

PROGRESS REPORT for 2007 of National CACILM Secretariat of Turkmenistan

I. National Implementation of CACILM

- *This section summarizes the most important actions of the start up and first year of implementation of CACILM*

A. Summary of Institutional Arrangements Achieved (1 page)

- **Establishment of NCC (date) and type of Government Decree/Resolution. (Attach List of Members of NCC as Annex 1)**

CACILM National Coordination Council (NCC) was created on 19 May, 2007. The Statute was approved by the Minister of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan on 19 May, 2007. (**Annex 1** – List of NCC members, **Annex 2** – Dates of NCC meetings in 2007 and summary of key decisions of NCC).

- **Participation of NCC Members at 1st CACILM Steering Committee (who attended, any specific actions to be taken by your CAC) based on Minutes of Steering Committee**

NCC members: Durikov M., Mkrtychyan L., and Korpeyev N. took part in the I CACILM Steering Committee meeting (30-31 October, 2007; Bishkek). The concrete actions for NCC were identified as follows: planning of CACILM implementation for 2008; improvement of information exchange among all projects at the national level and integration on the multicountry projects; funds mobilization for the CACILM second phase and additional finance resources; initiative on usage of financial tools within climate change, integration of international system for NSEC financial management; delegation of Turkmenistan agreed to be a host for the II Steering Committee meeting holding in April 2008.

- **Establishment of NSEC (date) and type of Government Decree/Resolution. State where the NSEC is located (Attach List of NSEC staff as Annex 3)**

National CACILM Secretariat (NSEC) was established by order of the Minister of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan №40, 05 June, 2007, NSEC staff was approved by his order as well (letter №1038/01, dated 08 June, 2007) **Annex 3** – NSEC staff.

- **Completion of Letter of Agreement with ADB (Attach copy of LOA as Annex 4)**

Within implementation of the CACILM Multicountry Partnership Framework Support Project (TA 6357-REG) the Letter of Agreement on Provision of Financing for the Establishment of the NCC and NSEC was signed on 12 July, 2007 between ADB and Ministry of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan (**Annex 4** – copy of LOA).

- **Date of Workplan approved by ADB and date 1st tranche funding received from ADB, and date the 1st tranche reported, date 2nd tranche requested, date 2nd tranche received**

Workplan for 2007 was endorsed by MSEC on 20 June, 2007. The first tranche of ABD (US\$ 10,000) was received on 03 October, 2007. Liquidation report on the tranche was prepared and submitted to MSEC on 08 November, 2007. Request for second tranche (sum – US\$ 6,000) was done on 22 November, 2007 for NSEC activity till the end of 2007, date of tranche receiving – 27 December, 2007.

- **Summarize in-kind funding provisions of CAC (not necessary to estimate \$\$ in this section)**

Office area for NSEC was provided by the Ministry of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan (two rooms in the building of the Ministry); public utilities, conference-room for holding of various meetings, including NCC meetings, stationery, post services and others are provided.

Date of equipment installation, value of equipment, and date Equipment Procurement Report sent to ADB

Contract for delivery of equipment for NSEC office operation was concluded with Elberton company on 03 July, 2007 (sum of contract – US\$ 10,000), the equipment was delivered and installed on 05 July, 2007. Payment was transferred directly from ADB to the account of the company (received on 08 August, 2007). Liquidation Report was submitted to MSEC on 08 November, 2007.

B. Summary of Interventions for Sustainable Land Management in CAC (1 page)

- **How the National Program Framework is used for SLM or is related to national initiatives of the Government of the CAC. If any official Decree/Resolution regarding NPF, it can attached as Annex 5)**

NPF of Turkmenistan was prepared according to the national priorities on sustainable land management. It is a basis for approval of financing for NPF and CACILM CMPF-SP projects, awareness of key ministries and organization related to SLM and further improvement of the governmental environment policy on decreasing of anthropogenic influence to land and water resources, combat desertification strengthening, increasing of standard living of rural population. It is planned to incorporate additions and changes into NPF and its further improvement.

