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| **Approved Mission Itinerary:**BKK-Hanoi -BKK | **List of Annexes**:  |
| Inclusive Travel Dates: | **Key counterpart(s) in each location:** |
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| **Purpose/Objectives of Mission**To attend the validation workshop of the UN-REDD/Viet Nam Phase 2 programme |
| **Context**An agreement was signed during the UNFCCC CoP in Doha concerning a Phase 2 of the UN-REDD Programme in Viet Nam. A validation process is a requirement under the UN-REDD Programme to ensure civil society engagement, before finalizing the PD for approval. The objective of the validation is to gain confidence from the National REDD+ Network members, including civil society, of the core elements of the Programme being proposed. Discussions on more Programme details (particularly on the logframe) will be opened again at the inception workshop (i.e. after PD is finalized and has been signed by the GoV and UN for implementation). The draft PD is was circulated in December to allow time for review. A UN-REDD Ph2 project page was created in the VN-REDD website. |
| **Summary of Mission Activities/ Findings**The key comments received and responses of UN-REDD are shown below:

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| **Programme Document** | **Proposed Revisions** | **Changes made in PD** |
| Output 1.5 Action plans for greater sustainability of production of raw material in aquaculture, coffee, rubber and timber industries implemented  | Output 1.5 Action plans for greater sustainability of production of raw material (EG aquaculture, coffee, rubber) and timber industries implemented  | Action plans for greater sustainability of production of raw materials from key industries (e.g. aquaculture, coffee, rubber and timber) implemented  |
| Output 1.6 Mechanisms to enhance forest law enforcement adopted and implemented  | COMMENT – INCLUSIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND GOVERNANCE  | Mechanisms to enhance law enforcement and inclusive governance |
| Output 1.7 Awareness on REDD+ to provincial authorities and administration, increased  | Output 1.7 Awareness on CLIMATE CHANGE AND REDD+ to provincial authorities and administration, increased  | Awareness on climate change and REDD+ to provincial authorities and administration, increased |
| Output 2.2 Awareness on climate change and REDD+ raised among provincial, district and commune officials and other key stakeholders in six pilot provinces | Delete ‘key’Comment: identify C&I and tools for measuring awareness | Awareness on climate change and REDD+ raised among provincial, district and commune officials and other stakeholders in six pilot provinces |
| Output 2.3 Site-based REDD+ Activity Plans and Provincial REDD+ Action Plans in the six pilot provinces are finalized  | Add ‘and approved’ | Site-based REDD+ Activity Plans and Provincial REDD+ Action Plans in the six pilot provinces are finalized and approved |
| Outcome 4: A national level BDS established  | Need to re-word to clarify that the system applies to all levels, not just nationalAs currently stated, this is an Output, not an Outcome | Mechanisms for the sharing of benefits will be in place for all levels |
| Outcome 4: | Need to be explicit about whether project-based BDS will be integrated | The Phase II Programme will not develop BDS for project-based approaches, but the national level BDS may incorporate project-based approaches as proposed by other initiatives. |
| Output 4.2 Provincial-level mechanisms, guiding principles and criteria researched and drafted | Need to add “gender inclusive” or “non-discriminatory” | Provincial-level mechanisms, guiding principles and criteria which are gender-inclusive, are researched and drafted |
| Output 4.3 Design of an integrated BDS for full REDD+ implementation established | Need to add “gender inclusive” or “non-discriminatory” | Design of an integrated and gender-inclusive BDS for full REDD+ implementation established |
| Output 5.2 Measures to ensure respect for traditional knowledge and rights related to forest management designed and adopted | In text, clarify that this includes respect for religious beliefs and other values  | * Traditional knowledge including respect for religious beliefs and other values has developed in a highly complex manner and can take many forms, for example, not allowing the cutting of blossoming plants or their harvesting in spring, or how women may sow the seeds of a specific banana along the bank of stream.
* In order to ensure that traditional knowledge including respect for religious beliefs and other values is safeguarded through the REDD+ activities, the following indicative activities are necessary
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| Output 5.3 Full and effective stakeholder participation mechanisms, especially for women, local communities and indigenous peoples, established  | Add “and adopted” | Full and effective stakeholder participation mechanisms, especially for women, local communities and indigenous peoples, established and adopted |
| Output 5.3 | Ensure that poverty alleviation is clearly stated as a principle | Efforts to ensure full and effective stakeholder participation will be enhanced and systemized in this Programme, with an intention to actively promote poverty reduction among relevant stakeholder groups.Some stakeholder groups need to be a particular focus of efforts to ensure full and effective participation because of their marginalization in the past, and also as targets in the poverty reduction agenda. |
| Output 5.3 | Note that this represents “good governance” and that livelihoods is a social safeguard | • Through a consultative process, clarify the national approach to ensuring full and effective stakeholder participation in REDD+. This should cover the approach to indigenous peoples and the approach to ensuring gender equity, or the impact of REDD+ on gender, and the impact of REDD+ on livelihoods – as a social safeguard. The Participants Board is expected to play a key role in this; |
| Outcome 6 Regional cooperation progress on REDD+ implementation in the Lower Mekong Sub-Region  | Regional cooperation **AND** progress on REDD+ implementation in the Lower Mekong Sub-Region  | Regional cooperation enhances progress on REDD+ implementation in the Lower Mekong Sub-Region |

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| Follow up actions:* Revise draft PD
* Finalize DPO and support GoV in seeking approval
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