had actively participated on those discussions.



The overall goal of this Poverty-Environment-Climate Mainstreaming (PECM) project in Bangladesh is to enhance the institutional capacity of targeted national stakeholders to integrate poverty-environment-climate linkages into national development planning process. This integration will promote more sustainable economic development in Bangladesh.

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