- **Summarize any other changes to laws, regulations, decrees, decisions of your Government or Ministries related to sustainable land management, improving rural livelihoods or environmental protection that is important or related to CACILM.**

From the beginning of 2007 the Government of Turkmenistan has been initiating deviation from preliminary planning policy in agriculture (production of corn and cotton). It made possible to implement measures on restoration of degraded lands fertility. The lands were seeded without observance of norms for natural regeneration. New policy of the government radically influenced to the achievement of sustainable development in agriculture. It is practiced to involve the direct users of lands, such as daykhan (farmer) farms and local communities, to the process of decisions making in area of land and water resources usage.

Currently the work on revision of national legislation in all areas, including SLM, is being done. It is planned that all issues related to SLM will be considered and included into the developing by Turkmenistan “Strategy and Model for National Economy of Turkmenistan development up to 2030”.

- **Summarize any NCCs discussion of recommended changes to laws, regulations, decrees, decisions related to sustainable land management.**

NCC initiated development of proposals by NCC members and stakeholders on improvement of the legislation basis related to SLM and submission of the proposals to the relevant governmental organizations. The proposals related to the following documents: Water Code, Land Code, Law of Daykhan Farms. The recommendations include the following additions: “Creation of a national information system for water and land resources monitoring and database”, “Order on documents preparation for pastures allocation among citizens and legal persons of Turkmenistan for using and renting the livestock for grazing”, and “Order for documents preparation for allocation of land areas to daykhan farms for usage and long-term renting for farming production”.

II. Results of 2007 Workplan Implementation

C. This section summarizes the results of the implementation Workplan 2007 activities

Component 1: NCC oversight of NPF

1.1 NCC Oversight of NPF Implementation:

Summarize any actions taken, and recommendations or decisions reached by NCC regarding NPF and the Projects of the NPF – such as sharing of information, awareness raising; consideration of changes to existing Projects, consideration of Proposals for new national Projects; consideration of concepts or proposals for new multicountry projects.

NPF is agreed by key ministries of Turkmenistan: Ministry of Agriculture/Service of Land Resources, Ministry of Nature Protection, “Turkmenmallyary”/Livestock Association, “Gyok Gushak”/Green Belt Association. The information on CACILM is prepared to place it at the website of the Ministry of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan. Information Dissemination Plan is prepared within SLM-KM component. NCC members and NSEC staff present information on CACILM at various conferences and seminars. Within information exchange activity the preparation of leaflet on CACILM in Turkmenistan is initiated. List of possible NPF and multicountry projects is started.

- o Republican Funded Project(s)

- o CACILM Donor Partner Funded Project(s)

a. *NPF project*: «Capacity Building and On-Ground-Investments for SLM» (UNDP, GEF, GTZ, Government of Turkmenistan).

b. *SLM-Research*: “Research on Sustainable Land Management” project of ICARDA.

- o Other Donor funded projects of NPF

- o Other SLM related projects or projects with SLM related components not in NPF

1. Subregional Training Program for SLM within UNCCD.
2. “Institutional and Human Capacity Building For Better Environmental Governance (NEAP)” project of UNDP and Ministry of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan.
3. Turkmenistan: Development of the 2nd National Communication within UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

1.2 NCC Oversight of CACILM GEF Funded SLM Projects:

Summarize any actions, taken recommendations or decisions reached by NCC regarding the implementation status and progress of the GEF funded Medium and Full Sized projects of CACILM in the CAC.

- o UNDP Medium Sized Project(s)

Launching of the “Capacity Building and On-Ground-Investments for SLM” (UNDP, GEF, GTZ) project was supported. NSEC participated in the inception workshop (20 November, 2007), agreement on Steering Committee members at the 1st SC meeting (participants – representatives of Ministry of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan, UNDP, GTZ, CACILM, GEF and UNCCD National Focal Points, etc.). Duration of the project: October 2007 – October 2010; budget – US\$2,074,000.

- ADB Full Sized Project

1.3 NCC Oversight of CACILM SLM Multicountry Component:

Summarize any actions, taken, recommendations or decisions reached by NCC regarding the implementation status and progress of the Sustainable Land Management multicountry components:

- SLM- Research

Launching of SLM-R project of ICARDA is supported. The inception seminar with participation of partner organizations was conducted jointly with Dr. Raj Gupta, regional project coordinator of SLM-Research (ICARDA), on 8 August, 2007. The detailed workplan, list of necessary equipment for research works and technologies for tillage were discussed. The demands for selection of the experimental site were identified. Agreement between NIDFF of MNP and ICARDA was signed. The experimental site was selected (“Bugdayly” Daykhan Association in Akbugday etrap, Akhal velayat, 60 km away from Ashgabat).

