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Synergies in joint implementation of Climate Change Adaptation and the Sustainable Development Goals

Date: Monday, 10AM – 12PM, 9 December 2019
Venue: SDGs Pavilion of COP 25, IFEMA, Madrid, Spain

DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE & AGENDA

Background

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change are historical cornerstone which established ambitious universal transformative objectives to embark all countries towards sustainable and low-carbon development. As two frameworks are signatory to the global efforts towards environmental sustainability, stakeholders should be more attentive to their growing interdependency.

In particular, Target 13.1 of SDG-13 (Climate Action), in reference to the Paris Agreement, focuses on climate resilience and adaptive capacity. However, sustainable development will not be achievable if the severity of climate change reaches catastrophic levels. In addition, adaptation measures will not make much progress unless effective national policies and good governance structures are established.

The recent global conference on strengthening synergies between the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development held in April 2019 at Copenhagen, Denmark highlighted the potential of synergistic and interlinked approaches to realizing the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement through analysis of national development plans, nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans and national risk reduction strategies.

UNOSD has been implementing diverse activities to advance synergies of climate action and the SDGs, especially focusing on the integrated features of climate change adaptation towards achieving the SDGs. These activities include the Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on Water-Food-Ecosystem Resilience for SDGs in the Mid-Latitude Region held in 2016 and 2018, Water-Energy nexus meeting in African region in 2018, and the National Adaptation Plan Training workshop focusing on water resource management.

In this context, UNOSD plans to host the side event at COP 25 to share the current discourses on the synergies between Climate Action and the SDGs and disseminate best practices for promoting synergies on a national level. Key areas of discussion will be on how exacerbating effects of climate change could impede the SDGs-related targets on water, ecosystem, and air quality, how to maximise the synergies, and how to minimize potential trade-offs through comprehensive and well-designed adaptation policies and actions.

Expected Outcomes

The side event is expected to the following effects and outcomes to the participants:

- Improved understanding of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with special attention to SDG 13
- Enhanced awareness on the impact of climate change on the achievement and realization of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs
- Greater knowledge on the challenges faced by the countries and the means to build resilience against climate change
- Better comprehension on the inter-linkages among different sectors in developing and implementing adaptation measures

Tentative Program

10:00	Registration
10:10	Opening Remark Mr. Alexander TREPELKOV, Officer-in-Charge, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA (TBC)
10:20	Mr. David JACKSON, Director, Local Development Finance, UNCDF (TBC)
10:30	Ms. Eunhae (Jay) JEONG, Senior Sustainable Management Expert, UNOSD
10:40	Ms. Tri WIDAYATI, Director, Ministry of Environment, Indonesia (TBC)
10:50	Dr. Hoon CHANG, Director, Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change , ROK
11:00	Ministry of Environment, Chile (TBC)
11:10	Moderated Discussion Moderator: Dr. Jong Soo YOON, Consultant, UNOSD
11:45	Closing of Event