



Terms of Reference (TOR) for BIODEV2030 Project Advisory Committee-Ethiopia

1. BACKGROUND

BIODEV2030 is a France Development Agency (AFD) funded project, coordinated by Expertise France and implemented by IUCN and WWF in 16 countries around the world. The project goal is to stop biodiversity decline by 2030 and restore biodiversity by 2050. Ethiopia is among the 13 African countries that has got the opportunity to implement the project. Across the entire project implementing countries, the project expedites strategies that enable nations to tackle the root causes of biodiversity decline-mainly by engaging stakeholders for biodiversity preservation around scientifically based objectives and on a voluntary basis.

As a mechanism to strengthen the project governance in the implementing countries, the establishment of a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) is found important.

The PAC is seen as an important body not only for the oversight but also for the promotion and advocacy of BIODEV2030 project in Ethiopia. The PAC will play an important role in ensuring results and achieving ambition of halting biodiversity loss through enhancing national and local efforts and also engaging key economic sectors to serious mainstreaming of biodiversity into their actions. Moreover, the PAC oversee Ethiopia's commitment of delivering international biodiversity conventions and also makes sure national concerns are sufficiently reflected in international fora. Inline with the project's objective, the PAC supports all stakeholders to make Ethiopia one of the countries inspiring others through ambitious and voluntary contributions to the goal of halting biodiversity loss. Therefore, it enhances Ethiopia's effort in paving the way to Kunming, China, makes historical decisions that lead us all to the safest world due to restored Biodiversity and their Ecosystems.



2. Objective of the PAC

The purpose of the project advisory committee (PAC) is to advise on the overall direction of the BIODDEV2030 project in Ethiopia. The PAC will define and approve strategies for promotion of practical strategies and prioritize actions, ensure linkages with other programs/initiatives, monitor the progress of the project and actively support effective planning and implementation of key economic sector to take actions that have positive impact for halting biodiversity loss.

During implementation, the PAC will in particular provide overall guidance including policy input and functional guidance as well as direction to the project, ensuring it remains within the intended route of action leads to the project ultimate end. It will also provide supports to the project to proactively identify risk mitigation measures in order emerging risks do not constrain outcomes of the project. It will conduct regular meetings to review the Project Quarterly Progress Report and provide direction and recommendations to ensure that the agreed deliverables are produced satisfactorily according to plans.

3. Roles and Responsibilities of the PAC

- Provide high level orientation and guidance for the fulfilment of the project objectives;
- Advise on overall implementation of the project;
- Review and approve the project plan and reports;
- Review and provide feedback on status updates, monitoring visit reports and evaluations;
- Advice on how to improve enabling conditions for engaging public, non-state and private actors to bring biodiversity on priority policy agenda and fiscal and program actions at all levels;
- Support networking and create/strengthen links between the project activities and regular plan/actions of key economic sectors
- Ensure collaboration between key institutions.
- Participate in plenary and review events of the project
- Pay special attention to the sustainability of activities developed by the project.
- Participate in advocacy events of biodiversity mainstreaming and practical actions pertinent to reduction of pressure on biodiversity

- Promote and advocate on project strategic achievements and enhance in country presence of IUCN, GGGI, the donor (Embassy of France) to policies and the public
- Promote IUCN's positive contribution in Ethiopia as a project implementer and that of the donor as strategic enabler for the implementation of BIODDEV 2030 project
- Other strategic engagements as it deems necessary

The Project Advisory Committee Members are formally assigned by organizations identified as key stakeholders of BIODDEV2030 project.

4. Frequency of Meeting

- The PAC meets every six months, however can be held as deemed required
- Based on urgency of the project activities the PAC might hold urgent meeting to the benefit of the project
- The meeting can be held with the attendance of more than two-third of the committee members

5. MEMBERSHIP

The PAC comprises 11 members; of which 4 from the public sectors, 2 from non-state actors, 1 from academia and 1 from the private sector/association of the private sector. Moreover, the project donor, in this case the embassy of French and the project host-Global Green Growth Institute are among key stakeholders that constitute the PAC. The program officer BIODDEV2030 will serve the PAC secretary.

The PAC include representatives from:

- Environment, Forest and Climate Change Commission
- Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation and Development Authority

- Ethiopian Biological Society
- Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Association
- Global Green Growth Institute-Ethiopia office
- International Union FOR Conservation of nature (IUCN)
- French Embassy-in Ethiopia.
- MELCA Ethiopia
- Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Change Forum
- Ethiopian Horticulture producers and exporters Association
- National Planning and Development Commission
- French Development Agency (AFD)

6. Venue of the meetings

The PAC members might propose convening of the meetings on a rotational basis at the offices of the project stakeholders constitute the committee or might flexibly host the meetings at hotels and educational/research centers.