- SLM – Information Systems

NSEC assisted Dr. Annaklycheva, representative of MSEC, in collection of information on conditions for implementation of the project in Turkmenistan during her visit to Ashgabat (21 December, 2007 – 04 January, 2008). Meetings with management staff of Ministry of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan, representatives of Service on Land Resourced under the Ministry of Agriculture of Turkmenistan, Turkmen State University named after Magtymguly, experts of NIDFF, GIS center of ISDC Scientific Information Center and other GIS-specialists were organized.

NSEC proposed to enlarge of scale of projects activity (not to concentrate at the experimental sites as it is planned within the project activity). NSEC also recommends conducting this work taking into account ongoing national plans and programs Turkmenistan (development of Land cadastre and so on).

- SLM – Knowledge Management

Within the SLM-KM component the Information Dissemination Plan for 2008 was developed according to proposed by ADB format. The structure of a web-page for NSEC Turkmenistan was created, the basic information was uploaded, including brief information about Turkmenistan, NCC meetings minutes (Russian and English versions) and others. Administration and Financial Accounting Specialist of NSEC participated in the regional training (Bishkek, 10-11 July, 2007).

- SLM – Capacity Building

Supporting-letter on “Multicountry Capacity Building” (UNDP) project was prepared and sent to UNDP Country Office in Turkmenistan on behalf of Mr. Akmuradov, Minister of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan, GEF National Focal Point on 22 October, 2007.

1.4 Results from other Activities of the NCC:

Summarize results of meetings, seminars, training, field trips or other Activities that increased the knowledge or awareness of the NCC members about sustainable land management improving livelihoods of rural people, environmental protection etc.

Participation in seminars and meetings

NCC members Dr. Nepesov M. and Head of HSEC – Prof. Korpeyev N. took part in the inception workshop on SLM-Research component, implemented by ICARDA (Tashkent, 2-7 July 2007). The received information supported to successful launching of the project.

Mkrtichyan L., NCC Deputy Chair, and Dr. Durikov M., Prof. Korpeyev N., NCC members, took part in the 1st CACILM Steering Committee meeting (30-31 October, 2007; Bishkek). The received information will support for coordinating the NCC activity for 2008. The consultations with representatives of a set of international organizations such as GM, UNCCD, IFAD, UNEP, ICARDA, CIDA and others were held during the same trip. Preparation of the new NPF project proposals according to priorities of possible donors were discussed.

Dr. Durikov took part in GTZ-seminar on 2-4 December, 2007 in Cholop-Ata place (Kyrgyzstan). Results on experience exchange will be used during the “Capacity Building and On-Ground-Investments for SLM” project implementation.

Esenov P. – NCC Chair, Mkrtichyan I. – NCC Deputy Chair, Durikov M., Nepesov M., Bayramova S., Annageldiyev O., Ibragimov A., Atamuradov A., Mamedov E., Korpeyev N., NCC members, and NSEC’s staff took part in the inception workshop of “Capacity Building and On-Ground-Investments for SLM” (UNDP, GEF, GTZ) project. NSEC assisted in successful launching of the project, selection of the project’s Steering Committee members.

Study tours and trainings

Ms. Kim, Administration and financial accounting specialist, took part in the SLM Knowledge network training (Bishkek 10-11 July, 2007), organized by ADB within SLM-KM component. The structure of a web-page for NSEC Turkmenistan was created, the basic information was uploaded, including brief information about Turkmenistan, NCC meetings minutes (Russian and English versions) and others.

B.Eyebirdiyev, Projects Implementation and Monitoring Specialist, participated in regional training of MSEC on discussion of the Guidelines on Monitoring and Evaluation (29-31 October, 2007; Bishkek). Received experience will support to increase level of the NFP projects monitoring and evaluation.

Field visit to the projects’ sites

The field trip was made by representatives of NCC and NSEC jointly with Mr. John Patterson, Head of MSEC, to the project site Karakum in Akhal velayat, located in Central Karakums (100 km away from Aghgabat) in May, 2007. It was noted that the site has satisfactory vegetation and it is the distinguishing feature of the site in comparing with area around. At the meeting representatives of local society expressed their interest in the outputs of the conducted work and the necessity to enlarge the awareness on activity among the youth through local schools.

