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1. Practice area: BPPS, Sustainable Development and Resilience Cluster	
2. Mission period (incl. of travel days) From: 19 – 21 April	
3. Type of mission: Technical backstopping	4. Clients UNDP/UN-REDD Vietnam CO and National PMU staff
5. Purpose of mission Attend UN Technical Team (TT) meeting and determine next steps for the Independent Monitoring Board (IMB)	6. Documents, materials, resources
7. Mission member Celina Yong	8. Costs UNDP/UN-REDD Vietnam CO budget

9. Brief summary of the mission

The 6th UN TT meeting reviewed decisions from the Executive Group (EG) meeting in March; discussed a consistent approach to key work areas such as monitoring, NRAP, PRAP and SiRAP, FRL; and reviewed the internal risk log. Following the decision of the EG to proceed with the status quo of an EG and a PEB, remaining concerns regarding the IMB need to be addressed so that it can be established as soon as possible. The UN TT meeting was proceeded by a meeting with the PMU, who welcomed the opportunity as a measure to facilitate more transparent exchange of challenges and solutions.

9.a Findings

6th UN TT Meeting

- Review of the key EG decisions
 - Land tenure – in response to the importance Norway placed on this issue, a national consultant will be recruited to consolidate efforts on land tenure into a strategy elaborating how it will be addressed in REDD+ as well as be used as an input for the on-going NRAP revision process. It will also consider recommendations and strategies for community forest management in REDD+.
 - Expanding beyond forestry – building on the momentum from the NRAP revision, the CTA will draft a concept note related to expanding the dialogue to other sectors.
 - Governance arrangement – there was no agreement on the proposed Programme Steering Committee (PSC). As such the EG and PEB will be retained, but with changes to the co-chairs: Vice Minister for the former and DDG for the latter. This is pending formal feedback from the Ministry.
- Monitoring review
 - There is a lot of confusion regarding the different types of monitoring under the PRAPs and SiRAPs. What the meeting agreed was that the challenges relate more to how the data collected will be used vis-à-vis what data is to be collected. FAO will lead in producing a discussion paper that will review these differences. It will contribute to the overall Programmatic lessons learn review, for which the CTA will develop a framework.
- PRAP, SiRAP, BDS piloting
 - In an effort to show results, the Ministry has set a firm deadline for PRAPs to be approved. The overall quality of the PRAPs vary one from another but common emerging lesson is to ensure a stronger linkage between drivers and the recommended PaMs. The meeting agreed to identify PRAP with robust PaMs, and focus on strengthening its implementation.

IMB

- It was not clear to the PMU what additional value the IMB brings to current institutional set-ups, where it would be most effective and how it would operate. The key concerns were (i) additional responsibility for the PMU; (ii) uneasy relationship between the civil society and the government, particularly the latter unclear about the real and constructive value of the former.

- Following an intense discussion with the NPD, DNPd and the NPC, it was agreed that an IMB be established, with 3 member institutions from academic or research institutions, civil society (CBO, national and international NGOs), and mass organisations/professional organisations. The IMB will carry a mandate of 2 years or until the end of the Programme, whichever is later.

EM PEB Member's 2016 Work Plan

- PMU expressed some concerns regarding the types and purpose of trainings proposed by CSDM. It was agreed that the Safeguards Officer will clarify the basis of the request for these trainings with CSDM.

9.b Results achieved (key outputs)

- Concept note for IMB

9.c Expected outcomes and impacts

- IMB will be established and provide an independent and reliable source of information to assess the Programme and its programmatic performance.

10. Key counterparts

- UNDP CO – Ngo Thi Loan, Vu Thai Truong
- National PMU – Fabien Monteils (CTA), Thuy Nguyen, Huu Dzung

11. Follow up action matrix

Action to be taken	By whom	Expected completion date
Develop concept note to establish IMB	Celina	27 April
Follow up with EM PEB member's proposal	Thuy (safeguards)	May

12. Distribution list

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