

***Biennial Plan of Action
for the Implementation of the
Environmental Cooperation MoU***

between

***the Department of Environment
of the Islamic Republic of Iran***

and

***the Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea
of the Republic of Italy***

2015/ 2016

In view of the joint efforts of both countries to expand bilateral relationships and efforts on realizing the goals of sustainable development, and considering the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on 25 November 2014 between the Department of Environment of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea of the Republic of Italy, hereinafter referred to as the Parties, intended to strengthen mutual relationships by means of exchange of experiences and know-how in the field of environment, the Parties agree to implement the following Plan of Action, hereinafter referred to as PoA.

Article 1

Objectives

In accordance with the aforementioned MoU, this PoA takes a special consideration to fall within friendly relations, with major objectives for strengthening environmental cooperation, namely conservation of natural environment, improving the environment for the well-being and health of the present and future generations, cooperation in the field of sound environmental technologies, public awareness, research, training and management.

Article 2

Implementation

According to the MoU, the Parties will focus initially to implement this PoA as follows:

- Capacity building and activities aimed at facilitating technology transfer and other support for identification and implementation of NAMAs based on the objectives and the principles of the Climate Change Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, as amended by 1/CMP8, to facilitate the implementation of agreed outcome on NAMAs.
- Identification of possible initiatives in the field of protection of biodiversity and marine environment.

Parties will take steps to secure financial resources for the implementation of this PoA also accessing the international funds such as the Green Climate Fund.

The implementation of this Plan shall be subject to the provisions of the national legislation of each Party and shall comply with all International Conventions and Protocols signed by the two Countries and with the obligations deriving to Italy from being part of the European Union.

Article 3

Description of Activities

Capacity building, knowledge exchange and training on environmental issues including:

- Identification, preparation, formulation and implementation of NAMAs,
- Establishment of MRV systems in national and local levels,
- Establishment of national GHGs Emission Inventory and Registry Systems.

Identification, preparation, formulation and implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), including the identification and preparation of the high priority vulnerable areas.

Training and knowledge exchange on environmental issues including:

- Development of Greenhouse Gases Mitigation and Adaptation Plans of Action,
- Air pollution prevention,
- Soil pollution remediation program.

Article 4

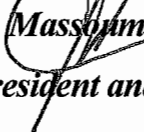
Amendments

Each Party may propose amendments to this PoA. Amendment to this PoA shall be adopted in writing or orally in meetings. However, the agreed text of any proposed amendment to this PoA shall be communicated between the two Parties through the diplomatic channels.

Article 5

Entry into Force

This PoA will come into force after signing by the Parties. This Plan of Action is agreed and signed in Tehran on 26th. April, 2015 in English.;


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