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GEF6 - SUSTAINABLE CITY DEVELOPMENT IN MALAYSIA PROGRAM (2016-2020)

1. BACKGROUND

- 26 September 2014 - the Global Environment Facility (GEF) launched the Global Sustainable Cities Integrated Approach Pilot Project under its 6th funding replenishment cycle.
- November 2014 - In collaboration with UNIDO, MiGHT made a submission for this program to GEF.
- 26 May 2015 – Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Malaysia as GEF Operational Contact Point for Malaysia, issued Letter of Endorsement on the proposal by MiGHT.
- 29 May 2015 – GEF issued the letter of approval for Malaysia to be one of the 11 countries to participate in this pilot. This letter also comes with the approved Program Preparation Grant (PPG) to support the preparation and submission of the Detailed Project Proposal to GEF by March 2016.
- 25 September 2015 – the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) with 17 goals to be achieved by 2030. SDG11 covers Sustainable Cities and Communities.

2. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- To accelerate the nation's readiness to address the two grand challenges facing today's cities, namely urbanisation and climate change.
- To support the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals 2030 on Sustainable Cities and Communities.
- To support the implementation of the related Game Changers and Strategic Thrusts of the 11th Malaysia Plan (RMK11) in areas of Green Growth, Innovation dan industrial development in green technology, as well as a competitive city info-structure.

3. KEY COMPONENTS OF PROJECT

This 5 year national program (2016-2020) consists of two key components namely :

- i. Integration of Climate Risks in Urban Planning and Management.
 - Development of strategic direction and implementation policies at both federal and state levels for sustainable city development.
 - Awareness and institutional capacity building on sustainable city development at federal, state and local levels.

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- Technology demonstration to accelerate the adoption of Smart Grid through demo activities involving Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, IT applications, etc.
- ii. Monitoring and Evaluation.

4. RELEVANCY TO 11TH MALAYSIA PLAN (RMK11)

This national project specifically supports the realisation of the strategic intentions of 11th Malaysia Plan as follow :

- Thrust 4 – Pursuing Green Growth for Sustainability and Resilience.
- Thrust 5 – Strengthening Infrastructure to support Economic Expansion (involving city infrastructure).
- Thrust 6 – Re-Engineering Economic Growth for Greater Prosperity (involving creation of new opportunities for SMEs/SMIs in emerging areas).
- Game Changer No. 4 – Embarking on Green Growth.
- Game Changer No. 5 – Translating Innovation to Wealth.
- Game Changer No. 6 – Investing in Competitive Cities.

5. KEY TIMELINE AND DELIVERABLES FOR 2015

- 26 November 2015 – National Workshop No.1.
- Early December 2015 – National Steering Committee Meeting No.1.
- Early February 2016 – National Workshop No.2.
- Late February 2016 – National Steering Committee Meeting No. 2.
- March 2016 – Submission of Detailed Program Document to GEF.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- **COMMUNITIES** – Accelerate the greening of cities to provide better and sustainable quality of life and well-being to city communities.
- **GOVERNMENT** - Aligned/synergised implementation between Federal, State and Local level stakeholders in transforming towards sustainable cities in Malaysia.
- **INDUSTRY** - More conducive implementation policies to provide sustainable economic and industry investment opportunities in cities.
- **ACADEMIA** – Increase demand driven innovation and strengthen linkage with industry through sustainable city platform.