The field trip was made by representatives of NCC and NSEC jointly with Dr. Raj Gupta, regional project coordinator of SLM-Research component (ICARDA), to the experimental site in “Bugdayly” Daykhan Association in Akbugday etrap, Akhal velayat (60 km away from Ashgabat) in July 2007. The analysis of the site features and visual inspection showed the full compliance to the needed requirements. As a result Technical program for conducting the research activity was developed. The program provides the significant increasing the productivity of cotton and wheat using the progressive technologies for tillage and measures for water retention.

Component 2: NSEC Monitoring & Reporting of NPF to NCC

2.1 Database of SLM Projects:

Summarize what information is collected by NSEC in this database and how the information is provided to NCC for their consideration under Component 1. (The current database could be Annex 5).

2.2 Monitoring and Evaluation of Projects of NPF:

Summarize if any information from NSEC participation at NPF project meetings or workshops; or by NSEC gathering or receiving of project logframes, design and monitoring frameworks, monitoring reports, indicators, budgets or other project management information for NSEC review and reporting to NCC for their consideration under Component 1.1.

- 8 August, 2007: NSEC staff participated in the inception workshop of SLM-R project of ICARDA (Ashgabat);
- 20 November, 2007: NSEC staff participated in the inception workshop of “Capacity Building and On-Ground-Investments for SLM” NPF project (UNDP, GEF, GTZ) (Ashgabat);
- 21-23 November, 2007: Projects Implementation and Monitoring Specialist participated in the regional training of MSEC on discussion of the Guidelines on Monitoring and Evaluation (Bishkek);
- 14-16 January, 2008: Head of NSEC and Administration and Financial Accounting Specialist participated in the regional meeting on planning and coordination for 2008 (Bishkek).

2.3 Monitoring and Evaluation of CACILM GEF Funded SLM Projects:

Summarize if any information from NSEC participation at GEF Funded project meetings or workshops; or by NSEC gathering or receiving of project log-frames, design and monitoring frameworks, monitoring reports, indicators, budgets or other project management information for NSEC review and reporting to NCC for their consideration under Component 1.2.

“Capacity Building and On-Ground-Investments for SLM” (UNDP, GEF, GTZ) project was launched in the end of 2007. The inception workshop was held (20 November, 2007), Steering Committee members were approved at the SC meeting (participants – representatives of Ministry of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan, UNDP, GTZ, CACILM, GEF and UNCCD National Focal Points, etc.).

Summarize what progress/monitoring information the CACILM GEF Funded SLM Projects should provide to NSEC to enable monitoring and reporting of these projects to NCC.

CACILM SLM projects financed by GEF should submit to NSEC the following information on progress/monitoring: workplan, monitoring structure and report, schedule for project implementation; interim reports, reports on partners involving, copies of contracts and agreements.

2.4 Other Monitoring and Evaluation Activities:

Summarize any other NSEC activities related to monitoring and evaluation such research, training etc.

21-23 November, 2007: Projects Implementation and Monitoring Specialist participated in the regional training of MSEC on discussion of the Guidelines on Monitoring and Evaluation (Bishkek). The other activities, related to monitoring and evaluation, were not planned and implemented.

Component 3: NSEC Support to CMPF-SP SLM Components

3.1 SLM Research Component:

a) Start-up Support to SLM-R: Summarize what assistance NSEC/NCC provided for mobilization of this multicountry component (review and comment on Proposal, attend Project start-up meetings, assist with introductions, meetings, data gathering etc.).

