The first training report of the “The Science-Policy adaptive capacity for local herding and government groups to reduce climate vulnerability” project

2023 April 5

**Objectives of Activity**

| Project launching, select and train 50 local representatives from 5 sums (local administrative), sign official MOU between higher levels (governing bodies) of project leading and implementation organizations, organize training workshop based on training curriculum and trained representatives by Science-policy interfaces, partnership, application of scientific outputs for local development, and science exhibition. |

**Organizer’s name and position**

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**Time**

2023 March 26-30

**Place**

Gobi-Altai Province, Esenbulag Sum, Gobi-Altai Province Governor's Office Conference Hall

**Goals:**

1. Officially kick-off the project in Mongolian side.
2. Sign an official memorandum of Understanding between project leading and implementation organizations.
3. Organize training for the participants from 5 sums of Gobi-Altai Province (Haliun, Bayan-Uul, Biger, Tegrog, Taishir) by training curriculum.
4. Organized the “Science-policy pathways forum, academic conference and science exhibition” during project kick-off to spread science outputs and its application into local policy formulation, designing, and implementation process.
First. Project kick-off

According to the program, the opening of the project was held on March 29, 2023 in the Assembly Hall of the Governor’s office of Gobi-Altai Province. The President of MAS Academician D. Regdal and Mr.O. Amgalanbaatar the governor of the Gobi-Altai province was given opening speech in the opening session.

Participants of 5 sums (Haliun, Bayan-Uul, Biger, Tegrog, Taishir) of Gobi-Altai Province were trained and participated in the first training workshop entitled “Climate change impacts and importance of scientific knowledge in policy and planning” which provided information’s related to the climate change and Pastoral social-ecological vulnerability, its impacts on the socio-economy of pastoral herding communities’ socio-economy, Opportunities to use scientific knowledge in policy and planning, Importance of building partnerships and innovative solutions preventing from pastoral vulnerability, Development potential at local, regional and national levels, creating local production of value-added products (cashmere) under international quality standards, and Analysis of the policy documents of Gobi-Altai province.

The event was attended by collaborators from Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Economic Development, Sustainable Fibre Alliance, Government office of Gobi-Altai province, Institute of strategic studies.
and other related organizations, as well as employees and citizens of the Sums where the project is being implemented.

OPENING SPEECH

09:00-09:10  D.Regdel
             O.Amgalanbaatar
             President, Mongolian Academy of Sciences
             Governor, Gobi-Altaí province

09:10-09:30
Project introduction
B.Suvdantsetseg, PhD
Head of Administration and International Cooperation Department, Mongolian Academy of Sciences

09:30-10:00
Opportunities to use scientific knowledge in policy and planning
D.Battogtokh, PhD
Head of Science and Technology Policy, Innovation Development and Implementation Regulations Department, Ministry of Education and Science

10:00-10:50
The results of the evaluation of the impact of climate change and ecological vulnerability of Gobi-Altaí province
B.Suvdantsetseg, PhD
Head of Administration and International Cooperation Department, Mongolian Academy of Sciences

10:50-11:30
Mongolia’s and western region’s development potential and local resources of the Gobi-Altaí province
D.Erdenebayar, PhD
Head of Regional and Industrial Policy Department, Ministry of Economic Development

11:30-12:10
Creating local production of value-added products (cashmere) meeting international quality standards
B.Batkhishig, PhD
Country director, Sustainable Fibre Alliance in Mongolia
During this training, all collaborating organizations in Mongolia were actively participated and presented their inputs. The other collaborators from China and Japan couldnot participated due to training curriculum and tight schedule. All representatives from 5 sums were trained well by the specific topics and importance of their active participation.
Two. Signed MOU.

Signed an official Memorandum of Understanding between the project leading organization the Mongolian Academy of Sciences, and the project implementation body, the Governor’s Office of Gobi-Altai Province. the main objective is to collaborate in the areas of introducing and disseminating science, technology, and innovation achievements of academic institutions and researchers in the local area, putting the results of academic work into economic growth, organizing research and development work aimed to solve local problems, and implementing joint projects and programs, educate locals.

Three. “Science-policy pathways” forum, academic conference, and science exhibition

Other objectives of this project are to expand local stakeholders’ partnership between policy makers, and to teach science-based pastoral managements, best practices and innovative solutions to prevent pastoral vulnerability as well as develop local adaptation strategy. In this regard, we are collaborating with Ministry of Education and Science and Ministry of Economic Development, and jointly organized the “Science-policy pathways” forum, academic conference and science exhibition during the project kick-off to spread science outputs and its application into local policy formulation, designing, and implementation process that reached more than 400 people including our project representatives from Gobi-Altai province and introduced over 120 innovative products from scientific and innovative organizations. The meeting was opened by the Governor of Gobi-Altai province O. Amgalanbaatar, the president of MAS, academician D. Regdal, and director of the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy and Implementation Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture, Dr. B. Battogtokh.
The representatives of the project participated in the scientific conference and the science, technology and innovation exhibition where they got acquainted with the results of the research conducted in Gobi-Altai province and discussed the possibilities and directions of using them in the development and life of their own province.