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Background to the NDC Tracking Tool Development Process

Liberia updated and submitted its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) on August 4, 2021, as part of its national obligation to the Paris Agreement. In the updated NDC, the country committed to addressing issues of climate change through nine (9) sectors. The sectors described in the NDC are Agriculture, Coastal Zone, Energy, Fisheries, Forestry, Health, Industry, Transport, and Waste.

The Country is in the process of implementing its NDC. As part of the implementation process, there is a need to develop a tracking framework to track the implementation of the NDC. As such, the EPA requested technical and financial support by the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT) for the development of an NDC tracking framework for the Waste, Energy, and Transport Sectors. The support was geared towards ongoing efforts to develop frameworks that facilitate tracking of progress on NDC WET sector implementation and strengthen capacities to construct and apply indicators towards that end.

To better engage the stakeholders in the WET sectors, the team embarked on two major stakeholder engagement processes. The first stakeholder engagement process considered meeting with each of the three sectors' teams individually either in the group as a single unit or with one senior-level technician (Section I). The other stakeholder engagement process considered bringing together two technicians each from the three sectors along with the sector Focal Points from the EPA and other relevant supporting units within the EPA(See section II).

Section I

Objective

The objective of the stakeholder engagement meetings was to facilitate the development of the NDC tracking tool including the indicator sheet for the Waste, Energy, and Transport sectors. The stakeholder engagement meetings were also meant to solicit the relevant stakeholder inputs and ensure national ownership of the WET sectors NDC tracking framework to be developed.

Methodology

Various approaches were used to engage stakeholders from the three NDC sectors during the stakeholder engagement processes. A list with contacts of relevant persons to be engaged was gathered from the EPA. The consultants now used the list to make telephone calls and held physical meetings with the sector's technicians.

Outcomes of the stakeholder Engagement Meetings

Based on the stakeholder engagement plan produced from the inception of the task, the consulting team was able to reach out to the following institutions:

Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia (EPA)

Date: Feb 4, March 7 and July 8, 2022

Participants:

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Jefferson F. Nyandibo	0770216654
Arthur R. M. Becker	0775310893
Christopher B. Kabah	0777308694
Margaret Beyslow	0770958385
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At the EPA, the team met with the Manager of EPA’s Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) along with the core technical team and the project manager as part of the initial engagement to gather information about the NDC WET sectors. The main focus of the meeting with the EPA team was to gather relevant information such as a list of stakeholders containing names, telephone numbers, and email addresses of the key sectorial personnel to be engaged in the development of the WET sectors tracking tool. Furthermore, it was agreed that a weekly call meeting every Tuesday be held to provide updates about activities of the NDC WET sector tracking tool development.

Ministry of Transport

Date: March 9 and July 8, 2022

Participants:

The participants were from the NDC hub.

Name	Contact Number
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One of the five NDC hubs is situated at The Ministry of Transport (MOT) Republic of Liberia. The consultative engagement targeted the sector technicians in the hub. During the stakeholder engagement meetings, the consultants explained the objective of the project to technicians in the NDC hub. They elaborated further on the importance of the NDC WET sector tacking tool and

the role the MOT/NDC hub will play in the development of the tracking tool. Thereafter, the sector technicians welcomed the project and committed their support to the project. However, they noted that one of the key challenges would be the availability of activity data from the transport sector. They also noted that they have limited capacity to track the implementation of the sector’s NDC activities. Additionally, they intimated that several data have been collected and stored but they cannot analyze the needed climate information because they do not know to whom they should report such information. More to that, they outlined as part of the challenges they faced, is the issue of timely replacement of damaged equipment such as computers, and flash disks.

Ministry of Mines and Energy

Date: March 10 and July 8, 2022

Participants:

The participants were from the NDC hub.

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Like the Transport Sector, the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) hosts one of the NDC hubs. During the consultative meeting with the (MME), the consultant team highlighted the significance of the WET sectors NDC tracking tool project to the technicians in the hub. They also explained the role of MME in the project. After that, like the MOT, they welcomed the project and committed to working with the consultants to achieve the project objectives.

The MME in its deliberation stipulated the role they are playing in regulating the energy sector. They informed the consultants on how energy data are collected and reported. Furthermore, they informed the consultants that they participated in the development of Liberia’s revised Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). Additionally, they briefed the team about existing policies such as the energy regulatory policy and they shared other policy documents with the team.

However, the MME stakeholders said even though they are aware of the NDC, they do not know exactly how the tracking and reporting of the NDC implementation will be done. For example, the type of data to be collected, unit, and reporting mechanisms.