The inception seminar with participation of partner organizations was conducted by NSEC jointly with Dr. Raj Gupta, regional project coordinator of SLM-Research (ICARDA), on 8 August, 2007. The detailed workplan, list of necessary equipment for research works and technologies for tillage were discussed. The demands for selection of the experimental site were identified. Agreement between NIDFF of MNP (director – Dr. P.Esenov) and ICARDA (regional coordinator – Dr. S.Benival) was signed on 8 August, 2007 for implementation of SLM-Research project. The experimental site in Akhal velayat was selected in June, 2007. The agreement on the partner research between NIDFF of MNP, Institute of farming of Ministry of Agriculture, “Turkmensuvlymtaslama” Institute, Institute of Cotton, Institute of Grain and Service on land resources of the Ministry of Agriculture of Turkmenistan is being prepared.

b) Monitoring and Evaluation of SLM-R: Summarize what progress/monitoring information about SLM-R was provided to NCC by NSEC

Identify what useful information SLM-R should provide NSEC for monitoring purposes (Workplan, Monitoring Framework, Project Schedule; Progress Reports, Copies of Contracts and Agreements etc.).

NSEC submitted the following information to NCC on progress/monitoring of SLM-R: Agreement on project implementation signed by NIDFF of MNP and ICARDA; Interim progress report of SLM-R (ICARDA).

To monitor by NSEC, the SLM-R project should submit the following information on progress/monitoring: workplan, monitoring structure and report, schedule for project implementation; interim reports, reports on partners involving, copies of contracts and agreements.

3.2 SLM Information Systems Component:

a) Start-up Support to SLM-IS: Summarize what assistance NSEC/NCC provided for design or mobilization of this multicountry component (review and comment on Proposal, attend Project start-up meetings, assist with introductions, meetings, data gathering etc.).

NSEC assisted Dr. Annaklycheva, representative of MSEC, during her visit to Ashgabat (21 December, 2007 – 04 January, 2008), in organization of meetings, establishment of needed contacts, information collection and so on. At the meeting of NSEC and representatives of NCC, the planned program on the project implementation was discussed; proposals on territorial and institutional parts of the project were provided by Turkmenistan team.

b) Monitoring and Evaluation: Summarize what progress/monitoring information that SLM-IS should provide to NSEC to enable monitoring and reporting of this project to NCC.

The needed information of SLM-IS for monitoring by NSEC is: workplan, monitoring structure, schedule for project implementation; interim reports, monitoring reports, copies of contracts and agreements and so on.

3.3 SLM Information Knowledge Component:

a) Start-up Support: Summarize what assistance NSEC/NCC provided for mobilization of this multicountry component (review and comment on Proposal, attend Project start-up meetings, assist with introductions, meetings, data gathering etc.)

Ms. Kim, Administration and financial accounting specialist, was appointed as responsible for the implementation of the component in Turkmenistan. She took part in the SLM-KN training (Bishkek 10-11 July, 2007).

Draft of the Information Dissemination Plan for 2008 was prepared by NSEC according to ADB (Judy Vermudo) format, finalized taking into account comments and proposals and submitted to ADB on 18 December, 2007.

b) Implementation: Summarize activities and results NSEC has achieved during 2007 with regard to SLM-KM implementation (postings of information to CACILM website, development of proposals for awareness raising etc.)

The structure of the web-page of NSEC of Turkmenistan is prepared, the general information, including brief information about Turkmenistan, NCC meetings minutes (Russian/English), etc. is uploaded (<https://cacilm.adb.org>). The access to the NCC members was provided; login and password were presented at the third NCC meeting. The local consultant on information and public awareness was hired (GTZ funds) with the objective of development of NCC program for public information, leaflet on CACILM implementation in Turkmenistan and so on. It is planned to place the information to the web-site. Ministry of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan created its web-site with **open** access (<http://natureprotection.gov.tm>). It can be used by all stakeholders.

Unfortunately due to lack of access to internet, most of experts involved to the CACILM implementation use the CACILM web-site rarely.

It is necessary to translate information at the CACILM web-site at Russian and national languages.

3.3 SLM Capacity Building Component:

a) Start-up Support: Summarize what assistance NSEC/NCC provided to UNDP for design or mobilization of this multicountry component (review and comment on Proposal, attend Project start-up meetings, assist with introductions, meetings, data gathering etc.).

Based on the consultation with Dr. Durikov, UNCCD National Focal Point, NCC members and UNDP representatives, a supporting-letter on "Multicountry Capacity Building" (UNDP) project was sent to UNDP Country Office in Turkmenistan on behalf of Mr. Akmuradov, Minister of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan and GEF National Focal Point on 22 October, 2007.

b) Monitoring and Evaluation: Summarize what progress/monitoring information that UNDP and SLM-CB should provide to enable NSEC to summarize monitoring and reporting of this project to NCC.

