



Increased resilience of agriculture sector through promotion of climate smart agriculture practices (TCP/MCD/3705)

Project Inception Workshop

Date: 17 July (Friday) 2020

Time: 10:00 – 12:00 hrs

Working language: English/Macedonian

Zoom registration link:

<https://fao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpduivqDkqE9OfmxJH3gYhMV0N0C9-RtA->

About the project

The project under the FAO Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) “Increased resilience of agriculture sector through promotion of climate smart agriculture practices” will be implemented together with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy (MAFWE) and other key national stakeholders with the main objective to increase the resilience of the agriculture sector by strengthening the institutional capacity and coordination at national level, and through promotion of climate resilient good practices at local level.

Objectives of the inception workshop

The overall objective of the inception workshop is to inform relevant national stakeholders and partners on the activities planned to be implemented in the frames of the project, aiming to ensure that there is a common understanding of the project and its implementation modalities and expected outputs and outcomes, and the roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders. The specific objectives of the meeting are to:

1. Familiarize partners and other stakeholders on the project and the project team
2. Present and discuss planned outputs and activities including expected support of partner institutions
3. Review the project implementation arrangements and plans

Expected Outputs

The key expected outputs from this meeting are:

- The objectives of the project are clear and agreed with regard to project outputs and required inputs;
- The responsibilities of the different project partners and stakeholders are defined;
- The next steps of project implementation and training activities have been adequately planned.

AGENDA

Time	Session
10:00 – 10:10	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Trajan Dimkovski Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy ○ Mr Nabil Gangi, FAO Deputy Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia and De facto Head of FAO North Macedonia
10:10 - 10:20	<p>Introduction to workshop and FAO TCP overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Viliami Fakava, FAO Plant Production & Protection Officer
10:20 - 11:20	<p>Project Planned Outputs & Activities</p> <p>a) Irrigation and Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Oscar Coronel, FAO International Irrigation Consultant <p>b) Damage & Loss Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Giorgi Kvinikadze, Statistician, FAO REU <p>c) National policies and plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Viliami Fakava, FAO Plant Production & Protection Officer <p>d) Establishment of institutional mechanism to promote climate information sharing and application in agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Viliami Fakava, FAO Plant Production & Protection Officer <p>e) Strengthening capacity of State Hydro-Meteorological Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Ordan Chukaliev, FAO National Consultant on Agrometeorology <p>f) Improved climate smart agricultural innovative technologies and practices demonstrated in field plots for farmers trainings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr David Picha, FAO International Climate Smart Agriculture Expert
11:20 - 11:40	<p>Questions and discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All participants
11:40 - 11:50	<p>Project Implementation Arrangement & Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Viliami Fakava, FAO Plant Production & Protection Officer
11:50 - 12:00	<p>Closing of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Representative of FAO REU (TBC)