

**NATIONAL CAPACITY NEEDS SELF-ASSESSMENT FOR
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROJECT
(NCSA)**

**SUMMARY OF 2nd QUARTERLY REPORT
1st APRIL 2007 – 30th JUNE 2007**

In this quarter the following activities were carried out:

- (i) NCSA Project Management Committee meeting – 24 April & 22 May 2007
- (ii) Technical Working Group Land Degradation meeting – 18 May 2007
- (iii) 1st Project Steering Committee meeting – 25 May 2007
- (iv) Selection of National Experts – 7 April to 30 June 2007

Project Milestone:

Output	Month																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1. Establishment of Coordination and Support Mechanisms	←		→															
2. Stocktaking of related stakeholder activities				←						→								
3. Stocktaking of past thematic evaluation of capacity evaluation				←						→								
4. National level stakeholder roundtable dialogues												←		→				
5. In-depth analysis of thematic priority areas											←			→				
6. Cross-cutting capacity needs assessment												←			→			
7. Development and endorsement of final report and action plan																	←	→

Legend:

←.....→ Plan ●——● Actual ●—— In progress

Summary of Progress:

Output 1: Establishment of Coordination and Support Mechanisms

- a) Two Project Management Committee meetings were held on 24 April 2007 and 22 May 2007 respectively, chaired by the Undersecretary of Conservation and Environmental Management Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources to discuss the implementation of the NCSA project.
- b) The first meeting for Technical Working Group on Land Degradation was held on 18 May 2007 at the Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industries to

review the working group's TOR. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Undersecretary of the Strategic Planning and International Division.

- c) The first Project Steering Committee meeting was held on the 25 May 2007 with the purpose of reviewing and endorsing the management arrangements and revisions made to the NCSA Project Document. The meeting was attended by 16 committee members from government agencies and representative from the private sector. Comments gathered during the meeting was compiled and incorporated into the Inception Report.
- d) The call for expression of interest (EOI) for the service of National Experts was announced in major newspapers and UNDP Malaysia's website on 7 April 2007. A total of 16 applications were received where five candidates were short listed to submit a detailed service proposal. Subsequently, interviews were conducted on 1 June at NRE to evaluate the short listed proposals. The selection will be finalised by early July 2007.

Output 2 & 3: Stocktaking of Related Stakeholder Activities & Past Thematic Evaluation of Capacity Constraints

- a) Consultation meetings were held with INTAN, National University of Malaysia, and the UNDP-GEF Peat Swamp Project to establish contact and to take stock related past and on-going capacity projects.
- b) A stakeholder involvement plan was drafted detailing the roles and proposed contribution from government agencies and institutions, NGOs, private sector involved in the project.
- c) The project team attended a coordination meeting hosted by Pahang state Economic Planning Unit on 26th June 2007 to discuss planning and coordination details for upcoming NCSA East Coast Stakeholder Consultation Workshop.

Next Quarter's Activities

- a) Biodiversity and Climate Change TWG meeting is scheduled on 10 July 2007.
- b) Award for service of national experts in July.
- c) Stakeholder consultation workshop for west coast states, east coast states, Sarah and Sarawak from September 2007 onwards.
- d) Preparation of stocktaking report of related stakeholder activities & past thematic evaluation of capacity constraints

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