

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

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<p align="center">Approved Mission Itinerary: BKK-Naypyitaw-BKK</p>	<p>List of Annexes: None</p>
<p>Inclusive Travel Dates: 3-5 Feb. 2015</p>	<p align="center">Key counterpart(s) in each location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-REDD Office, Nay Pyi Taw (Khin Hnin Myint, Franz Arnold, Aung Kyi) • MYA: FD (Thaung Naing Oo)

Purpose/Objectives of Mission
To attend and support the first meetings of Technical Working Groups on SE & Safeguards and on Drivers & Strategy, and to support work planning on the arrival of the CTA

Context

With support from the Government of Norway, the UN-REDD Programme, in partnership with the Regional Community Training Center (RECOFTC), assisted the Government of Myanmar (GoM) and other stakeholders to develop a REDD+ Readiness Roadmap in the period July 2012-August 2013. Myanmar received UN-REDD Targeted Support of approximately \$1.1M to initiate implementation of the REDD+ Readiness Roadmap. In November, 2015, an additional request for \$5.5M for a full National Programme was provisionally approved, pending new funding to the UN-REDD Programme.

To support the REDD+ readiness process, three Technical Working Groups (TWG) have been established, covering (1) Stakeholder engagement and safeguards (SE&S); (2) Drivers and strategy (D&S); and (2) NFMS and FRL. The first official meetings of the first two TWGs were held on Feb. 5th. Since two recently-recruited members of the PMU were to give presentations at the TWG/SE&S, these were reviewed and revised on Feb. 4th.

The newly-recruited CTA arrived in Nay Pyi Taw on Feb. 4th.

Summary of Mission Activities/ Findings

1. TWG SE&S

The main conclusions of the 1st official meeting of the TWG SE&S were:

- **TOR of the TWG:** TWG has to provide consensus based technical recommendations to the National REDD+ Taskforce which will be organized soon.
- **Stakeholder Engagement Guidelines:** TWG will have to review the draft Stakeholder Engagement Guidelines for REDD+ in Myanmar after drafting by the Consultant for the development of Stakeholder Engagement Guidelines which will have to be done during the 1st quarter of 2016
- **Development of high quality set of communications material:** TWG will have to provide comments/recommendations on development of feasible approach/proposal to develop a common set of communication materials for REDD+ Myanmar
- **Draft Communication and Knowledge Management Strategies:** TWG will review and revise the draft Communication and Knowledge Management Strategies to be ready to submit to REDD+ Taskforce. The draft Communication and Knowledge Management Strategies was shared to all the members.

The UN-REDD Programme will take into account of the comments/discussion points (mentioned above) of the meeting for the improvement of its communication and knowledge management programme.

2. TWG D&S

The main conclusions of the 1st meeting of the TWG SE&S were:

- **TOR of the TWG:** TWG has to provide consensus based technical recommendations to the National REDD+ Taskforce which will be organized soon.
- **Driver Analysis:** FRI research team will take care of the driver analysis with the support of consultant, UN-REDD technical group and TWGs.
- **Strategy Development:** TWG will have to support technical recommendations on series of activities for Strategies Development.

The meeting was chaired by REDD+ Focal Point, and newly appointed UN-REDD NPD, Dr. Thaung Naing Oo, so the opportunity was taken at the end of the meeting to discuss a number of issues related to work planning of UN-REDD activities. The concept of a possible GCF-funded proposal for implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy was also discussed.

3. Support to CTA

Having previously met with and briefed the CTA in Bangkok earlier in the week, follow-up discussions in Nay Pyi Taw mainly focused on imminent operational issues. One of these concerned the work of the Communications Officer, which has not been encouraging so far. It was agreed that his work will be closely monitored, and that it may be necessary to adopt monthly workplans with clear deliverables. The issue was also discussed with the UNDP CO Pillar 2 Team Leader, who was in NPT for another meeting.

Follow up actions:

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- Provide on-going support to the TWG D&S, especially with regard to the overall planning process for development of a National REDD+ Strategy
- Provide on-going support to the ICA process, which should generate engagement strategies with key government partners, so that the development of the National REDD+ Strategy is supported effectively by all relevant agencies.
- Support the PMU in ensuring effective KM/Comms work by the PMU Comms Officer

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