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1. Practice area: PBPS SDC	
2. Mission period (incl. of travel days) From: 31 May – 5 June	
3. Type of mission: Technical backstopping	4. Clients: Forest Department, UN-REDD PMU, UNDP CO
5. Purpose of mission: to initiate a work stream on further identification and prioritisation of PAMs	6. Documents, materials, resources A draft inception report on PAM prioritisation, and a PPT on how everthing fits together under the National REDD+ Strategy.
7. Mission members: Aki Kono, RTA	8. Costs: UN-REDD Global Programme Budget

9. Brief summary of the mission

The study of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation together with the recent studies on private sector engagement opportunities and land tenure have identified a preliminary set of potential REDD+ Policies and Measures (PAMs).

With the help of consultants, this mission was to initiate a process of identifying priority PAMs and detailed actions through a participatory process with key stakeholders in the country. This week was spent with the international consultant, David Annandale, to discuss the proposed methodological approach, and how best to integrate this work into the PMU’s programme of work. Also, an inception meeting was held to present this new work stream to key stakeholders, and to exchange views on how best to move this work forward.

Additionally, I provided general backstopping to the PMU on issues including no-cost extension, communications, gender TS work, and the overall REDD+ readiness process integration. I also followed up with the summer intern, Erika Drazen, on her work plan and data collection arrangements.

9.a Findings

- David Annandale presented how the proposed Multiple Criteria Analysis (MCA) can be applied to the PAM prioritisation work through an entirely stakeholder driven process.
- MCA is best suited to assist decision making in a contested area, and is an opposite of opportunity cost analysis to evaluate options based on participants complex social, economic and political viewpoints rather than to standardise value through monetisation.
- Alexis Corblin, Prasad Attygale, Nalin Munasinghe, David and myself had multiple sessions during the week to fit the on-going roadmap work to the front end of the PAMs work to enhance inter-work-stream coherence, and to discuss and agree on the general analytical framework and work distribution.
- In this, a wide cross-section of the stakeholders who affect and are affected by how forests are managed in Sri Lanaka will be asked to come up with their own assessment criteria for prioritising the expert proposed PAMs. There will also be an opportunity for them to add or further define some PAMs during an initial stage of the process.
- We discussed a need for ensuring capacity transfer to relevant national institutions and experts to internalise the use of MCA in a further iterative process of assessing and prioritising PAMs (practical step by step instructions, software and computational logics must be produced and handed over by David).
- MCA results must be followed up with a PLR analysis and feasibility assessment to concretise stakeholder defined priorities in the context of the existing policy, legal and institutional framework.
- Initial feedback from key stakeholders was positive – they were excited to be given an opportunity to express their views on how and which PAMs should be prioritised.
- A challenge remains for the systematics screening of PAMs during the MCA based on carbon potential.

Gender TS interviews:

- Recruitment interviews for the gender TS national consultant position were held. A suitable candidate was found.

Other programme related matters:

- The need for requesting a no-cost extension of the programme till Q1 2017 was discussed. This will be contingent on the PMU's assessment of financial feasibility. Nalin will lead this work to come up with a clear extension plan before the next PEB.
- The PMU team have decided to communicate weekly progress internally to increase cohesion and collaboration within the programme– weekly highlights to be sent out every Friday.
- A need for more results and target audience focused communications was discussed with the new communications officer, Malaka Rodrigo.
- Alexis will put together a new and more coherent workflow management strategies across the programme.
- Summary /discussion papers will be developed for all key analytical reports, which will be uploaded to the Sri Lanka REDD+ website.

10. Key counterparts

A participants list in Annex

11. Follow up action matrix

Action to be taken	By whom	Expected completion date
Inception report on PAM prioritisation	David	15 June
Sending Weekly REDD+ highlights	Malaka Rodrigo	
No-cost extension financial assessment	Nalin	ASAP
Workflow optimisation	Alexis	ASAP

12. Distribution list:

UN-REDD, and the CO