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Approved Mission Itinerary:

Oslo – Jakarta/ Bogor via Bangkok

List of Annexes (also found on the UN-REDD workspace – read more here)

- Meeting concept note and final agenda
- Participants list
- Workshop report (will be available online shortly)
- Evaluation results from the workshop

Inclusive Travel Date

Tina Hageberg: 11-21 April 2012

Key counterparts in location

- PGA Indonesia team (Indonesian Ministry of Forestry, REDD+ Task Force/ UKP4, AMAN – Indonesian Network for Indigenous Peoples, UNDP Indonesia)
- PGA pilot country delegations from Nigeria, Vietnam, Indonesia and Ecuador, as well as countries with a possible PGA in the future – such as Paraguay, PNG, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, and Myanmar.

Purpose/Objective of Mission:

The background for this mission was to organize a workshop/ meeting directly following up on the PGA pilot countries' earlier requests for a South-South Exchange amongst the pilot practitioners to learn more on how the other pilots have solved some of the challenges encountered, and also get more practical and strategic input to their own planning and implementation of the PGA processes (such as how to set up the management structure, how to involve stakeholders at both the national and local levels, how to identify and prioritize the governance issues etc.). Since Indonesia is the most advanced PGA pilot combined with the willingness of the PGA Indonesia team to co-organize this event, Indonesia seemed like the most natural country for this workshop.

The stated objectives of the workshop were to:

1. raise awareness on the PGA for REDD+ approach and highlight its relevance for national REDD+ processes
2. facilitate knowledge-sharing between countries and practitioners with a view to strengthen in-country PGA processes
3. establish a community of practice made of all those involved in PGAs for REDD+
4. assess the need for a "Guide to PGAs for REDD+" and develop an understanding of what to include in such Guide
5. introducing other UN-REDD tools and approaches available to complement the PGA approach in addressing REDD+ governance issues

Brief Summary of Mission Findings:

According to the objectives set out in the concept note for the workshop, all objectives were more or less met; a PGA community of practice is established, new potential PGA countries are aware of the PGA approach and process in more depth, the need for more concrete information on how to do a PGA is clear, and existing tools and approaches within the agencies were presented alongside possible entry points for these tools in a PGA process (from the planning stage: ICAs, through the implementation once governance issues are identified: Anti-corruption and Stakeholder Engagement/ FPIC, as well as Parliamentary Development trainings and the involvement of the LEG REDD+ process once the data is available.)

The participants in the workshop (apart from agency colleagues) were either individuals with limited or no prior knowledge of the PGA approach or stakeholders/practitioners dealing with the PGA process at the daily level. This difference in knowledge level of the PGA made it hard to accommodate both "groups" need for information. It also became evident that a new meeting/ workshop (within a year) is of great interest to the PGA pilot practitioners/ PGA community of practice. To focus the discussions more, it is our suggestion to *only* invite practitioners/ stakeholders who are involved in a PGA at that time.

Issues which were emphasized or repeated throughout the workshop were the importance of **involving relevant stakeholders from the onset** to ensure ownership of both the process and the necessary follow-up (repeated data collection and dissemination, e.g.), to address how the PGA can become **sustainable** should also be addressed from the start of the PGA (e.g. which agency/ or ministry is likely to be producing/ sharing the PGA information in the long run?), and **the relevance of PGAs in terms of generating governance data which both can be used for policy making and improving governance systems, but also through feeding into the national system for information sharing on safeguards to be reported to the UNFCCC.**

Through bilateral exchanges, it was also suggested that Indigenous Peoples involved in the PGA should be able to meet and exchange views and experiences from their involvement and participation in the PGA process.

The workshop was also an opportunity to meet bilaterally with the PGA teams for each pilot countries:

- In a meeting with the PGA Expert Panel in Indonesia, the indicator framework was finalized and agreement reached on the start of the data collection phase
- In a meeting with the PGA team in Vietnam, a status overview of the process was provided, a new PGA coordinator will be in place 1st of May and a revised timeline for activities in 2012 is necessary, and the possibility for an ICA will be discussed
- In a meeting with the Nigerian representatives, agreement on a revised roadmap/ timeline was reached (which needs to be confirmed by CO in Abuja) – including supporting activities on data collection by FAO
- A meeting with the Ecuadorian delegation shed light on next steps, and also the hiring of a PGA coordinator, and discussion of existing stakeholder platforms as a starting point for stakeholder engagement – but that it should not only limit stakeholder engagement to the current platforms

Paraguay also expressed interest in undertaking a PGA, and is keen on exploring entry points for the PGA in the existing National Joint Programme Document.

Key next steps and follow-up:

- Workshop report and evaluation results will be shared with all participant (alongside all presentations)
- Develop a visualization of when and how the different tools fit within a PGA process cycle – which can be included in the Guide which will be drafted later in 2012
- Prepare and share a database of all PGA practitioners for contact information and work areas/ roles and encourage the UN-REDD workspace as a communication channel for sharing documents, plans and experience, and investigate the possibility for a more closed folder to share more internal information between the PGA focal points in each pilot country
- Follow up on the request to convene the IP representatives involved in the PGA pilots
- Follow up on Paraguay's request to conduct a PGA and ICA – given that there is commitment by CO senior management and government

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