



Anti-corruption for REDD+ in Asia and the Pacific: Awareness raising and training sessions

Bangkok – 20-21 October

Venue: Amari Watergate Hotel

Background

Under the UN framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC), REDD+ (reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries, and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forest and enhancement of forest carbon stocks) is an international financial mechanism that will compensate developing countries for cutting carbon emissions from their forest sector, through the conservation of standing forests and more sustainable forest activities. REDD+ was first proposed as part of the UNFCCC Bali Action plan in 2007, and in December 2010 an agreement on a general REDD+ framework was reached by Parties to the UNFCCC in Cancun. Developing countries are getting ready for REDD+ with bilateral and multilateral support, including the UN-REDD Programme¹.

While efforts to prepare countries for implementation of REDD+ continue to grow, concerns are also being raised because REDD+ countries often face a number of governance challenges, inside and outside the forestry sector. The overall risks of corruption in REDD+, and possible mitigation measures for these risks, were examined during a workshop organized by UNDP with GTZ (now GIZ) at the 14th International Anti-corruption Conference in Bangkok in November 2010. These risks and strategies were also detailed in a UNDP-commissioned report² in November 2010, and addressed in Transparency International's Global Report on Corruption in Climate Change, among other reports.

The UN-REDD Programme has integrated activities on anti-corruption as a core element of its five-year Programme Strategy³, supported by its Global programme Framework Document 2011-2015⁴, with UNDP the lead agency. These activities are implemented together with the Global Programme on Anti-Corruption for Development Effectiveness (PACDE) of UNDP's anti-corruption unit. They include guidance on institutional frameworks for equitable, transparent and accountable benefit distribution systems in REDD+; strengthening the integrity of fiduciary systems for receiving and disbursement of

¹ The UN-REDD Programme is a partnership of FAO, UNDP and UNEP, established in 2008. See www.un-redd.org

² « Staying on Track : Tackling Corruption Risks in Climate Change », UNDP, 2010. Available at http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=3790&Itemid=53

³ Five Year Strategy, UN-REDD Programme, 2011-2015. Available at http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=4598&Itemid=53

⁴ « Support to National REDD+ Action : Global Programme Framework Document – 2011-2015 », UN-REDD Programme, 2011, Available at http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=5534&Itemid=53

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funds, coordinating anti-corruption activities at the national, regional and international level; and supporting the capacity of multiple stakeholders to jointly mitigate corruption risks.

The workplan for 2011 has made capacity building a priority. In this context, this meeting will convene REDD+ government focal points and UN-REDD programme management unit staff, UNDP Country Office staff and representatives of civil society organizations working on REDD+ and governance issues. On the afternoon of October 21st, Transparency International will offer a capacity building for civil society representatives on anti-corruption for REDD+.

Goals

The primary goal of the *Anti-Corruption for REDD+ Awareness Raising* meeting will be to build a shared understanding of the corruption risks in REDD+ in the Asia Pacific region and the key role of anti-corruption actions for an effective and equitable REDD+

This goal will be achieved by :

1. Discussing anti-corruption entry points in different phases of REDD+ readiness programming, including fiduciary safeguards and best practices.
2. Showcasing good preventive practices, including some already undertaken REDD+ readiness activities supported by UNDP/UN-REDD Programme
3. Highlighting UNDP's role, including through the UN-REDD Programme, in supporting the mitigation of corruption risks in REDD+
4. Presenting and explaining linkages of anti corruption with UNDP's work on PGAs, social (and environmental) Principles and Criteria, FPIC, benefit distribution.

Participants are encouraged to read « Staying on Track: Tackling Corruption Risks in Climate Change », available at http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=3790&Itemid=53, before the meeting.

Proposed agenda (subject to change)

Time	Topic	Facilitation /presentations	Goals	Material
08:00-08:30	Registration			
08:30-9:00	Opening, welcome and objectives	Pauline Tamesis, Democratic Governance Team Leader, UNDP/APRC and Martin Krause, Energy & Environment Team Leader, UNDP/APRC Observations from a representative of the Government of Norway (tbc)		Workshop package : participants list, objectives, agenda
9:00-	The broader context:	Overview and moderation : Tim	Presentation covers	

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10 :30	Governance: an evolving agenda in the bigger climate change debate (the missing middle); Anti-corruption Norms and Standards relevant to REDD+	Boyle, UNDP, UN-REDD Programme Effective stakeholder engagement (including FPIC) Participatory Governance Assessment Q & A	P&C and PGA and SE guidance	
10 :30 - 11 :00-	Coffee break			
11 :00- 12 :30	Why anti corruption matters for REDD+ : an overview of corruption risks in REDD+ and existing instruments and tools	Presentation based on « Staying on track » and other publications Q&A		
12 :30 – 13 :30	Lunch break			
14 :00 – 15 :30	Presentation of the results of the online survey Sub-regional break out groups : finding responses to identified challenges	3- 4 country groups with designated facilitator		Pre established Group lists Results of the online survey by groups of stakeholders Results of the online survey by regions
15 :30- 16 :00	Coffee break			
16 :00- 17 :30	Plenary discussion: report back from the break out groups	Discussion facilitated by Thomas Enters, UNEP, UN-REDD Programme		
DAY 2				
09 :00 – 10 :15	Integrating anti corruption into REDD+ programming : UNDP’s proposed actions, strategies and tools	Estelle Fach, UNDP, UN-REDD Programme Akihito Khono, UNDP, UN-REDD Programme	Combined report from : 1) the AC and REDD+ strategy planning meeting held in Nepal on October 10-11 2) discussions from the afternoon of day 1 Feedback on the UN-REDD Risk Identification and Mitigation tool	Leaflets about the Nepal strategy meeting - Draft P&C and RIMT, criteria on fiduciary integrity, land tenure, etc
10 :15 – 11 :30	What opportunities and challenges for follow up and actions at national, regional and global levels	Samuel Jaegere, UNDP, Democratic Governance Group		
11 :30- 12 :00	Concluding remarks and closing	Timothy Boyle		
Lunch provided				

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Participants

Invited participants are:

- Government REDD+ focal points from the countries listed above
- Members of programme management units in countries where a national UN-REDD programme is under implementation
- Civil society stakeholders
- UNDP country offices delegates supporting UN-REDD process
- Representatives from donor governments

Venue

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A block of rooms has been reserved, but can only be held until **Sept. 30th . If you would like a room at the Amari, please contact Ms Varisara Anansiribovorn at varisara.anansiribovorn@undp.org before that date.** After that date, you will be responsible for securing your own accommodation.

Logistics and Visa requirements

Those participants receiving financial support will be contacted by their local UNDP Country Office regarding travel arrangements and DSA payments.

Further details on local logistics in Bangkok will be sent shortly

Participants are responsible for making their own arrangements concerning visas for Thailand. The original invitation letter should prove sufficient in demonstrating the purpose for entering Thailand; however, if an alternative invitation letter is required, please contact Ms Varisara, as above.