

MINISTRY OF FINANCE



NDA SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP

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Sensitization Workshop and Launch of Climate Change Materials by Ghana's NDA

Date: 1st December, 2016

Venue: Alisa Hotel, Accra

I. Background

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) was established in 2010 as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), designed to disburse \$100 billion per year of new and additional resources by 2020 for addressing climate change. Access to Fund resources will be through national, regional and international implementing entities accredited by the Board. Direct access by national public and private entities will be a key feature of the Fund in line with a GCF's commitment to country ownership. The Government of Ghana has nominated the Real Sector Division of Ministry of Finance to be the National Designated Authority (NDA) to liaise with the GCF.

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness Programme, a joint partnership between UNDP, UNEP, and World Resource Institute (WRI), is a global programme to support countries for enhanced access to international climate finance. The Programme in Ghana aims to support the government in strengthening their national capacities (such as that of the NDA) and to effectively and efficiently plan for, access, manage, deploy and monitor climate financing in particular through the GCF.

One way of strengthening national institutions is through sensitization and awareness workshops that would provide opportunities for the NDA to share information with key stakeholders on their engagement with the GCF secretariat as well as key activities that have been undertaken. The Readiness Programme makes provision for such engagement under Action 1.4.1: Sensitization workshops for key Ministries on engagement procedures with GCF and role of NDA. In this regard, a workshop to sensitize key MDAs was organized. The workshop took place on 1st December, 2016 at the Alisa Hotel in Accra, Ghana. The NDA also used the event to showcase the key tools that have been developed under the GCF Readiness Programme.

II. Objectives

The two main objectives of this workshop were to:

- Create awareness on Climate Change opportunities and role of Ghana's NDA with respect to the GCF;
- Provide vital update on Ghana's efforts to secure funding from GCF; and
- Provide access to relevant tools developed under the GCF Readiness Programme

III. Summary of Event

Ghana's National Designated Authority (NDA) to the Green Climate Fund, the Real Sector Division of the Ministry of Finance, launched three climate change materials that are designed to enhance the country's efforts at combating climate change. These included an Operations' Manual for the NDA, a prioritization tool and guidelines and a climate finance tracking tool. The tools, which were developed under the UNDP/UNEP/WRI sponsored readiness programme on the Green Climate Fund, were launched by the Deputy Minister of Finance, Honourable Mona Quartey.

In her keynote address, the Minister expressed gratitude to UN Environment/UNDP/WRI GCF Readiness Programme for the support in developing the three manuals. She noted that the manuals will facilitate the

operations of the NDA and climate sensitive budgeting as well as ensure transparency and accountability of climate public expenditure in Ghana.

The manuals are largely seen by the NDA as very essential in Ghana's efforts at dealing with climate change as they provide a standardized guide in the identification of climate-related projects and the tracking of public climate finance that is received by the country. The tools would be reviewed from time to time to reflect trends in the climate change space as well as prevailing conditions in the country. The NDA used the occasion of the launch to also create awareness and to share information with key stakeholders on GCF engagement.

A total of 70 participants from different Ministries, Departments and Agencies took part in this sensitization workshop.