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1. Practice area : PBPS SDC	
2. Mission period (incl. of travel days) From: 11-15 May	
3. Type of mission : Technical backstopping	4. Clients: Ministry of Environment, Green Development and Tourism (MEGDT), UNDP CO
5. Purpose of mission: to start the implementation of TS	6. Documents, materials, resources TS work plans for D&D study and institutional arrangements
7. Mission members: Aki Kono, RTA	8. Costs: UN-REDD Global Programme Budget

9. Brief summary of the mission

The National REDD+ Readiness Roadmap was officially adopted by the Ministry of Environment, Green Development and Tourism (MEGDT) in June 2014, and based on which Mongolia's request for full-scale National Programme funding was approved by the UN-REDD Programme Policy Board in July 2014. The objective of this mission was to initiate the implementation of Targeted Support (TS) activities. The TS was designed to support the delivery of Output 7 (D&D analysis) and Output 10 (institutional capacity building) of Mongolia's UN-REDD National Programme, while finalizing the NPD. For each output, a team of experts (one Int'l and 2-3 Nat'l experts) has been recruited. During this mission, a work plan for and work distribution within each team was discussed and agreed, necessary consultation processes were initiated, and an inception meeting was held. I also had a working session with the CO focal point to finalise the NPD.

9.a Findings

- Internal work planning sessions with two teams of experts ensured a clear and common understanding of scope and methodological approach for each work stream by the team members.
- Work distribution within each team was discussed and agreed.
- A language barrier between the international and national experts was recognized as a key challenge, and therefore, having face-to-face meetings was found very useful in clarifying a specific role, responsibilities and expected deliverables by each expert.
- Andrew Inglis, CTA and Hijaba Ykhanbai, Nat'l Project Coordinator of FAO's GEF SFM project came to meet with the UNDP CO/UN-REDD team to discuss coordination and collaboration – this project is about to start, and their effort to establish a national FUG association would directly be beneficial and compatible with UN-REDD's plan to organise a CSO/LC forum.
- The Mongolian Environmental Civil Council is limited in their ground outreach capacity to work and coordinate with FUGs – more assessment of the Council's capacity is needed to determine their role in the SE work.
- ADB is about to initiate a project to support the processing of sawn durst and other wood waste to produce wood briquettes and pellets in the areas northeast of UB – a potential link with REDD+ should be explored further.
- UNEP provide support in NC, BUR and INDC (GEF funding) – details of support are not clear and a clear link with REDD+ should be established - the message has been communicated to UNEP.
- GIZ is designing an online MRV database, and also developing a silvicultural intervention guideline based on their previous support work on NFI.
- GIZ has assisted MEGDT in establishing a national technical committee on NFI – 12600 plot sampling (400 clusters), while the government still carries out a taxation inventory – results of which appeared to be very close to the NFI results.
- For NFI data management, GIZ works with FRDC for now, but the NFI data should eventually be merged with the national environmental data managed by the Environmental Information Office – EIO currently manages three separate data sets and need support in consolidating them into one.
- The former CCCO team on GHG inventory has been placed under the Nature Conservation Fund on an interim basis – this unit for the time being works with UNEP on NC, BUR and INDC and reporting through the Department of International Cooperation, MEGDT to the UNFCCC – GIZ is also involved in the INDC discussion, and I have

alerted the UNRC of the importance of this discussion as it is not just technical but also provide bearings on many other development and development finance aspects.

- Pending the inputs from the UN-REDD Secretariat on the fund management section, the NPD will be finalised and ready for collecting signatures. The UNRC is fully informed, and the UNDP CO is completing the ESSP and planning to hold a LPAC meeting by early June.

9.b Results achieved (key outputs)

- TS work is now well underway. A work plan for each work stream has been agreed, and final deliverables are expected by mid-September, which would coincide with the NP inception to keep the built momentum.

10. Key counterparts

A participants list in Annex

11. Follow up action matrix

Action to be taken	By whom	Expected completion date
Completion of ESSP, LPAC and signature collection	AKI and Bunchin	End June
Securing BPPS DoA	Aki and Dina	Already in process
Initiation of PMU staff recruitment process.	Aki and Bunchin	Mid-June

12. Distribution list:

UNDP CO.