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1. Practice area: BPPS / Sustainable Development and Resilience Cluster

2. Mission period (incl. of travel days)
From: 14 to 17 December 2015

3. Type of mission: Workshop resource person, technical backstopping

4. Clients
UNDP CO – Lat Lat Aye, Saw Doh Wah
PMU – Khin Hnin Myint (National Programme Coordinator), Aung Kyi (Communications Officer), Min Soe (Stakeholder Engagement Officer)

5. Purpose of mission

- a) Resource person on UN-REDD Programme's gender and REDD+ experiences for the MoECA/ITTO International Workshop on REDD+, Community Forestry and Gender
- b) Orientation for the national Stakeholder Engagement Officer (SEO)
- c) Preparation for National Programme

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

Myanmar continues to implement its Targeted Support activities while waiting for final financial commitment to commence its National Programme. In the meantime, the Programme Management Unit is almost fully staffed.

MOECA/ITTO invited the Programme to share its experiences integrating gender considerations in REDD+ from other countries during its International Workshop on REDD+, Community Forestry (CF) and Gender from 15 to 16 December 2015.

9.b Main Findings

- a) **Gender is a relatively new topic in Myanmar which presents an opportunity for the Programme to ensure and demonstrate how it can be integrated into REDD+.**

Basic understanding of gender and its role in REDD+ is limited in Myanmar. For example, the three focal areas of the workshop: REDD+, CF and gender, were addressed by the organisers, MOECA/ITTO, separately instead of holistically. However, the Forest Department, through its community forestry program has attempted to integrate gender, albeit with mixed results. This experience, however, can be a platform to expand knowledge of gender inclusion, including how it can be considered and enacted during the Readiness phase. There is visible interest and keenness for the Programme to take lead on this issue, specifically through the National Programme, and potentially in other related activities.

- b) **More intensive technical support required for the new SEO in the PMU**

The new SEO has good working experience with local communities. However, knowledge and understanding regarding REDD+ is scarce and need to be strengthened. The REDD+ Academy module on Stakeholder Engagement was shared as an introductory material, with the presentation as source for his orientation. One of his initial tasks would be to revise the stakeholder mapping that was produced for the Roadmap, which will also be important information for the communications officer. Other tasks at this stage include supporting the TWG on Stakeholder Engagement and Safeguards, the self-selection of CSO and EM PEB members, and the development of the SE Guidelines.

Regarding the self-selection of CSO and EM PEB members, the plan to outsource the facilitation of the process to an NGO is facing administrative hurdles. There are different and cumbersome procedures to contract a CSO/NGO. These needs to be clarified as soon as possible so that sufficient time is available for this process prior to the first PEB meeting, the date of which has not been determined.

c) Continue

9.c Expected Outputs

- Revised stakeholder mapping and analysis

10. Key counterparts

- UNDP CO – Lat Lat Aye, Saw Doh Wah
- PMU –Khin Hnin Myint, Aung Kyi, Min Soe

11. Follow up action matrix

Action to be taken	By whom	Expected completion date
Revise stakeholder mapping and analysis	Min Soe, Celina	On-going
Follow up with CO regarding contracting a CSO/NGO	Khin Hnin Myint	On-going
Discuss with CO regarding programs to support peace process, and collaboration with the Programme	Celina, Khin Hnin Myint, Min Soe	On-going

12. Distribution list

UNDP UN-REDD, UNDP CO – Lat Lat Aye, Saw Doh Wah, Khin Hnin Myint