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1. Practice area: BDP/EEG

2. Mission period (incl. of travel days)

From: 29 to: 30 September

3. Type of mission: Technical backstopping

4. Clients

UNDP CO – Moeko Saito-Jensen (Programme Analyst)

PMU – Anupam Bhatia (CTA), Lun Kimhy (Coordinator), Sovanna Nhem (Manager), Heang Thy (Communications Officer)

5. Purpose of mission

To provide technical assistance during the 2nd Gender Group meeting; and to follow up with preparation to support CF, CFi, CPA, IP CG members.

6. Documents, materials, resources

7. Mission members

Celina Yong

8. Costs

UNDP/UN-REDD global budget

9. Brief summary of the mission

9.a Background

The REDD+ Consultation Group (CG), established through a self-selection process in August 2013, was designed as a platform to represent and provide civil society input to the REDD+ Taskforce (TF) in the development and implementation of a national REDD+ strategy. It has faced challenges in galvanising collective feedback from each of the stakeholder groups, thereby impairing its ability to provide substantive feedback to the TF. Operationalising the information flow and feedback mechanisms particularly for the 3 community networks (Community Forestry, Community Fisheries, and Community Protected Areas) and Indigenous Peoples is a priority.

The Gender Group was established in response to ensure gender is mainstreamed in the national REDD+ strategy and subsequent implementation.

9.b Main Findings

• Gender Group

- The group met on 30 September and finalised its action plan. The first order of priority is to raise awareness of the TF, CG and TT in relation to the importance of mainstreaming gender in REDD+. They will develop key messages about gender based on review of key documents related to gender and climate change: Climate Change Strategies developed by MAFF, MoE and MoWA; UN-REDD gender documents and other relevant publications by WOCAN and RECOFTC.
- An internal training for the GG is tentatively scheduled for 28 to 29 October 2014, led by the global gender expert, with support from the regional SES and the RTS.
- Subsequent awareness raising activities for TF, CG and TT are scheduled in November 2014.
- GG members will be invited to join a series of seminars in October aimed to introduce Warsaw Framework, Forest Monitoring and Safeguards for REDD+ to government agency staff in preparation for REDD+ implementation.
- Representative from MoWA suggested that the Ministry be included in the TF to ensure there is high level support to mainstream gender in the national REDD+ strategy. While this suggested earlier, it was vetoed by the NPD, in part due to complex political dynamics among TF members. However, the suggestion is worth pursuing once GG starts to meet its mandate.

• TS implementation – CF, CFi, CPA, IP CG members

- Due to staff turnover, RTS is expected to provide coordination support for the 4 subnational workshops targeted at the 4 constituencies.
- A national consultant will be recruited to oversee the development of basic training materials, followed by the

implementation of 4 sub-national workshops.

- CG
 - In response to the NPD's willingness to support international and national NGOs, and CSO to strengthen their networks in order to better function as CG members, the RTS will consult with the said constituencies to identify strategic entry points for collaborations.

9.d Expected Output

- Draft concept note to discuss potential entry points for collaboration among international and national NGOs and CSO representatives in the CG.

10. Key counterparts

- UNDP CO – Moeko Saito Jensen,
- PMU – Anupam Bhatia (CTA), Lun Kimhy (Coordinator), Sovanna Nhem (Manager), Thy Heang (Communications Officer)

11. Follow up action matrix

Action to be taken	By whom	Expected completion date
Prepare training materials for the GG	Beth, Celina	20 October
Draft concept note.	Celina	3 October

12. Distribution list

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