

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

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Approved Mission Itinerary:

BKK - Hanoi - BKK

List of Annexes:

Inclusive Travel Dates:

13 – 14 Nov., 2014

Key counterpart(s) in each location:

- UNDP CO (Dao Xuan Lai, Ngo Thi Loan, Pham Minh Thoa)
- UN-REDD PMU (Anders Pedersen, Shyam Paudel)

Purpose/Objectives of Mission

To serve as a resource person in a workshop on the Warsaw Framework and to advise on implementation issues

Context

Partly due to GoV staff turnover, it was considered that there was only a weak understanding of the Warsaw Framework within the Government and UN-REDD PMU, whereas the Warsaw Framework should be a major guide for work planning. Consequently, it was proposed that a half-day workshop be held to raise awareness among key Hanoi-based stakeholders. Advantage was taken of the mission to also provide inputs on matters of implementation and programme administration.

Summary of Mission Activities/ Findings

The Warsaw Framework workshop included about 35 participants, including government staff, PMU staff, NGOs, consultants, and donors. Unfortunately there were no participants from the VRO and the two VNForest staff left after the first presentation. However, feedback from those who participated indicated that the workshop was successful in raising awareness about the four pillars of results-based payments under REDD+. Participants also expressed an interest in a national REDD+ Academy

Discussions held in the PMU covered issues such as benefit distribution and safeguards. A session was also held with one of the programme evaluators.

A meeting at the CO reviewed past problems with programme administration, particularly in relation to APRC technical inputs. Two constraints were identified, namely:

- For past technical advice provided through the CO the RTA was not copied on the compiled advice provided to the GoV, nor on the GoV reply, so the results of the advice provided were not known.
- The restriction of direct contact with the GoV did not apply to regional or HQ advisors from FAO or UNEP, or to HQ advisors from UNDP or to the Stakeholder Engagement and KM specialists – it applied only to the RTA.

A solution would require all advice from UN advisors, not only the UNDP RTA, to go through a single channel. It is proposed that the CTA could serve this role for Outcomes 1 and 4; the Planning Advisor for Outcome 2, the UNEP Programme Officer for Outcome 5. For the other two outcomes with no UNDP involvement, FAO and UNEP can decide on the appropriate person.

Follow up actions:

- CO to finalize new arrangements for provision of technical advice that applies to all advisors
- CO or PMU to copy the RTA on advice provided to the GoV and on the response
- KM specialist to undertake a REDD+ Academy scoping mission in Q1 of 2015

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