



**MEDIUM TERM WORK PLAN**

on

**COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF**

**ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND**

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

between

**THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**

**OF THE TUNISIAN REPUBLIC**

and

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

**ITALIAN REPUBLIC**

Following the Technical Agreement (TA) signed in Rome, on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, between the Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea of the Italian Republic and the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Renewable Energy of the Tunisian Republic, the Signatories agree to implement the following medium term Work Plan (WP).

## 1. Objectives

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

- to strengthen and coordinate the efforts to combat global climate change and address its adverse effects,
- to support mechanisms for regional climate change vulnerability and 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 Tunisian NDCs in order to properly address and manage the current and future impacts of climate change in Tunisia.

It is proposed to concentrate in this medium-term work plan on energy sector, which itself accounts for 75 per cent (2/3) of the emissions reductions. The mitigation plan in the energy sector aims to ensure a change of scale in the investments of Energy Management through the granting of subsidies and intervention at the financing scheme level (credit, equity, credit guarantee) planned in the Energy Transition Fund (ETF), which will be operational during the first half of 2017.

To this end, the action plan related to the implementation concluded between the Italian Ministry of Environment of the Territory and the Sea and the Tunisian Ministry of Energy, Mines and Renewable Energy dated on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will focus on the granting of an additional premium for transactions registered in the ETF and which will trigger the process required to ensure this change of scale at the investments level, as proposed in the following paragraph.

## 2. Description of Activities

Following the Article 2 and taking into account, the indications provided by the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) ratified by the Assembly of People Representatives of the Republic of Tunisia on October 2016, this WP aims to focus, in this first step, on the following areas of interest:

- Energy sector: promotion and development of energy efficiency in order to promote the achievement of the NDC's targets established by the Tunisian government,
- Support the implementation of programs and projects in the field of energy efficiency particularly in the residential sector (PROMO-FRIGO: Replace of refrigerators over 10 years by Class 1 appliances, PROMO-ISOL: Insulation of private individual housing, etc...)
- Capacity Building and Pilot Projects: support capacity building and promote technology transfer.

In accordance with Article 5.2 of the aforementioned TA, in the course of the implementation of the programs, projects and activities, consideration will be given to the participation of the public, private and non-profit sectors, including, where appropriate, universities, scientific and technical research bodies and non-governmental organisations, as well as institutions on both sides.

## 3. Capacity Building and Pilot Projects

The aim of this cross cutting activity is to facilitate the achievement of NDC commitments.

Such as:

- institutional development and technical assistance for sectoral mitigation programs and support R&D and innovation,
- technology transfer programs (partnership with private sector).

## 4. Implementation

Each funded activity will include a budget for missions and travels, that will cover also travel expenses of both side's 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 Tunis, on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

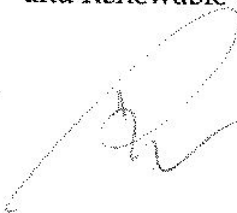
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