

Overview of the PGA for REDD+ in Viet Nam

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Objectives of the PGA

- Long term: Inform the set-up of a system to report on safeguards, as per the Cancun Agreement
 - Building on the set-up of a National REDD Information System which is a separate component of UN-REDD Phase 2
- Short term: Depends on the thematic scope as decided by provincial stakeholders

Structure of the PGA

- Implemented as a component of the existing UN-REDD Viet Nam Programme
- **Research Team** (sub-contracted national NGO + UNDP/FAO focal points & PGA coordinator in the PMU)
- **Advisory Group** (Rep from state and non-state actors at provincial and national level)
- Broader stakeholder groups
 - Sub-technical Working Group on Governance
 - Provincial Stakeholder consultations

Governance issues prioritized in the PGA

- Insufficient (access to) information, esp for local forest dependent communities, on issues such as:
 - REDD+ in general
 - Forest protection and forest management
 - Willingness of local authorities to make information available
- Insufficient participation of relevant stakeholders at local level
 - Lack of consultations in the allocation of forest land
 - Gender perspective often missing
- Not taking into account traditional knowledge
- Decision-making is not consultative

Geographical focus of the PGA

- 12 month preparatory phase to test the methodology
- One pilot province
- Criteria for pilot province, as defined by stakeholders:
 - Commitment and interest from local stakeholders, especially local government
 - REDD+ activities or of similar content already undertaken
 - Large forest area in which parts are exposed to high risk of being deforested
 - Presence of ethnic communities and vulnerable groups
 - Easily accessible given the pilot phase's short period

The PGA process to date

- Preparatory Concept Note finalized end of February
- National Kick-off workshop held 6 March
- PGA Coordinator on board from 5 April

Next steps

- Establish Research Group and Advisory Group by June 2012
- Do local stakeholder consultations in the selected pilot province to validate the exercise by June 2012
- Agree on indicators, data identification and methods of collection by August 2012
- Data collection and analysis by October 2012
- Data presentation and dissemination by December 2012
- 2013 – evaluate the PGA and decide if the scope should be bigger