The needed information of SLM-CB for monitoring by NSEC is: workplan, monitoring structure, schedule for project implementation; interim reports, monitoring reports, copies of contracts and agreements and so on.

Component 4: Administration

4.1 Progress Reports:

**Date of completion of Letter of Agreement with ADB (Attach copy of LOA as Annex 3).
Date of Workplan approved by ADB.**

Date of LOA with ADB signing is 12 June, 2007; workplan for 2007 was agreed on 20 June, 2007.

Identify what Progress Reports and presentations were prepared by NSEC (for NCC, for MSEC, for Steering Committee etc).

- Progress report of NSEC for the period of May – June 2007 was submitted to NCC and MSEC;
- Progress report of NSEC for the period of May – September 2007 was submitted to NCC, MSEC and CACILM Steering Committee (30-31 October, 2007; Bishkek);
- Report on training results within “Knowledge Network on SLM” held in Bishkek on 10-11 July, 2007 was presented (Power Point format) at the 3rd NCC meeting;
- Interim report on the current status of SLM-R project of ICARDA;
- Interim report on “Capacity Building and On-Ground-Investments for SLM” project (UNDP/GTZ/GEF) launching.

4.2 Financial Reports:

Date 1st tranche funding received from ADB, and date the 1st tranche reported, date 2nd tranche requested, date 2nd tranche received.

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III. NSEC FINANCIAL REPORT 2007

Planned NSEC Budget for 2007 according to approved workplan

Budget by Component		GOV	DONOR	Total
Component 1:	NCC oversight of NPF	11,400	20,000	31,400
Component 2:	Monitoring & Reporting of NPF	0	5,800	5,800
Component 3:	Support to CMPF-SP SLM Components	0	1,400	1,400
Component 4:	Administration and Equipment	22,450	10,300	32,750
NSEC Equipment		14,650	10,000	24,650
NSEC Contingency		1,500	2,500	4,000
Total		50,000	50,000	100,000

Budget by Expense Category		GOV	DONOR	Total
NSEC Personnel		0	16,730	16,730
NSEC Communications		7,650	13,570	21,220
NSEC Office		19,600	0	19,600

NSEC Travel & Transportation	6,600	7,200	13,800
NSEC Equipment	14,650	10,000	24,650
NSEC Contingency	1,500	2,500	4,000
Total	50,000	50,000	100,000

NSEC expenses for 2007:

Budget by Component		GOV	DONOR	Total
Component 1:	NCC oversight of NPF	6,000	0	6,000
Component 2:	Monitoring & Reporting of NPF	0	4,470	4,470
Component 3:	Support to CMPF-SP SLM Components	0	1,400	1,400
Component 4:	Administration and Equipment	11,000	8,547	19,547
	NSEC Equipment	7,000	9,970	16,970
	NSEC Contingency	1,500	1,034	2,534
	Total	25,500	25,451	50,921

Budget by Expense Category		GOV	DONOR	Total
	NSEC Personnel	0	13,885	13,885
	NSEC Communications	3,000	532	3,532
	NSEC Office	9,000	0	9,000
	NSEC Travel & Transportation	5,000	0	5,000
	NSEC Equipment	7,000	9,970	16,970
	NSEC Contingency	1,500	1,034	2,534
	Total	25,500	25,451	50,921

IV. Recommendations for NSEC 2008 Workplan

D. NSEC can advise if the Workplan 2007 format is suitable for Workplan 08. If not, propose alternative format for Workplan 2008.

E. NSEC can recommend new or different activities to be implemented in Workplan 2008.

F. For new activities NSEC should beyond describe the need and the desired result of the new activity, and source of funding.

NSEC recommends to put in 2008 Work plan following results:

- 1. Incorporation of additions and changes into NPF is agreed with representatives of stakeholder organizations – members of NCC**

Incorporation of additions and changes into NPF are related to: the need of including the outputs description that is important for NPF implementation monitoring; development of a new Program of "Strategy and Model of National Economy of Turkmenistan development up to 2030"; need to coordinate activity with programs and donors in the field of climate change for purposeful planning of agriculture taking into account the possible negative sequences during the influence to land and water resources. It is planned to agree incorporation of additions and changes into the NPF with stakeholders (national seminar and NCC meeting).

