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Background

The concern about climate change became widespread since 1980 that get concern from governments, UN and civil society. IPCC was established in 1988 to provide the government with the objective, comprehensive and up-to-date information about climate change and its implications.

The Government of Ethiopia has initiated the Climate-Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) initiative to address the adverse effects of climate change and build a green economy. The CRGE strategy was launched during COP 17 in Durban, South Africa. Through this, Ethiopia has committed to build a climate resilient green economy and achieve middle-income status by 2025, with a zero net greenhouse gas emissions from 2010 levels while ensuring climate resilience.

The Ethiopian Panel on Climate Change (EPCC) is a scientific interdisciplinary body organized under the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences (EAS) as a scientific platform to enable the MoEF and Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) sector Ministries and Regional Governments to monitor environmental changes of Ethiopia over time and take the necessary response measures in line with the CRGE strategy.

In the National Launching workshop for the establishment of Ethiopian Panel on Climate Change (EPCC) that was held from 27-28/02/2014 in Addis Ababa agreed EPCC to have two Working Groups and the gender task force as standalone: (W1) on the Physical Science of Climate Change and (W2) on Impacts, Vulnerability, Adaptation and Mitigation. The second group was then organized by sector

- Agriculture and Food Security
- Water and Energy
- Health and Settlement
- Industry, Infrastructure and Transport
- Ecosystems and Biodiversity
- Gender and Climate Change

During the launching workshop on the establishment of Ethiopian Panel on Climate Change technical team members were selected for each working groups and gender task force which will have a responsibility to guide the overall preparatory works for the establishment phase of the working groups and task force of EPCC. Engaging technical team members, which comprise of professional associations and CRGE focal units, the need to prepare ToRs for the technical support units, give feedback on the draft principles governing EPCC and the draft communication strategy, setting criteria for the selection of the lead authors and authors are among the preparatory activities to be undertaken before the first plenary session. In order to undertake the aforementioned activities, the technical team members need to meet twice before the first plenary which is to be held in July 2014. The first meeting is planned to be held on 9th of April 2014 at EAS meeting hall.

Objectives of the first TW include:

- To enrich the draft communication strategy and principle governing EPCC
- To set and further enrich the selection criteria for TSU, Lead Authors, Authors, review editors and Contributors
- To identify responsibility of TSU, Lead Authors, Authors, reviewers, review editors and Contributors

Expected outcomes will be:

- Criteria placed for TSU, Lead authors, Authors, Reviewers, review editors and contributors
- Responsibility identified for TSU, Lead authors, Authors, Reviewers, review editors and contributors
- The draft communication strategy and principle governing EPCC further enriched

Opening Session

Prof. Masresha Fetene, Executive Director of the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences in his opening remark highlighted the importance of the establishment of EPCC and the need of knowledge based information in addressing climate change issues in Ethiopia. He welcomed all members of the technical working group and officially opened the meeting.

Session I

The Chairperson of the first session is chaired by Dr. Belay Simane. He invited EPCC Program Coordinator and EPCC Program Officers to present two draft documents respectively: Principles, Procedures and governance structure of EPCC by Mr. Gebru Jember and Selection Criteria and Responsibilities of TSU, lead authors, authors and review editors by Mr. Fekadu Legese, EPCC Program Officer.

Session II Discussion:

After coffee break the venue was opened for discussion. The questions rose during the discussion session basically fall in three categories: how to engage more stakeholders on board so that EPCC becomes strong institution? (Sign MOU with key stakeholders? lobby key actors on climate like NMA) How to enrich the draft documents prepared by the EPCC secretariat in clear, precise manner? How will EPCC be a strong institution? What are its vision, mission and core values? The participants agreed the following action items

Action Item 1

Write up an establishment charter document. (The content of the document may include, vision, mission, objectives, how it operate, why EPCC is important, what is its relation with stakeholders,)

Action Item 2

In order to engage more stakeholders in the endeavors of EPCC, EAS secretariat has to conduct series discussions among key stakeholders (eg MoWE, MEF, MoFED, ...) on the following topics: what EPCC is? Why EPCC is important? How it is going to operate? What gaps can EPCC fill in Ethiopia?

Action Item 3

Establish ad hoc committee composed of (Dr. Woldamak, Dr. Girma, and Mr. Workineh, Gebru, Andualem, Tesfaye). And EPCC secretariat craft clear ToR for the committee so that the committee comes up with enriched, clear, easy to understand, handy documents. (Selection criteria and Principles and Procedures of the EPCC governance)

Action Item 4

Selected technical support units (MoWIE, Agri Research, MCWY, Public Health Association, ...) to propose potential authors, lead authors with contact details and communicate to the EPCC secretariat

Action Item 5

A delegation of selected members of the technical team of the EPCC including the Executive Director of EAS (Prof. Masresha Fetene, Gebru Jember, Mr Workineh Degefu, and Representatives of the MoWE to further) are assigned to have further discussions with NMA authorities. So that NMA be on board.

Closing Session:

Chair and co-chairs of the technical committee Dr. Belay Simene and Dr. Woldamlak has appreciated participants for their presence, contributions in their closing statements. Remind participants who have taken the responsibility in write up documents and proposing authors is a big responsibility called up on to work closely with the EPCC secretariat.

EPCC Project coordinator also expressed his gratitude for participants and their contribution wished safe journey back to their respective offices. Lunch served at the historical house of Blaten Geta Hiruy Weldesilase and end of the meeting.

Annex I

Talking Pictures of the 1st Technical Meeting of the EPCC







Annex II

Agenda of the Meeting

TIME FRAME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY	FACILITATOR	RAPPORTUER
0845-0900 hrs	Arrival of Guests	EAS		
0900-0905 hrs	Welcome speech	Prof. Masresha Fetene, ED of EAS	Dr.Belay Simane	

0905-0925 hrs	General highlights and suggestion points on governance structure and communications strategy of EPCC.	Mr. Gebru Jember(EAS)	Dr. Aklilu Amsalu	EPCC-EAS
0930-0950	Presentation on selection criteria and responsibilities of TSUs, lead authors, authors and review editors.	Mr. Nathnael Wassie (EAS)		
1000-1030 hrs	Coffee/ Tea Break	Hosted by EAS	Dr. Woldeamlak Bewket	
1030-1230hrs	Group discussion of each working group and sub- groups and the gender task force	Participants		
1230-1330 hrs	Lunch	Hosted by EAS		
1330-1510 hrs	Group Presentations/report backs and the way forward	Participants		
1510-1520 hrs	Closing session	Prof. Masresha Fetene, ED of EAS		

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Annex IV

Presentations