Monrovia and Paynesville Cooperation

Date: March 16 and July 8

Participants:

The participants were from the NDC hub.

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The MCC and PCC are two major municipalities in Liberia that are leading in the NDC waste sector. Both MCC and PCC have one NDC hub. As such, they were consulted as a unit. Similarly, the sector consultants explained the objectives of the project and the role of MCC and PCC in the project. They also welcomed the project and committed to supporting the development of the tool. The MCC and PCC, noted they have the limited technical capacity to track GHG emission reduction from the waste sector. Additionally, the team learned that the waste transfer station has not been operationalized due to some administrative reasons.

Key Recommendations from the stakeholder Engagement meetings

The followings are key recommendations from the stakeholder engagement process:

- I. That the EPA considers high capacity building and training in GHG emissions calculation and methodology for the WET sector technicians.
- II. That the EPA ensures a coordination mechanism for NDC progress tracking be put in place.
- III. That the EPA work along with the WET sectors to develop guidelines on emissions data collection and reporting.

Section II

Combined Stakeholder's Engagement meeting with the WET Sector Technicians and EPA WET Sector Focal Points

Introduction

As part of the consultative engagements with the WET sectors technicians, a one combined stakeholder engagement meeting was held. The working meeting involved two sector technicians from each of the WET sectors along with the EPA WET sector Focal Points. From each sector, one Data Analyst and one senior-level technician were invited to participate in the technical working session on the development of the NDC tracking framework (see Annex II for the list of participants). The meeting also created the platform for the consultants to present the “draft WET sector tracking tool and indicator sheet” and the key challenge in developing the WET sector NDC tracking framework. It is important to note that ICAT expert review noted that the “draft WET sector tracking tool and indicator sheet” did not yet meet the internationally agreed modalities, procedures, and guidelines (MPGs) for reporting progress on implementation of NDC targets under the Paris Agreement. And this realization is due to the lack of credible activity data from the NDC sectors that were used in the LEAP model to calculate Liberia’s GHG emissions. All efforts were made by the consultants to locate and retrieve the LEAP model file used but there was no success in getting the file from the International Consultants that worked on it.

The objective of the combined stakeholder engagement meeting

The overall objective was for the consultants to engage further with the WET sector stakeholders

and present to them “the draft NDC WET sector tracking tool and indicator sheet” and the key bottleneck in developing the WET sector NDC tracking framework.

Result of the combined stakeholder engagement meeting

During the meeting, the consultants presented a review of the NDC WET sector's mitigation targets, measures, and activities. The presentation showed that the three sectors have a total GHG emission reduction potential of 4,349.05 GgCO₂eq. An overview of the existing policy framework relevant to the WET sector was also presented. Thereafter, the consultants presented the “draft GACMO model for Liberia WET sector NDC implementation tracking” as well as the “draft tracking indicators sheet”. The consultants noted that the LEAP model was used to develop the NDC itself. As such, it makes sense to use the LEAP model and the indicators described in the model to develop the NDC tracking framework. However, the LEAP model files could be located at the EPA. Nevertheless, the EPA was making efforts to locate and retrieve the files. At the end of the presentations, they solicited feedback from the stakeholders. However, the stakeholders noted that it would be good if the LEAP model can be found. They noted that, in the absence of the LEAP model, we need to use what we have to start tracking the implementation of Liberia’s NDC. They said a lot is already going on with the NDC implementation that needs to be tracked. They also noted that they have limited capacity, and the infrastructures needed to track the NDC implementation at the sector level. Below are the recommendations made by the participants.

General Recommendation from the combined stakeholder engagement meetings

- A national capacity building on NDC tracking
- GOL and development partners should provide the infrastructures needed to track NDC implementation
- EPA should ensure a regular meeting about the NDC implementation to be held at least twice a month.
- EPA should make more effort to ensure that the LEAP model for Liberia NDC is located.
- The EPA should ensure to establish a baseline GHG data collection methodologies, analysis, and reporting through the Liberia Institute of Statistics and Geo-Information Services (LISGIS).

ANNEXES

Annex I. Pictorial from the Technical Working Session



Group Photo taken from the combined technical working meeting on July 8, 2022.



Pictorial of Mr. Jefferson F. Nyandibo delivering the welcome remarks to the WET sector Technicians in the Combined Technical Meeting.



Pictorial of a cross-section of the WET Technicians with the lead Consultant making a presentation.