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Acronyms

AF	Adaptation Fund
CC	climate change
CCA	climate change adaptation
CDC	city development committee
COP	Conference of Parties
CSO	civil society organisation
DMH	Department of Meteorology and Hydrology
ECD	Environmental Conservation Department
EWS	early warning system
GAD	General Administration Department
GCF	Green Climate Fund
HR	human resources
HRM	human resource management
ICT	information and communication technology
LCD	low-carbon development
M&E	monitoring and evaluation
MCCA	Myanmar Climate Change Alliance
MCCSMP	Myanmar Climate Change Strategy and Master Plan
MoALI	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
Mol	Ministry of Industry
MoIN	Ministry of Information
MoNREC	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (formerly MoECAF)
MoPF	Ministry of Planning and Finance
MoST	Ministry of Science and Technology
MoTC	Ministry of Transportation and Communication
NDA	National Designated Authority
NGO	non-governmental organisation

NIE	National Implementing Entity
PSC	Programme Steering Committee
REDD+	Reducing Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation
SCCF	Special Climate Change Fund
TWG	Technical Working Group
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The Myanmar Climate Change Alliance (MCCA) was launched in 2013 to support the Government of the Union of the Republic of Myanmar in addressing the challenges posed by climate change. MCCA is an initiative of the Environmental Conservation Department (ECD) of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MoNREC). It is funded by the European Union as part of the Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA), and implemented by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment). The MCCA Programme works as a platform to mainstream climate change into the Myanmar policy development and reform agenda through raising awareness on the implications of climate change; building policy, institutional and technical capacity to address climate change; and to demonstrate methodologies to enable communities and local authorities to adapt to climate change through implementation of adaptation measures at local level. The MCCA programme also supported the development of key policy instruments for addressing climate change, notably the Myanmar Climate Change Strategy and Master Plan (MCCSMP) and the Myanmar Climate Change Policy.

As part of its activities the MCCA programme was mandated to support Myanmar produce a focused and well-balanced Capacity Needs Assessment (CNA) to capture the climate change-specific capacity needs of key stakeholders at all levels. It developed this CNA in consultation with local people in vulnerable areas at sub-national level, taking into account the policy, planning and institutional capacity needs of national-level sectoral areas.

At a programme initiation workshop in December 2014, various stakeholders proposed and validated an overall methodology for assessing capacity, capacity needs and actors involved. Following this workshop, an initial assessment of different stakeholder groups' existing and required capacity to address the impacts of climate change was conducted at various levels. Based the overall assessment, the CNA was formulated.

MCCA supported the formation of the Technical Working Group (TWG) — an inter-ministerial body — to guide and coordinate the overall activities. At a strategy formulation workshop in April 2015, the TWG validated a plan to run local consultation workshops in five cluster groups by October 2015 to collect

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