

## **Institutional Arrangements for Coherent Policy Formulation in the Areas of Climate, Land, Energy and Water Systems (CLEWS)**

### **in Namibia**

Capacity Development Workshop

**7 – 9 February 2022**

9am to 5pm - Namibia Time | 2am-10am New York Time

Seaside Hotel, Swakopmund, Namibia

## **CONCEPT NOTE**

### **Background**

The government of Namibia has requested the United Nations' support to assess policy strategies to implement the Harambee Prosperity Plan II (2021-2025), which has the objective to accelerate the national development of Namibia and strengthen the governance structure of the country. The plan aims to unlock targeted projects of the country, while emphasizing the need to better manage Namibia's natural resources and public assets.

To this end, UN DESA, through its Divisions for Public Institutions and Digital Government and Economic Analysis and Policy Development, has developed an initiative to support the Government of Namibia in the development, transfer and application of the Climate, Land, Energy and Water systems (CLEWS) framework. The latter is a tool suited to assess interlinkages and trade-offs between sustainable development policies and strengthen the institutional arrangements to support integrated approaches to policy formulation and coherence.

Responding to a request from the Resident Coordinator's Office, a high-level induction workshop on "Institutional Arrangements for Coherent Policy Formulation in the Areas of Climate, Land, Energy and Water systems (CLEWS)" is being organized from 7 to 9 February 2022 by UN DESA in collaboration with UN ECA, UNDP and FAO.

UN DESA's support involves working with the National Planning Commission (UN DESA's focal point), FAO and different ministries, agencies and universities to develop working arrangements between different stakeholders (analysts, policymakers, managers and leadership and senior decision makers) that are

conducive to collaboration, to develop policy coordination mechanisms that can resolve conflicts or inconsistencies between policies and to establish inter-ministerial/ inter-institutional team(s) that can respond to analytical needs as they arise. It will support the government in providing customized guidance in terms of steps that the different stakeholders could take to embed the approach in the policy cycle process.

### **Objectives and target audience**

The objective of the workshop is to present the CLEWs methodology to medium and high-level officials from the National Planning Commission (NPC), Ministry of Agriculture Water and Land Reform (MAWLR), Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME), Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT), the Namibia Statistics Agency and lecturers/researchers from the University of Namibia and the Namibia University of Science and Technology. The event will also serve as an opportunity to discuss the CLEWs and how can it be adapted to the Namibian context to address the policy priorities of the participating ministries and institutions, with a focus on the priorities and challenges for the Agriculture Sector in Namibia.

Furthermore, the workshop will focus on how the CLEWs approach can be institutionalized in Namibia, considering Namibia's planning process, the elements needed for an institutional integration of CLEWs into the country's planning mechanisms, and the arrangements that are conducive to policy coherence for sustainable development.

UN DESA/DPIDG will also discuss with the RC(O), FAO and the government how to provide support further to one of the recommendations of the country's second Voluntary National Reviews to develop a Roadmap for the implementation of the SDGs, towards 2030, including strengthening related coordination mechanisms as well as how to include CLEWS into the UNSDCF that will be developed in 2022.

### **Approach**

The workshop will take place over the course of three days. It will first highlight the general approach of the CLEWs methodology and showcase case studies. It will then focus on how the methodology can be adapted to best serve Namibia's priorities, and how to develop a specific workplan for the CLEWs model of Namibia, including capacity development.

DPIDG will highlight the importance of institutional integration mechanisms to embed CLEWs into the next national policy formulation and planning process (NDP 6). It will facilitate a discussion on the roles and responsibilities of the technical officials (analysts), experts/ policy makers, the academics/ researchers and the senior leadership/ decision makers that will be involved in this process.

Discussions will be held on the technical and methodological aspects of the CLEWs methodology and its applications to Namibia considering existing data, capacities, and potential gaps as well as on which mechanisms need to be put in place to ensure functional coordination and communication between the stakeholders and its institutions.

### **Expected outcomes**

A clear workplan for implementation, as well as agreement on the scope of analysis for the CLEWs methodology and the institutional arrangements that will be established for the successful

implementation of the initiative and the integration of the CLEWs methodology into the national planning process.

### **Organizing entities**

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)  
United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office of Namibia (UN RCO Namibia)

### **Participating international organizations**

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)  
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)  
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)  
World Food Program (WFP)

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