

Expert: National Consultant on REDD Network Analysis

Output: 1.1

Responsible UN Agency: UNDP

Duration: 1 month
August 2010

Duty station: Hanoi

Background:

The UN-REDD Programme assists Vietnam to strengthen the country's capacity to be ready for REDD implementation. One of the key components of the Programme is to support the National REDD Network in meeting its objective of providing an efficient and transparent platform for sharing information on REDD, implementation activities and lessons learned, between Government, Civil Society Organizations, academia and the public sector.

The National REDD Programme is one of the key priorities of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and it is considered crucial in meeting the objectives of the National Target Program on the Reduction of Climate Change impacts (NTP-RCC). REDD will be pervasive throughout the operations of the Viet Nam Directorate of Forestry within the Ministry and it will have important consequences for the other sections of the Ministry, other ministries and the Vietnamese People in general. The National REDD Network fulfills the important functions of providing a means of communication between all stakeholders.

Objectives:

The overall objective of the study is to analyze how the Network is current operating and make recommendations on increasing its effectiveness and outreach.

At least the following elements shall be incorporated in the study:

- Review of current operating procedures of the Network, including its formal leadership and practical implementation.
- Analyze bottlenecks in the current operating procedures of the Network that impact effectiveness, transparency and inclusiveness of stakeholders.
- Recommend changes to the formal operating procedures to enhance effectiveness, transparency and inclusiveness.
- Formulate a strategy or coherent set of options to enhance the communication of the Network with its (potential) stakeholders.

The consultant will perform his duties under the direct supervision of the National Project Director of the UN-REDD Programme and in close collaboration with the National Team Leader and Technical Specialist of the UN-REDD Programme.

The consultant will take on the following specific responsibilities:

- Liaise closely with the National Project Director on substantive inputs into the study.
- Liaise with the responsible staff in the Forest Sector Support Programme whom deal directly with the National REDD Network.

- Participate in consultative processes with key national stakeholders (including public sector, private sector, civil society, Indigenous Peoples, NGOs, etc.) in support of all aspects of the assignment.
- Prepare a report in the English language that addresses the elements of the study enumerated above.

The assignment will be undertaken in Ha Noi.

Qualifications, Experience and Competencies

- Post graduate degree in Public Administration, Political Science, Social Studies, or similar.
- At least 5 years of experience on consultative processes, such as stakeholder engagement, conflict mitigation, negotiations, collaboration, etc. International experience is an asset.
- Knowledge of the Vietnamese institutional setting, with particular reference to the forestry sector.
- Proficiency in both spoken and written English.

Remuneration

The National consultant for this assignment shall be paid with VNM3 level of UN-EU Cost-norm