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Approved Mission Itinerary: BKK-Phnom Penh -BKK	List of Annexes:	
Inclusive Travel Dates: 4-9 Aug. 2013	 Key counterpart(s) in each location: CMB: UNDP CO (Moeko Saito-Jensen, Sovanny Chhum) CMB: Secretariat staff (Vathana Khun, Kimhy Lun, Peter Iversen, Mathieu van Rijn) 	

Purpose/Objectives of Mission

To assist with the 5th PEB meeting, with preparations for the Consultation Group selection process and final reviews of the FCPF project document

Context

Cambodia has been implementing its national UN-REDD Programme for over 18 months.

PEB meetings have been increasingly constructive in guiding the programme and in overcoming constraints. The 5th PEB meeting was particularly important because it came shortly after completion of the mid-term review, designed to solve implementation problems and to accelerate delivery and progress of the programme.

A 9-month process to establish a Consultation Group culminates at the end of August. Three voting processes were designed: in-person voting at the final workshop; on-line voting; and postal voting. To ensure independence and confidentiality, UNDP/APRC was asked to administer the on-line voting.

With the finalization of the FCPF Assessment Note, the one remaining administrative hurdle for the FCPF project is the UNDP LPAC meeting, to be held in late August..

Summary of Mission Activities/ Findings

The PEB:

- Approved the SOP.
- Decided to delegate to the NPD/DNPD authority to approve minor revisions to the SOP, and that such changes should be sent to PEB members for information.
- Requested the RTS to further revise the proposed new indicators for the UN-REDD Results Framework and circulate to PEB members for a 2-week no-objection approval. PEB members were requested to be very specific in any comments provided.
- Confirmed that the UN-REDD Communications Strategy was approved at its 4th meeting, and that this was an omission from the Minutes of the 4th meeting.
- Requested the RTS to provide a report on implementation of the UN-REDD communication strategy to the next meeting.
- Requested the RTS to ensure that the work of the VFC is completed by the end of September, 2013.
- Instructed the RTS to issue an invitation to the Secretary of the NCCC to become a full PEB member.
- Decided that it would serve as the governing body of the FCPF project, and accordingly may invite additional observers to attend future meetings.
- Invited the NPD to prepare a concept paper on the possible expansion of the mandate of the PEB to oversee implementation of all REDD+ readiness initiatives in Cambodia, and to present it to the next PEB meeting.
- Endorsed the ToR of the Technical Teams, and urged the NPD to ensure that the Teams are established as soon as possible.
- Proposed that the timing of the revision of ToR of the Technical Teams be discussed at the next PEB meeting, and that a report on activation of the Technical Teams be presented at that time.
- Requested the RTS to prepare a technical review of progress and lessons learnt for presentation to the next PEB meeting.

For the CG selection process:

- A contentious issue relating to candidates representing Community Protected Areas was resolved
- Voting lists for all eight non-IP stakeholder groups were finalized

- The on-line voting process, administered by UNDP/APRC, was launched

For the FCPF prodoc:

- A final review meeting was held with the Forest Administration
- Arrangements were made for the UNDP LPAC meeting

Follow up actions:

- Boyle: Assist in setting up an SOP monitoring system
- Boyle: Assist in organizing first Taskforce meeting
- Boyle: Ensure UNDP/APRC oversees on-line voting process for CG
- Boyle: Assist in preparing LPAC documentation

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