Financing – US\$ 4,000 (4 short-term experts x 2 month x US\$ 500), national seminar holding – US\$ 2,000 (GTZ).

2. Preparation of recommendations on improvement of legislation basis on SLM

It is planned to prepare recommendations on improvement of the legislation documents related to SLM: Water Code, Land Code, Law of Daykhan Farms. The recommendations includes the following additions: “Creation of a national information system for water and land resources monitoring and database”, “Order on documents preparation for pastures allocation among citizens and legal persons of Turkmenistan for using and renting the livestock for grazing”, “Order for documents preparation for allocation of land areas to daykhan farms for usage and long-term renting for farming production”. Introduction of the additions will enable to: use water and land resources more effectively; reallocate pastures among land users with taking into account prospective livestock population and feed capacity of pastures; oblige land users to renewal and improve pastures; farmers will be able to create separate legal land areas with rights to register it in simplified way.

3. Preparation of recommendations for including of information on the basic sections of CACILM NPF into developing “Strategy and Model of National Economy of Turkmenistan development up to 2030”.

Including of information on the basic sections of the CACILM NPF into developing “Strategy and Model of National Economy of Turkmenistan development up to 2030” will allow to increase the level of CACILM program and implement more purposeful and coordinated activity on SLM.

Financing – US\$ 500 (1 short-term experts x 1 month x US\$ 500) (GTZ). It is also planned that the expert will make a review of ongoing national programs and plans related to SLM.

4. Development of NCC program on public information.

The NCC program on public information will allow more effectively implement the NCC activity on involvement of local population to SLM process. The work on publication of CACILM leaflet will be finished.

Financing – US\$ 1,000 (1 short-term experts x 2 month x US\$ 500), trips within country – US\$ 2,000, leaflet publication – US\$ 400 (GTZ).

5. Preparation of summarized information on national programs related to SLM.

Information on national programs related to SLM will allow increasing effectiveness of coordination among various SLM programs.

Financing – US\$ 500 (1 short-term experts x 1 month x US\$ 500) (GTZ).

6. Organization and holding of the II CACILM Steering Committee meeting in Ashgabat.

7. Development of NPF project proposals (which could be a basis for development of multicountry projects):

- Analysis and assessment of economic loss form land degradation caused by irrational agriculture activities (for decision making persons).

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- Analysis and predictive estimate of climate change to water and land resources (on the basis of existing scenarios).
 - Adaptation of local communities in rural areas to climate change (water deficit, reduction of irrigated lands, and reduction of vegetation on nature pasture).
 - Increase of institutional capacity on land resources sustainable management (development of strategies).
 - Establishment of the Turkmenistan's land resources National monitoring system for long-term planning and sustainable management.
 - Increasing effectiveness of using land and water resources.
 - Restoration of forest resources in Central Kopetdagh with participation of local communities.
 - Development of the model on pastures restoration and sustainable management on the example of Bakharly province.
 - Assessment of the impact of Turkmen Lake to the land resources status, local climate change and biodiversity.
 - Participation of the local communities and the public in CACILM implementation.

Preparation of new project proposals taking into account up-to-day tendency on climate change will allow to attract various donors for the NPF and CACILM multicountry projects financing. Financing – US\$ 3,000 (6 short-term experts x 1 month x US\$ 500) (GTZ).

V. Recommendations of NSEC/NCC for MSEC Workplan 2008

NSEC can provide suggestions to MSEC on what should be included in the MSEC Workplan 2008 – particularly regarding training of NSEC/NCC personnel; programs, seminars, field trips of NCC/NSEC etc.

Proposals for NSEC effectiveness rising

- Conduct trainings on project proposal preparation according to rules of GEF, GTZ, UNDP and other donors;
- Conduct a training on financial reporting;
- Conduct trainings on monitoring of the NPF and CACILM CMPF-SP projects;
- Hold a seminar for coordination of activity on the NPF, regional CACILM projects, and other international programs on SLM problems;
- Conduct a seminar for discussion of collaboration with Subregional Training Program for SLM in CA (the issue was discussed at the regional meeting on 29-30 May 2007, Ashgabat);
- Conduct field visits within CACILM to the project sites of CA for experience exchange, collection of information for project proposals preparation, and establishment of contacts with donors. Financing – US\$ 6, 000 (GTZ).

