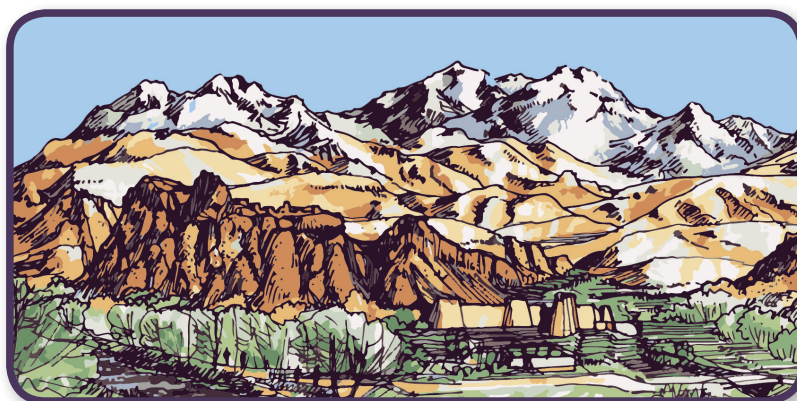




AFGHANISTAN

Fact Sheet

AFGHANISTAN'S SECOND NATIONAL COMMUNICATION (SNC) UNDER THE UNFCCC (2015-2016)



Afghanistan ratified the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 2002, and formally submitted its Initial National Communication (INC) in 2013. As a next step, and with support from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), UNEP and the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) are collaborating on the preparation and submission of Afghanistan's Second National Communication (SNC) under the UNFCCC, with the aim of strengthening the country's technical and institutional capacity to integrate climate change priorities into national development policies, plans, and strategies.

SNC Preparation Process:

1. Establishment of a Project Management Office (PMO) by NEPA and UNEP.
2. Organize inception workshop and designate National Study Teams (NSTs).
3. Convene National Climate Change Committee (NCCC) to oversee NSTs and preparation of SNC report.
4. NSTs determine working modalities for each of the SNC report's 12 sections.
5. NSTs complete research and writing of SNC report, submit to NCCC for approval and ultimate submission to the UNFCCC.

Key Project Outputs:

1. Afghanistan's SNC Report.
2. An updated National Inventory of Greenhouse Gases for Afghanistan.
3. A climate change adaptation strategy.
4. A climate change mitigation strategy.
5. Increased awareness of climate change among the citizens of Afghanistan.
6. Increased information exchange and cooperation between government officials, civil society, non-governmental organizations, academia and the private sector in Afghanistan.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

This project's primary objective is to enable Afghanistan to fulfil its reporting requirements to the UNFCCC through the preparation of the SNC, facilitated through the achievement of the following 12 outcomes that correspond to the 12 required sections of the SNC report:

National Circumstances

Available information on climate change in Afghanistan increased.

National Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Afghanistan's capacity to compile a national greenhouse gas inventory strengthened.

General Description of Steps

- Afghanistan's capacity to adapt to climate change strengthened.
- Afghanistan's capacity to mitigate climate change causes strengthened.

Other Information

- Capacity to include climate change into national development priorities increased.
- Information on climate change technologies, research, and systematic observations increased.
- Public awareness of climate change increased, leading to an outreach programme for climate education, training, and media outreach.
- Technical and institutional capacity for reporting to UNFCCC strengthened through trainings and workshops.
- Afghanistan's capacity to network and share information on climate change with other countries and regions increased.

Technical and Capacity Needs

Assessment of constraints, gaps, and Afghanistan's needs to implement the UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol.

