

**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:

31 Aug. – 9 Sept. 2014

Key counterpart(s) in each location:

- CMB: UNDP CO (Moeko Saito-Jensen, Napoleon Navarro)
- CMB: Secretariat staff (Kimhy Lun, Nhem Sovanna)
- CMB: RGC (Chea Sam Ang, Kim Nong, Chuop Paris)

Purpose/Objectives of Mission

1. To support HQ advisors, Berta Pesti and Estelle Fach on the development of a National REDD+ Fund, including:
 - Identify bottlenecks in the adoption of the decision on the national REDD+ fund management arrangements
 - Participate and present during Warsaw framework workshop
 - Agree on next steps regarding fund management arrangements
2. To support the national workshop on the Warsaw Framework

Context

The FCPF project document was signed on 25 December, 2013. The Inception Workshop is planned for 14 March, 2014. The CO initially proposed to hire a “start-up advisor” to prepare for the Inception Workshop. However, due both to concerns over the time taken to recruit such an advisor and to the importance of ensuring a high quality Inception workshop for the first country for which UNDP is the FCPF DP, it was decided that I would assist the CO and RTS in the preparations.

The mission also sought to develop proposals for follow-up to Cambodia’s engagement in a regional REDD+ gender assessment in preparation for a regional workshop in March in Bangkok.

Summary of Mission Activities/ Findings

I. REDD+ Fund Meetings:

The following meetings have taken place during the mission:

H.E. Chea Sam Ang, Mr. Kim Nong (MoE), Mr. Paris Chuop (MoE), Ms. Setsuko Yamazaki, Mr. Napoleon Navarro, Ms. Moeko Saito Jensen (UNDP CO) and many members of the PMU

Findings:

- Further explanation is required in the report on various issues presented in previous report but not fully explained (such different types of funds and how they relate to Cambodian law)
- Further issues that have not been addressed in the report have been identified on which decision is to be made
- Shorter version of report to be produced as well as other means of communication to get message through better

Agreed further actions were:

- a. Prepare updated report - BP
- b. Prepare corresponding presentation – BP
- c. Forward report to TF members and others to consult – CO
- d. Forward report to MEF so that international cooperation department can be involved and provide guidance - CO
- e. Record voice to distribute ppt as audio file – BP
- f. Prepare concept note and presentations for next workshop where decisions suggested in report will be made – BP, TB
- g. Consultations around BDS and fund management – all
- h. Integrate outcome of consultations into national strategy – BP, TB and team in charge of national strategy
- i. Develop further documents to create REDD+ fund

A national consultation meeting is planned to be held in October.

II. Warsaw framework workshop

A one-day workshop on Cambodia's entry into the Warsaw Framework was held. My role was to support Peter Iversen in preparing and presenting relevant information, to facilitate sessions of the workshop, and to record key conclusions. I also had to give Berta's presentation as she had a conflicting meeting on the REDD+ Fund.

Based on discussion at the workshop, it was agreed that Cambodia's entry into the Warsaw Framework in 2014 was too ambitious, but that a reasonable target is the first half of 2015 so that Cambodia is ready to submit by the time of the yet-to-be confirmed submission deadline for 2015. It was agreed that Cambodia's initial REL should be a national REL, and should focus only on deforestation. The MRV TT was assigned the role of developing a detailed worksan to ensure that the deadline is achieved.

Follow up actions:

- Boyle: Support to Berta and Estelle in preparing a concept note for the national consultation meeting and in finalizing report.

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