

**UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
BDP/EEG - MISSION REPORT SUMMARY**

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<b>Approved Mission Itinerary:</b> BKK-Phnom Penh -BKK	<b>List of Annexes:</b>
<b>Inclusive Travel Dates:</b> 26-29 March. 2013	<b>Key counterpart(s) in each location:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMB: UNDP CO (Setsuko Yamazaki, Napoleon Navarro, Sovanny Chhum)</li> <li>• CMB: REDD+ Task Force Secretariat (Chea Sam Ang, Vathana Khun)</li> <li>• CMB: Secretariat staff (Kimhy Lun, Heang Thy, Thida Pan)</li> </ul>

**Purpose/Objectives of Mission**  
To attend 4th PEB of the UN-REDD/Cambodia programme and to assist in overcoming barriers to implementation

**Context**  
Cambodia has been implementing its national UN-REDD Programme for a 18 months, but progress has been slow due to the complexity of forest governance in the country, involving three agencies which have mandates for different parts of the forest estate. The management arrangements being used by the three UN Agencies are not currently harmonized, and this is leading to delays in implementation and a building sense of frustration in the government.

**Summary of Mission Activities/ Findings**  
On Wednesday morning, regional advisors from FAO, UNDP and UNEP assisted the Secretariat staff in planning for the PEB meeting the following day, including strategizing on issue to be raised and decisions sought.

On Wednesday afternoon, the three regional advisors met first with the UNDP CO and subsequently with the FAO CO to discuss how harmonization can be improved.

The 4<sup>th</sup> PEB was attended. Key points:

- CSO rep requested materials for PEB in advance of the meeting, so that he can discuss with other members and consolidate their inputs.
- Extension of the programme was mentioned (by UNRC and UNDP CD) and a need to request an extension probably in the next meeting in December.
- The next PEB meeting is scheduled to be on Dec 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Closing Workshop of UN-REDD/Viet Nam was attended in Hanoi. Presentations were made on Programme Achievements and Lessons Learned. Participants were invited to comment on the programme, including identifying weaknesses and proposals for future work. Key achievements:

- National REDD Network, REDD+ Office, REDD+ Website
- Technical working groups and six sub-technical working groups
- National REDD+ Action Programme
- BDS with 17 principles recommendation
- MRV Framework
- Study report of ecological stratification for REL development
- Communication strategy, communication materials on FPIC, PCM, BDS...
- Allometric equations.
- Establishment of REDD+ working group; awareness raising on REDD+ to stakeholders through FPIC, PCM, BDS/R-factor; and planning for REDD+ at the provincial level.
- Organization of regional workshops, dialogues, and trainings
- Policy dialogue with other sectors towards a joint work plan on REDD+ & FLEGT.

Lessons learned:

- The FPIC process facilitates programme planning
- Awareness raising has often been confusing rather than informative. It should begin as early as possible.
- FPIC for REDD+ is an ongoing process, rather than a single event
- FPIC must be adapted to the national and cultural context
- Local consultations on BDS must be linked to awareness raising for FPIC
- BDS must be adapted to local context
- BDS should build on existing programmes

- A poorly-designed BDS risks reinforcing existing inequity
- Focus on Participatory Monitoring (PM), rather than Participatory Carbon Monitoring (PCM)
- Participatory Monitoring is a key part of awareness raising
- Participatory Monitoring can be used to encourage discussions on forest governance between local people, foresters and other government officials
- The REDD Network and Sub-Technical Working Groups (STWGs) have been quite effective and non-government co-chairs have contributed to success
- The REDD Network should be a forum for all REDD+ initiatives
- The REDD Network must be separate from, but linked to, the FSSP
- STWGs need clear mandates and objectives
- Inconsistency of forest data undermines confidence in a country's ability to manage a REDD+ programme
- REDD+ is an opportunity to secure finance for improved data generation and management
- National endorsement of forest certification systems may promote greater transparency and quality of the information

A conference call was held with Norwegian agencies, the UN-REDD Secretariat and UNDP HQ on the Phase 2 proposal, focusing on short-comings and identifying actions to be taken to allow signature of key documents in November.

Meetings were held with the UNRC and UNDP CD to discuss implementation arrangements for UNDP under Phase 2

**Follow up actions:**

- Investigate opportunities to initiate grievance/conflict resolution activities in relation to Oddar Meanchey
- Identify short-term solutions to provide technical advice to UN-REDD/Cambodia
- Investigate opportunities for integration of UN-REDD, Cam-REDD and FCPF work plans and evaluations
- Contribute to further development of UN-REDD Phase 2 documents

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