VI. Other Issues to be Addressed

NSEC can bring to attention of MSEC, ADB, GTZ, and the CACILM Steering Committee any issues to be addressed or suggested actions to be taken under CACILM.

Other proposals for NSEC effectiveness rising

- NCC meetings holding (every quarter), financing – US\$ 1,400 (GTZ).

To provide financing of translation of NSEC documentation to English and national languages for submission to MSEC, placing at the CACILM Knowledge Network and work with national organizations.

Therefore, the budget planned for 2008 is US\$ 48,000 (23,000 – GTZ; 20,000 – ADB for NSEC; 5,000 – ADB for SLM-KM) (see workplan for 2008)

ANNEXES

Annex 1. CACILM NCC members

Head of NCC		Mr. Paltamet Esenov, Director, NIDFF of the Ministry of Nature Protection		
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Annex 2. Dates of NCC meetings in 2007 and summary of key decisions of NCC

Date	Activity	Main Decisions
17.05.2007	1 st NCC meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. John Patterson, Head of MSEC, is introduced; - Information on CACILM CMPF-SP is taken into consideration; Statute of NCC in Turkmenistan is endorsed.
16.06.2007	2 nd NCC meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NCC Chair and Deputy Chair are selected; - CACILM NSEC personnel is introduced; - Workplan of NSEC for 2007 is approved; - Information of NPF, SLM-R project is taken into consideration.
28.07.2007.	3 rd NCC meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The selection of experimental site and list of partners on the SLM-R project are agreed; - "Resource-saving agriculture for sustainable land and water management and improvement of living standards in the main agroecological zones of Central Asia" project proposal of ICARDA-CAC was supported; - Information on SLM-KM; NPF project proposals, "Capacity Building and On-Ground-Investments for SLM" project is taken into consideration; - Progress report of NSEC for I half of 2007 year is approved.
22.09.2007	4 th NCC meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current statement of CACILM implementation in Turkmenistan was considered, "Capacity Building and On-Ground-Investments for SLM" NPF project (GEF/GTZ/UNDP) was endorsed; - Proposals for increasing of NSEC activity effectiveness are considered; - Needs of NCC and NSEC in trainings and necessary information is identified, a list of training for NSEC is proposed for submission to MSEC; - Creation of NCC working groups for consideration of project proposals is recommended; - Dr. Durikov, Mr. Mkrtychyan, Prof. Korpeyev and Mr. Eyeberdiyev are recommended for participation in the 1st CACILM SC meeting.
15.12.2007	5 th NCC meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress report of NSEC for 2007 is approved; - Information of the 1st CACILM SC meeting (Bishkek, 30-31 October, 2007), CMPF-SP ongoing projects including SLM-KM (Information Dissemination Plan for 2008) is taken into consideration; - Need of the NPF revising is considered; - New NPF project proposals are considered.

Annex 3. NSEC staff

1. Mr. Nazar Korpeyev – Head of Secretariat;
2. Mr. Bekmurad Eyeberdiyev - Project Implementation and Monitoring Specialist;
3. Ms. Viktoriya Kim – Administration and Financial Accounting Specialist.

Annex 4. Letter of Agreement on Provision of Financing for the Establishment of the NCC and NSEC between ADB and Ministry of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan (12 July, 2007).

Annex 5. Do you have any Order related to the NPF?

- NPF is approved at the level of key ministries and organizations of Turkmenistan.

Annex 6. Database on SLM-projects (related information is also in the text of the report)

1. The first SLM project has been launched in Turkmenistan ("Capacity Building and On-Ground-Investments for SLM", financed by GEF/UNDP/GTZ). Duration: October 2007 – October 2010; budget: US\$ 2,074,000. Dr. Durikov was appointed to the position of Project manager as result of a tender. The inception workshop was conducted on 20 November, 2007. The aims and

objectives of the project, its components (including three pilot sites), logical framework, workplan for 2008 was discussed. The first Steering Committee meeting was held on 21 November, 2007. The issues on SC membership, its functions, current statement of the project (including selection of the project personnel), and the nearest plans were discussed. The second SC meeting is planned to be held in the end of January, 2008.