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River Basin Planning and Management Cycle Training (Module 1)

Date: 6 – 7 Dec. 2019

Time: 9:30 am – 04:30 pm

Venue: Novotel, Viraj Khand, Lucknow

Background

Government of India's one of the most aspirational missions, 'National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)' has witnessed significant progress on rejuvenation of the revered river Ganga through implementation of number of activities such as creating new/augmenting infrastructure projects for, capacity development of relevant stakeholders, wastewater treatment, public outreach. While the NMCG has the pivotal role in rejuvenating Ganga, the importance of effective coordination with relevant partner organizations and departments is emerging as an integral part of its functioning in order to optimise the outcomes. In this connection, the NMCG has been gearing up to move towards River Basin Management (RBM) approach to implement its activities in a concerted manner.

RBM is an important and strategic approach to successfully manage entire river basins with a holistic view as it allows for coordinated and integrated implementation of activities for water resources management with a clear governance structure. Such an integrated RBM approach considers and addresses all pressure factors stemming from human activities and possibly posing a risk to impact on river basin objectives.

In this regard, the Indo-German 'Support to Ganga Rejuvenation' project (GIZ-SGR), the India EU Water Partnership (IEWP) and the NMCG have been working together to promote a structured approach towards integrated RBM. In this connection, the River Basin Planning & Management Cycle has been widely recognised as an important and effective steering and management instrument to develop RBM plans, implement these and review their effectiveness. Based on the challenges faced in managing river basins, the Cycle identifies the key steps in RBM planning processes, supports the development & implementation of measures and facilitates the allocation of responsibilities among all stakeholders through a clear coordination and governance structure.

In order to introduce the RBM Cycle as practical planning tool, a modular training targeting relevant stakeholders responsible or involved in developing and implementing RBM has been developed. These RBM Cycle trainings will be conducted in a series of modules starting from December 2019. Based on the roles, the stakeholders to participate in the strategic discussions and trainings have been classified in following categories;

- a. Target Group 1 – Strategic discussions with high level Decision Makers from partner institutions and relevant organizations
- b. **Target Group 2** – Trainings for Senior level officials who steer the organizations/ groups and will eventually be responsible for the planning and implementation process
- c. **Target Group 3** - Senior and Mid-level official responsible for steering the implementation
- d. **Target Group 4:** Trainers from 3-4 training institutions who will roll out the RBM Cycle trainings in the future.

The strategic discussion on the River Basin Planning and Management Cycle with high level decision makers (Target Group 1) was held in Delhi on 2 December 2019. Also, the first training on module 1 with Target group 2-4 was held during 3-4 December in Dehradun.

The programme schedule for the first module for the Target Group 2-4 can be found below. Module 2 is planned for February 2020, module 3 for May 2020.

Module 1: Introduction to the River Basin Planning and Management Cycle

Aim

This RBM Cycle training (module 1) targets the steering officers and technical staffs from different organisations involved in the water resource management (Ganga Basin) with an objective to introduce the RBM Cycle.

The workshop will be based on several interactive sessions between the facilitators and the audience, in order to create an environment fruitful for discussion and coordination among steering officers, implementing officers of agencies operating in the Ganga Basin.

Programme Schedule

DAY 1: 06 December 2019

Time	Session	Speaker
09:30 – 10:00	Registration	
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome and introduction to the topic	GIZ
10:10 – 10:20	Workshop Objective	Consultant
10:20 – 11:30	Interactive session on Water Resources Management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition and principles. • WRM as a tool for conflict mitigation. • Exchange of experience with the audience. 	Consultant and participants
11:30 – 12:00	Tea/ Coffee Break	
12:00 – 13:00	Interactive session on the River Basin Management (RBM): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Cycle. • Principles of RBM and RBM Plans. • EU Water Framework Directive. • Basin Management Cycle. • Exchange of experience with the audience. 	Consultant and participants
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive session on the RBM Cycle: • Overview on the Cycle. • Governance. • Exchange of experience with the audience. 	Consultant and participants
16:00 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the discussions and closing of the day 	Consultant and GIZ

DAY 2: 07 December 2019

Time	Session	Speaker
10:00 – 11:30	Interactive session on the RBM Cycle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basin characterisation. • Pressure-impact analysis. • Group works on Pressure and Impacts. 	Consultant and participants
11:30 – 12:00	Tea/ Coffee Break	
12:00 – 13:00	Interactive session on RBM Cycle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring Programs. • Example from Germany. • Exchange of experience with the audience. 	Consultant and participants
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:15	Interactive session on RBM Cycle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of River Basin Management Plans (inspiration from the EU WFD) • Exchange of experience with the audience: • How to blend EU and Indian approaches? 	Consultant and participants
15:15 – 16:00	Summary of the discussions and next steps	Consultant and GIZ