

**Meeting Minutes of 2023 NPCC Meeting for GEF Upgrading of China SHP Capacity Project (GEF Project ID: 6919)
(Translation)**

The 2023 Meeting of the National Project Coordination Committee (NPCC, also known as PSC, short for Project Steering Committee) for the GEF China Upgrading Small Hydropower Project (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Project’) was held in Hangzhou on 27 July 2023. The meeting presented and reviewed up-to-date implementation progress of the Project, including outputs of the technical demonstration, and discussed remaining tasks and plans before completion of the Project in the end of 2023. Commemorative plaques were given at the meeting to pilot SHP plants that have participated and completed technical demonstration.

The meeting was attended by representatives from United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Department of Economic Construction of Ministry of Finance (MOF), Department of Rural Water and Hydropower of Ministry of Water Resources (MWR), Department of International Cooperation, Science and Technology of MWR, International Center on Small Hydro Power, NPCC members from Zhejiang, Fujian, Hubei, Guangdong, Guangxi, Chongqing, Yunnan and Shanxi Provincial Departments of Water Resources, and focal points of 8 provincial Project Management Offices (PMOs) (see Annex for name list). The meeting was chaired by Mr. Xing Yuanyue, Deputy DG of the Department of Rural Water and Hydropower of MWR.

Conclusions and agreements reached through the meeting are:

1. It was recognized that the project activities were implemented as planned, and the expected outputs and benefits have been satisfactory. The outputs since start of implementation include: (1) forming an institutional framework composed of industrial standards, incentive policies, technical guidelines and development plans related to green SHP, and promoting the adoption of standardized measures to improve operational safety of SHP development, (2) completing the refurbishment and monitoring of 19 demonstration projects, and (3) building industrial capacity and sharing knowledge through training, domestic and international seminars, publicly available brochures, video, website and social media posts. The Project has put additional values to the Chinese program of rural [small] hydropower capacity expansion and efficiency improvements under its 13th FYP by outputting considerable ecological, economic and social benefits. This, on one hand, has supported the sustainable development of China’s green SHP in its institution, technology and capacity, and empowerment of women, and on the other, has created success stories from China that could be learned elsewhere in the world.
2. Through partnerships under the NPCC and central and provincial PMOs, the Project has been implemented orderly, apart from which experiences have been accumulated in project management. Under the leadership of the NPCC, the Project has successfully

undergone its interim performance evaluation, mid-term evaluation, and other major changes including an extension of the completion date. The PMO has been continuously monitoring and reporting project progress, offering support for deliveries including technical demonstration and financial implementation, and taking prompt corrective measures required. Provincial PMOs have been closely monitoring the implementation and delivery of results of SHP plant refurbishments and upgrades as technical demonstration, and continuously assisting the central PMO in managing the implementation.

3. All member parties of the NPCC shall continue to fulfill their responsibilities. While completing the final phase of the Project as planned, they should continue growing the impact of the Project by sharing its success stories and experiences. Outputs and outcomes of the Project should be thoroughly collected, organized and summarized, and further preparations should be made to support financial audit and independent Terminal Evaluation to be organized by UNIDO. Impacts of the Project should be sustained by further consolidating its outcomes and benefits through continuing interventions including the releasing of ecological flow and green upgrades. The accumulated experience and theory of change should be further disseminated to offer lessons to other projects and SHP development elsewhere in China and the world.