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**Subject :** Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Bonn Challenge Consultative Committee (BCCC) constituted under the Chairpersonship of DGF & SS to guide the progress and achievements in respect of commitments under Bonn Challenge.

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**Minutes of Second Meeting of the Bonn Challenge Consultative Committee (BCCC) held on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2022, 11:30 AM under the Chairmanship of DGF&SS**

Bonn Challenge Consultative Committee (BCCC) was constituted on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019 under the Chairmanship of Director General of Forest & Special Secretary (DGF&SS), to guide and monitor the project by IUCN titled 'Enhanced capacity on Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) and Bonn Challenge in India'. List of the participants is enclosed at Annexure.

The pilot project by IUCN is aimed at developing and adapting best practices and monitoring protocols for the Indian States and build capacity within five identified pilot States (Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland and Karnataka) on the same in the first phase of the project. This will be eventually rolled out across the country in all States in subsequent phases of the project which will be implemented by compilation of the data for reporting the achievements under Bonn Challenge Commitments.

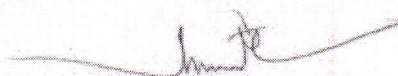
The meeting is chaired by Shri Chandra Prakash Goyal, DGF & SS. At the outset, DGF&SS welcomed the participants and asked Shri Prem Kumar Jha, Inspector General of Forests (IGF), NAEB, to give brief introduction. IGF (NAEB) in his introductory remarks informed the members about the targets to be achieved under Bonn Challenge and also highlighted India's raised target for restoration of degraded land from 21 million hectares to 26 million hectares of land by the year 2030.

Ms Archana Chatterjee, Programme Manager and Interim Head of IUCN India, Country Office, gave a detailed presentation on the status of the project wherein she discussed the progress made under all the five components of the project. She demonstrated the data collated by IUCN from State Forest Department (SFD), Department of land Resources (DoLR) and Ministry of Agriculture.

DGF&SS emphasized on figuring out the reason of differences in the two data sets viz State Forest Department (SFD) and reported under Twenty Point Programme (TPP) data and directed the team to reconcile the two data and come out with a final data set that can be shared at the international level.

The following points were discussed in detail:

- The members suggested to include the following in the data to be collated from State Forest Departments and fed into the barometer:-
  - a. Silvi-pastoral,
  - b. Village relocation from protected Areas and the resultant restoration in that area,
  - c. Grassland Management,
  - d. Village Greening,
  - e. Invasive species removal,
  - f. Fire management practices,
  - g. Felling coupe restoration,
  - h. Data from Panchayati Raj Institutions
- IGF (NAEB) suggested to classify the data into the FLR types for all the States and UTs.
- Shri Arun Singh Rawat, DG, ICFRE deliberated upon the Ecosystem Services Improvement Project (ESIP) which is being implemented in MP and Chhattisgarh. The project was stated to have re-claimed 25,000 Ha of degraded land.
- Shri Swapan Mehra, gave a presentation on the ROAM component of the project that is being carried out in five pilot states. Following points were highlighted from the presentation: -
  - i. That ROAM is the initial step in land restoration planning, where studies are carried out based on secondary literature review and spatial analysis to identify and prioritise






areas for restoration. This should be followed by ground truthing, community consultations and development of DPRs.

ii. Overview of the methodology, and discussed the process that was followed for the study, including data procurement and stakeholder engagement in each state.

- Shri Dharmendra Prakash, PCCF-HoFF, Nagaland questioned about the availability of resources required for implementing the interventions proposed in the study. The potential of using this study to develop a GCF (Green Climate Fund) proposal for the state were discussed.
- Shri Atul Sirsikar, APCCF, Haryana, highlighted the need to work together with the Agriculture department in the state as the maximum degraded area is under Agricultural land use. He submitted that Agriculture department presently offers incentives to farmers for taking up farm forestry activities and these will lead to land restoration.
- Mr. Shailesh Tembhurnikar, PCCF, Maharashtra, shared the facts about that grassland restoration being implemented across the state and will lead to large areas of land being restored. Additionally, he further suggested that forest fires are a major concern in Gadchiroli district and interventions must be proposed for this in the study.
- Mr. S P Sharma, APCCF, Madhya Pradesh highlighted that the study should also look at biotic pressures.
- It was informed by IORA that Water erosion and vegetation degradation were the main drivers of degradation in Karnataka. Invasive species management is needed, along with watershed management.
- Dr. P P Balan from Ministry of Panchayati Raj stated that involvement of Panchayati Raj institutions is imperative and capacity building should focus on both community and line departments.
- Dr. D Ram, Additional Commissioner, NRM, MoA&FN submitted that the ministry has provided data on Agro-forestry and asked to decide on the data that may be needed from the ministry since the Agro-forestry scheme has been discontinued.
- Shri Subhash Chandra, CEO, National Authority, CAMPA suggested to develop good communication strategy in local language for communities about the restoration efforts.

The following action points were emerged after deliberation:

1. In order to facilitate the process to finalize the FLR data, it was concluded that representatives of IUCN will visit every State and UT. This will help in finalization of FLR data wherever the inconsistencies with TPP data is noticed.
2. IUCN to complete the data collation by the end of August, 2022 and submit the draft report on Bonn Challenge India's achievement by first week of November, 2022.

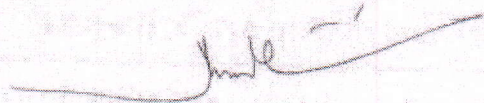




3. IUCN to come up with Final publication of the progress in collaboration with MoEFCC by the end of December, 2022.
4. It was agreed upon that the pilot site selection for DPR preparation and implementation may be finalised by the States, from the options as identified by the ROAM methodology or any other site as prioritised by the States.
5. IUCN to complete the Capacity Building workshops in 5 states between Sept- Nov 2022
6. Dates for Capacity Building workshops will be finalized in consultation with respective SFD of 5 states

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair and all the members of Bonn Challenge Consultative Committee.

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