

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

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Approved Mission Itinerary:

BKK-Yangon-BKK

List of Annexes:

Inclusive Travel Dates:

15-16 Sept. 2014

Key counterpart(s) in each location:

- MYA: UNDP CO (Lat Lat Aye, Khin Nhin Myint)

Purpose/Objectives of Mission

To help finalize arrangements for the LPAC of the project document for implementation of UN-REDD programmatic support to Myanmar

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. Most of the information included in the Roadmap was derived from the work of three multi-stakeholder Technical Working Groups (TWG) during the period December 2012-April 2013. A draft document was then subject to six consultation events – two national workshops and 4 sub-national workshops (see Consultation Annex to the Roadmap).

The Myanmar REDD+ Roadmap has six sections:

1. Management of REDD+ Readiness Arrangements
2. Stakeholder Consultation and Participation
3. Development and Selection of REDD+ strategies
4. Implementation Framework and Safeguards
5. Development a National Reference Level and Reference Emissions Level
6. Development a National Forest Monitoring System

The total budget calculated for implementation of these six sections is US\$ 23,320,650 (including administrative costs). This funding will be accessed through the support of numerous donors and development partners, as well as from the government budget. A joint mission undertaken with colleagues from FAO (Joel Scriven) and UNEP (Thomas Enters) in October 2013 developed a request to the Government of Norway to support Roadmap implementation through the UN-REDD Programme amounting to \$4.8M. The budget for the first year of this support, amounting to \$1.1M, was approved by the UN-REDD Policy Board in November, 2013. A joint project document was prepared in April, 2014.

This mission was to finalize the joint project document in anticipation of an LPAC in October, 2014, following which implementation is expected to start promptly. Therefore a secondary objective was to prepare the first quarter's workplan and budget.

Summary of Mission Activities/ Findings

The key results of the mission were:

- Based on discussions with CO staff, the text of the Management Arrangements of the project document was revised to be consistent with the DIM modality, and other minor issues were addressed.
- A workplan and budget for 2014/Q4 was drafted, together with supporting documentation, such as concept notes for technical activities and ToR for consultants or contractors.
- Following on from the mission, consultations were held with UNDP HQ in Geneva and Oslo (Oslo Governance Centre) regarding support in the form of a Norwegian JPO and staff of the OGM, respectively.
- All relevant documents are appended.

Follow up actions:

- CO: The job announcement for the long-term CTA has been posted. Other positions which should be posted as soon as possible are:
 - Short-term ,start-up advisor
 - Programme Coordinator
 - Communications Officer
 - Stakeholder engagement officer
 - Administrative Assistant
- CO: To decide on whether to seek a short-term (4-month) detailed assignment as well
- Boyle: To pursue a JPO through preparation of ToR
- CO: To contract an NGO for collection of baseline information relating to three indicators in the results framework
- Boyle: To continue discussions with the OGC about the proposed ICA process (2014/Q4, Activity 2.2a)

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