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1. Practice area: BDP/EEG	
2. Mission period (incl. of travel days) From: 13-16 October 2014	
3. Type of mission: Conference	4. Clients: UNDP CO and MEGD
5. Purpose of mission: To support MEGD in completing the Roadmap revision process and moving into an inception phase.	6. Documents, materials, resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised RPP,• Response matrix,• TS Prodoc (UNDP)
7. Mission members Aki Kono, UNDP	8. Costs UNDP/UN-REDD global budget

9. Brief summary of the mission:

The main purpose of this mission was to support the Government of Mongolia in moving into the inception phase of the UN-REDD National Programme, as well as to help initiate the Targeted Support activities under UNDP.

The mission delivered the following outputs successfully as planned.

- Finalized official responses to the comments and suggestions from the Policy Board, UN-REDD Secretariat and independent reviewers on the National REDD+ Readiness Roadmap,
- Revised National REDD+ Readiness Roadmap,
- Draft TS (UNDP) document, and
- Agreed process, roles and responsibilities for preparing the UN-REDD National Programme Document.

10. Findings/Recommendations:

A number of issues related to the administration of the UN-REDD Mongolia National Programme were raised and discussed during the mission.

- Filling a national coordinator position for the TS implementation was difficult as there was a general lack of English language skills among national experts, and the implication of this is critical for establishing a PMU for the implementation of the UN-REDD Mongolia National Programme (NP). Head hunting would be required, and the CO senior management suggested to start the recruitment process as early as possible.
- A HACT micro assessment on MEGD has been finalized. The initial finding suggested a low risk rating; therefore, the NP will be implemented under NIM.
- Implementing the NP through NIM might be problematic particularly for PMU staff recruitment, as the MEGD would prefer handling the process independently and there might be an issue related to quality assurance. The CO senior management suggested to engage at the Minister level to address any risks associated with this process.
- UNDP's LPAC process should be extended to cover other FAO and UNEP to make it a one-stop official technical sign off step. This will be discussed further within the CO.
- FAO's GEF SFM project was recruiting a CTA (P5) who would also look after FAO's forestry portfolio in Mongolia. There is a need for coordination between the CTA/FSM project and NP, and a specific role of the CTA within the NP could also be discussed later.
- Co-location of the NP, GIZ Climate and Biodiversity Project, and FAO's GEF SFM was discussed with the MEGD. MEGD will look into the matter.
- MoED together with five other ministries will be abolished. The core functions of MoED will be absorbed by the Ministry of Finance.
- MEGD might support the establishment of a national UFG assembly, which could also be supported through NP as part of its effort to establish a non-state stakeholder forum.
- Role of the National Emergency Management Centre in forest fire management should be recognized in the NP.
- Russia and Mongolia have just signed a joint agreement to fight forest fires from the two sides of the border (e.g. 400km of fire strip), and USFS is providing technical capacity support in fire monitoring and management.
- GFMC will open a local office in Ulaanbaatar, and there is an opportunity for the NP to establish a working partnership.
- MEGD has been officially nominated as a National Designated Entity for GCF (Mr. Dagvadorgi is a focal point), while the Ministry of Finance will provide technical financial control and oversight support.
- Mongolia will submit a BUR next year, and its 3rd NC the year after that with UNEP's support. In the BUR, AFOLU data

should be included. Mongolia will also consider submitting its first FREL/RL for technical assessment next year.

- Representatives to the World Alliance of Mobile IPs (WAMIP) will be engaged in the NP - Mr. Mamman Khw, and the Institute of Geography runs a pastoralist centre which might be considered a partner in the NP.
- GIZ's new project on NFI has been approved with a budget of 3.4 million Euro, and GIZ wants this project to be part of the national REDD+ readiness process. The CTA will be Dan Altrell who used to be a FAO staff member. The project will develop an online atlas for NFI which could also host a SIS.
- MEGD hopes the NP to work closely with the local governments as the recent decentralization process has transferred much of the country's operational and financial authorities to the local governments.

Additional Note:

On my trip back from Ulaanbaatar, I sat right next to the president of the North American Mongolia Business Council on a plane, and he expressed his interest in working with the UN-REDD to bring the private sector actors on board. We will try to meet and discuss more during my next trip to Mongolia.

11. Follow up action matrix

Action to be taken	By whom	Expected completion date
Review of response matrix and revised R-PP by key national stakeholders, FAO and UNEP.	Bunchin to coordinate with national stakeholders, Ben and Thomas to review	23 rd October
Submission of the revised R-PP and response matrix to the UN-REDD Secretariat.	MEGD	27 th October
Review and finalization of TS document	Bunchin and HQ colleagues	30 th October
Draft National Programme Document	Aki	5 th November

12. Distribution List

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