



MEDIUM TERM WORK PLAN

on

**COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CLIMATE CHANGE
VULNERABILITY, RISK ASSESSMENT, ADAPTATION AND
MITIGATION**

between

**THE MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, LAND AND SEA OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ITALY**

and

**THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURE CONSERVATION AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
THE CONGO**

Following the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in Marrakech, on November 17th, 2016, between the Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea of the Republic of Italy (IMELS) and the Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Signatories agree to implement the following medium term Work Plan (WP).

Objectives

The objectives of the present medium term Work Plan are to identify and select activities and projects, that correspond to the general objectives of the MoU that are:

- to strengthen and coordinate the efforts to combat global climate change and address its adverse effects;
- to support mechanisms to reduce climate change vulnerability and enhance risk assessment;
- to promote secure, clean and efficient energy;
- to stimulate the transition towards a sustainable low-carbon economy;
- to implement adaptation actions and opportunities to protect the environment and natural resources.

The intention is to make a substantial contribution to the implementation of both adaptation and mitigation actions, to properly address and manage the current and future impacts of climate change in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Description of Activities

In accordance with Article 5.2 of the aforementioned MoU, in the course of the implementation of the projects and activities, consideration will be given to the participation of the public, private and non-profit sectors and, where appropriate, universities, scientific and technical research bodies and non-governmental organizations, as well as institutions coming from Italy and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Following Article 2 of the MoU, and taking into account the indications provided by the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) submitted on September 2015 by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, this WP aims to focus on the following areas of interest:

1. Forestry sector: reduction of deforestation and promotion of a sustainable forest management;
2. Agricultural sector: promotion of sustainable agricultural practices;
3. Energy sector: development of renewable energy sources and enhancement of energy efficiency.

1. Forestry sector

The objective is to promote sustainable forest management, cut emissions in the forestry sector, originating in particular from deforestation, while ensuring a sustainable low carbon economic growth, taking into account the national REDD+ strategy of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

To this end, cooperation will be focused on the following possible activities:

- better knowledge of forests resources;
- training and awareness programmes;
- support in the identification of successful actions and actors to facilitate the scale up of private investments in REDD+.

2. Agricultural sector

The objective is to promote sustainable agricultural practices so as to enhance national food security and curb GHG emissions.

To this end, cooperation will be focused on the following possible activities:

- Introducing sustainable agroforestry and agricultural practices;
- Promoting technology transfer to preserve and develop the ecological richness and diversity in soil systems;
- Reinforcing the capacity of agricultural producers through the sharing of knowledge and best practices.

3. Energy sector

The objective is to reduce emissions and promote access to energy through the exploitation of renewable sources and the enhancement of energy efficiency.

To this end, cooperation will be focused on the following possible activities:

- exploit renewable energy potential of the country, identifying suitable locations for installations and estimating potential capacity;
- promote innovative financial instruments/mechanisms for small scale renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies;
- promote energy efficiency measures through the implementation of pilot projects in the residential, tertiary and industry sector.

Implementation

Each funded activity will include a budget for missions and travels, that will cover also travel expenses of both sides experts and officials, according to the UN regulations.



Entry into force


This Work Plan will come into force after signature by the Signatories.

This Work Plan is agreed and signed in Milan on 10 April 2017.

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