

Report of the 1st Meeting of the WIOSAP Project Steering Committee

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Introduction

- Presentations by
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Project Structure

- The structure was adopted as approved in the project document.
- The difference between national focal institutions of the Nairobi Convention and the proposed inter-ministerial coordination unit at the country level was clarified
- The titles of organs in the project structure can be adapted to fit country configurations/nomenclature.

Project Steering Committee

Terms of Reference

- Terms of Reference will reflect the strategic functions
- Some of the current functions in the draft TORs could be delegated to the project manager, the national focal points, and other project support structures.
- The PSC should meet every six months 1) face to face and 2) Virtually

Project Co-financing

- Secretariat, with the help of each country, to review and update co-financing arrangements.
- Respective countries should confirm the co-finance that is still valid and the ones that are no longer available.
- New co-financing should be sort to fill the gaps.
- Countries to review the adequacy of the co-financing to reflect today's value of the budget costs.

Project Work plan and Budget

- The work plan and suggested timeframe to 2022 is accepted
- Joint scheduling of PSC of WIOSAP and SAPPHIRE.
- The next meetings of the two PSCs to be held prior to the next Conference of the Parties to the Nairobi Convention to be hosted by Kenya in 2018;
- Do a budget revision up to 2022.
- National project officers will be appointed on a needs basis depending on the number of projects to be sponsored per country;

Proposals for National Projects

- A call for proposals should be issued as soon as possible.
- Provide adequate guidance on the selection criteria and the mode of technical support to develop full project proposals
- Countries will screen project applications at the national level
- Countries may submit more than one project concept guided by the recommendations of the WIO-Lab SAP.
- Any alternative sites needs to be justified in the light of current information.
- The PSC will review and approve projects to be funded based on recommendations by the Regional Technical Committee, including funding levels.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Reporting is more than progress on project implementation.
- Reports should focus towards tracking impact and delivering on the global objectives of the GEF.
- Periodic field visits are important to ascertain progress.
- PSC members may elect to accompany some of the periodic field monitoring visits.
- Mid-term review and terminal evaluation will be done by an external evaluator hired by UN Environment.

Thank you