

EU Go Blue Project for Kenyan Coast

Date: 18th June 2021

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

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| 1. Dixon Wairunge | 2. Pacifica Achieng |
| 3. Jared Bosire | 4. Susan Auma |
| 5. Jane Ndungu | 6. Nathan Majwa |

Min 01/21: Opening

Mr. Dixon opened the meeting at 09:00Hrs by welcoming all members present. He mentioned that the meeting was organized to get the views of Pacifica and Susan on the Go Blue project. Susan mentioned that they did not know much about the Go Blue project and highlighted that she would be glad to know more in the briefing meeting.

Pacifica mentioned that she had heard about the project and added that it would be a great opportunity for the country to support the project that is geared towards blue economy and hence the collective role in Climate change.

Dixon mentioned every time the Convention's entry point in national project was through the focal points (Ministry of environment and department of fisheries). He recalled the meeting held in Serana, Mombasa where the then Permanent secretary (PS) affirmed that they would be supporting the processes of the Go blue project.

He mentioned that the purpose of the meeting was to alert the Ministry that the Nairobi Convention Secretariate (NCS) was involved in national activities within the coast country and that the activities aligned well with the WIOSAP projects.

Susan highlighted that she couldn't confirm that they were not briefed given the changes that took place in the Ministry and the state department. She mentioned the need to brief the new PS and the new fisheries minister on the project.

Min 02/21: Presentation

Jared presented on the Go Blue project. He mentioned that there were three components of the projects; Social economic development supported by different countries including Portugal, Germany, GIZ and Italy, Component II on integrated land sea planning and Component II on maritime security supported by France.

He mentioned that the project was to be aligned to the NCS projects. He highlighted the outcomes expected of the project as; data and information management, enhanced capacity of the Jumuiya ya Kauti za Pwani (JKP) counties and coastal cities in land sea planning and management for climate change adaptation and mitigation, enhanced environmental, social and

economic benefits for communities and cities through pilot implementation of the land-sea plans and approaches and benefits from integrated land-sea planning disseminated to county and national stakeholders.

He mentioned activities that would be implemented in all counties including;

Analysis of existing land-sea plans and planning capacity, including mapping and gap analysis, building 1 GIS data center at JKP level and 6 GIS data nodes at county level, designing and developing the integrated land-sea planning and management framework, vulnerability assessment on climate change and social-economic conditions, regional planning strategy for JKP counties, supporting NDC process, assess possible carbon adaptation and mitigation measures in spatial plans., online knowledge sharing platform, experience sharing workshop, ToTs for blue economy capacity building, document good practices and technical assistance to develop innovation projects and investors roundtable, benefiting the blue economy.

He added that the project had linkages to National policy processes for example ICZM, Blue economy, MSP and climate change. It was also aligned to ongoing county processes e.g., CSP, waste management, city regeneration, the Kenya's global commitments e.g., SGDs, Paris agreement, post-2020, the country's GCF project which was under development and alignment to NC work-programme e.g. WIOSAP, SAPPHIRE projects

Min 03/21: Discussion

Susan mentioned that the outcome areas were relevant especially on data labs. She added that there was a big problem getting data from the counties and that the outcomes of the project would help solve this.

She highlighted the need for go blue project had contact colleague's coordination the World bank **KEMSEED** project and that it would be good to merge the synergies.

She mentioned that the work that the NC would be doing on MSP would be built on what they are doing a national government in the development of MSP on the region.

She mentioned that need to consult with her PS.

Pacifica inquired on the governance and on who were the members of the steering committee.

Jared mentioned that on the governance the hierarchy was; the EU, UN (UNEP and UN-Habitat) and JKP.

Susan mentioned that the government was improving the landing areas in the coast and the lake region and the need to laisse with government to know which areas that require support.

Min 04/21: Closing

Susan requested Dixon to make a curtesy call to the PS. There being no further matters arising, the meeting ended at 10:10Hrs.