

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

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Approved Mission Itinerary:
BKK-Phnom Penh -BKK

List of Annexes:

Inclusive Travel Dates:
4-8 Aug. 2014

Key counterpart(s) in each location:

- CMB: UNDP CO (Moeko Saito-Jensen)
- CMB: Secretariat staff (Vathana Khun, Kimhy Lun, Thy Heang)
- CMB: RGC (Chea Sam Ang)

Purpose/Objectives of Mission

To assist in preparation for, and to participate in 8th PEB meeting

Context

Cambodia has been implementing its national UN-REDD Programme for approximately 2½ years. The PEB has proved to be a valuable management tool, both for UN-REDD and for prompting progress on the Cambodia REDD+ Programme. The PEB has been very active in generating recommendations as to actions that the REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat could/should be taking in relation to the Cambodia REDD+ Programme. For example:

- At PEB 6, the PEB decided that the RTS should periodically send email alerts to notify stakeholders of updates to the REDD+ Cambodia web-page, and urged the RTS to ensure that the Technical Teams became operational by the end of 2013.
- At PEB-7, the PEB instructed the RTS to prepare a written response to concerns raised during the meeting by the IP representative, and also instructed the RTS to release the 4th edition of the newsletter by 11th April, 2014.

The PEB also decided that the 8th meeting should be a full-day event, divided into two sessions, a closed session in the morning for decisions on the programme and the FCPF project; and an open session in the afternoon, serving as an opportunity for information exchange among all REDD+ Cambodia partners.

During the closed session of the 8th meeting of the PEB, the main agenda items included:

- Approval of SOP for FCPF project
- Disposal of Assets Purchased with UN-REDD Funds
- Proposal for a no-cost extension.

The open session included poster presentations (21 posters were prepared and displayed), and two discussion sessions, one on the National Forest Monitoring System, and the other on Cancun safeguards.

Summary of Mission Activities/ Findings

The key results of the PEB-8 meeting were:

- Requested the RTS to prepare the ToR for the proposed National Coordination Mechanism, and for these ToR to be circulated to the PEB members prior to the 9th PEB.
- Requested the RTS to provide progress reports on the development of the national REDD+ strategy and mechanisms for benefit sharing and a nationally appropriate system of safeguards.
- Requested the RTS to re-instate the traffic light format system for reports in future PEB meetings, to enable PEB members to assess progress against plans.
- Noted and approved that unutilized UNDP funds under Outcome 3 be used to cover funding shortfalls under Outcome 1 and 2.
- Approved the FCPF SOP.
- Approved a no-cost extension for a period of six months, up to 30 June 2015. The PEB also emphasized that the MRV/REL Technical Team needs to develop a detailed workplan.
- Requested the RTS to identify assets that would be transferred to the FCPF project.
- Noted that the UN Agencies would apply a consistent approach to DSAs for an interim period while Development Partners agree on the interpretation and endorsement of Anukret 216. This will be reviewed at the 9th PEB meeting.

- Noted the appointment of H.E. Chuop Paris as the REDD+ Focal Point for Cambodia to the UNFCCC and agreed to extend an invitation to H.E. Chuop Paris to join future meetings of the PEB.
- Requested the RTS to make corrections as advised to the budget projections before uploading onto the website.
- Requested the RTS to ensure that the FiA logo is included in all UN-REDD Programme and FCPF materials. The 9th PEB meeting will be held on 11 December 2014.

At the open session of the PEB attracted 50 participants, who were able to view posters prepared by 21 partners, including:

- The Taskforce
- The Consultation Group
- The RTS
- All 4 Technical Teams
- The UN-REDD Programme and FCPF project
- Cam-REDD
- NGO Forum
- NTFP-EP
- Mlup Baitong
- FFI
- WCS
- RUPP
- RUA
- RECOFTC
- CBR+
- Private Sector entities
- SFM project

The two discussion forums proved to generate very active discussion, including some challenging questions for the presenters, who represented both government and non-governmental partners. Verbal feedback from participants were uniformly positive, and there were calls to repeat exercise, although possibly only every second PEB meeting (i.e., approximately every 8 months).

Follow up actions:

- Boyle: Support implementation of PEB decisions

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