



Responding to Dr. Thet Thet Zin, UN Habitat Country Manager Bijay Karmacharya, acknowledged the vital support of MoECAf in getting the MCCA from formulation to a fully fledged program. Further highlighting the vulnerability of Myanmar to Climate Change impacts, he explained how the MCCA was conceived with the aim of equipping the Government of Myanmar, the Private sector, Yangon region and other stakeholders with proper policy tools and action plans coupled with capacity enhancement to address climate change induced impacts. He further reiterated that UN Habitat was honored to be a partner in “laying the foundations of climate change policy tools in Myanmar”.

Ms. Delphine Brissonneau, representative of EU, emphasized how climate change is often perceived as a silent threat that is difficult to prioritize. Development of the national climate change strategy will require effective coordination between sectors and ministries. Ms. Brissonneau acknowledged that the programme was challenging but was confident that Myanmar would achieve the objectives of the project within the project period.



Mrs. Brissonneau delivering remarks © UN Habitat

In a message sent by Mr Young-woo Park, Regional Director and Representative of UNEP, stressed that the MCCA will require both technical expertise and strong political leadership and happy seeing that MoECAF is

already providing political leadership in steering the program and

coordinating between ministries and actors. He reaffirms UNEP commitment to bring its technical expertise and experiences to this important project.

The technical details of the programme were presented by Mr. Arup Rajouria, Chief Technical Advisor of MCCA, Mr. Rajouria highlighted concepts of climate change and gave an overview of the potential impacts of climate change regionally and in Myanmar including droughts, floods and increasingly erratic temperature and rainfall. He further explained how the proposed MCCA program will support development of a national strategy to address climate change. His presentation proposed institutional structures and described the requirements of technical working groups for formulation of a national climate change strategy. Mr. Rajouria emphasized the complexities of a program of this nature, as it requires intricate technical input from a wide range of ministries departments and organizations.

U Tin Tun, Director General, Department of Planning and Statistics spoke on the complexities and intricacies of the program, which warranted multi sectoral and inter ministerial co-operation and co-ordination that would link climate change for poverty alleviation and sustainable development of Myanmar.

The event was concluded by Deputy Minister, Dr. Thet Thet Zin who reiterated MoECAF's commitment to the MCCA program. She thanked all of the participants and was confident of the cooperation amongst ministries to support the development of the climate change strategy.

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