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

2. Mission period (incl. of travel days)

From: 4 to 7 February 2016

3. Type of mission: Resource person for the AIPP-led REDD+ Partners' Meeting on 5 February

4. Clients

5. Purpose of mission

- a) Share UN-REDD Programme's experiences and lessons in Safeguards and SiS; Grievance Redress Mechanism; and CBR+;
- b) Highlight where IP can engage with the Programme's work nationally, regionally and internationally

6. Documents, materials, resources
Meeting agenda

7. Mission member

Celina Yong

8. Costs

UNDP/UN-REDD global budget

9. Brief summary of the mission

9.a Background

The regional IP organisation, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), has been coordinating a regional climate change partnership with IP (network) since 2009. Partners are based in Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand and Viet Nam, and activities have focused on capacity building, advocacy, developing and translating IP-related knowledge materials, and direct support to communities through testing various technical and participatory approaches. However, the Network is expected to complete its activities by March 2016, and new funding from NORAD will only focus on Myanmar and Viet Nam. AIPP is actively working with other donors to continue providing support to other network members.

The regional meeting of climate change partnership with IP from 2 to 6 February in Chiang Mai sought

- To get country updates on key issues; achievements; and lessons learned from the implementation of the project
- To identify key challenges and issues; and formulate steps forward
- To share the findings of the case studies on REDD+ Trust Fund in Nepal and Payment for Environmental Service (PES) in Vietnam
- To share the experiences of the UN REDD Programme on safeguards and orient participants on the UN REDD Programme Grievance Redress Mechanisms
- Review experiences of the AIPP and UN-REDD Programme's collaboration in Bangladesh, Myanmar and Viet Nam

9.b Main Findings

a) Development of safeguards and SIS vary across different countries, but the common thread is that is generally an isolated event, not integrated with clear and cohesive national objectives.

Referring to the safeguards standard that the Forest Department had developed, Promotion of Indigenous and Nature Together (POINT) (Myanmar) had checked its implementation with communities, who remained unaware of its existence. Concerns were raised regarding the institutional arrangements required for a functional SiS, and how communities could be involved in its design and operation. It was clarified that once potential PaMs have been identified, the standard, although a good starting point, will be reviewed, primarily through the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Stakeholder Engagement and Safeguards. The Indigenous Peoples Foundation for Education and Environment (IPF) (Thailand) stated that the Thai government intends to establish a TWG on safeguards, but doubts its willingness to broaden the scope of safeguards, although noting that this may not inspire investors' confidence to provide results-based payments. The Nepal Federation for Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN) (Nepal) shared that the government placed greater priorities on FCPF's SESA and ESMF requirements since it is a recipient of the Carbon Fund. Since the SESA and ESMF may not encompass the reach of those proposed by UNFCCC's Cancun safeguards, NEFIN requested the Programme to discuss the possibility

of a Targeted Support (TS) on safeguards with its government. However, it was clarified bilaterally with NEFIN that the Programme will not be able to provide any TS in 2016.

b) Support to effectively operationalise the information flow and feedback mechanism between national and sub-national IP representatives should continue.

The Cambodian Indigenous Youth Association (CIYA) (Cambodia) informally shared that the IP representative in the PEB, Mr Man Pak, has requested their assistance in fulfilling his role. To date, he has not been in frequent touch with the other provincial IP representatives and there has been some discontent among members. There is supposedly a request from Cambodia's REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat (RTS) for Mr Man Pak to outline the types of support he needs, as well as costs involved. This needs to be double-checked with the RTS, as well as clarify if and how the information flow and feedback mechanism between national and sub-national representatives, decided during the consultation of the draft national REDD+ strategy (NRS), has been operationalised. With the impending development of an Action Plan based on the NRS, it is crucial that Mr Man Pak is able to fulfil his roles and responsibilities. Additionally, the IP representative in the CBR+ National Steering Committee has resigned, and his replacement has not been found. Since an operational "rulebook" was developed during Mr Man Pak's selection as a replacement to the previous PEB member, it should be reviewed, and the IP provincial working group reconvened.

The collaboration between AIPP and the Programme was beneficial in that the IP in Myanmar and Viet Nam were able to organise and identify their priorities for engagement in REDD+. Since the collaboration ended in 2014, in Viet Nam, an Ethnic Minority Network, consisting of representatives from the 6 pilot provinces, has been established, partly to assist Mrs Truong in her role the EM PEB member, but also to ensure consistent participation in on-going provincial activities. Likewise, in Myanmar, the Ethnic Minorities/Nationalities Network has met and formed a core group of member organisations. This network's primary aim is to promote indigenous peoples' issues and knowledge. One of the thematic areas of focus is REDD+. Interestingly, the Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business has been in touch with POINT as they develop a Code of Conduct for the private sector to operate in IP areas.

c) The Karen communities in Mueang An Village view their involvement in the pilot area for REDD+ in Thailand as means to prove their good stewardship of natural resources.

In 1990s, the village was part of the epicentre of conflict with the Royal Forest Department (RFD), Thailand. The villagers found themselves squatters in a newly designated National Park, facing allegations that they are causing deforestation through their shifting cultivation practices. When RFD later approach them with the proposal of a REDD+ pilot area, the villagers agreed, not based on potential results-based payments, but rather, through carbon measurement activities, to demonstrate their shifting cultivation practices were not causing deforestation. They also benefitted from acquiring technical knowledge as well as the rice mills, and crops that were introduced as part of alternative livelihoods. While the circumstances for Mueang An Village were extreme, the lesson here is not to immediately assume that villagers participate in REDD+ for monetary gains.

9.c Expected Outputs

- Details of AIPP-supported activities in Myanmar and Viet Nam under the new NORAD funding.

10. Follow up action matrix

Action to be taken	By whom	Expected completion date
IP representation in Cambodia	Celina	End of February
Discuss possible synchronisation of AIPP-funded activities in Myanmar and Viet Nam	Celina, AIPP (Lakpa/Joan)	Upon availability

12. Distribution list

UNDP UN-REDD

REGIONAL MEETING OF CLIMATE CHANGE PARTNERSHIP WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

2-6 FEBRUARY 2016

INA HOUSE, CHIANG MAI, THAILAND

OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING:

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PROJECT PARTNERS:

1. Alliansi Masyarakat Adat Nusantara (AMAN), Indonesia
2. Center for Sustainable Development in Mountainous Areas (CSDM), Vietnam
3. Cambodia Indigenous Youth Association (CIYA), Cambodia
4. Indigenous Peoples Foundation for Education and Environment (IPF)
5. Nepal Federation for Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN), Nepal
6. Promotion of Indigenous and Nature Together (POINT), Myanmar

Note: The representatives of Chin Human Rights Organization (CHRO), Myanmar and Ethnic Community Development Forum (ECDF), Myanmar are also attending this meeting

Organizers:



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DURATION	SESSION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
09:00-09:30	Registration	AIPP Secretariat
09:30-09:40	Welcome Remarks	AIPP/IWGIA
09:40-10:00	Introduction of the participants	Participatory
10:00-11:00	INFORMATION SHARING, CAPACITY BUILDING AND PUBLICATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEFIN, Nepal (30 mins) • AMAN, Indonesia (30 mins) <i>(15 mins presentation and 15 mins discussion)</i>	Partner Representatives
11:00-11:30	Coffee/tea break	
11:30-01:00	INFORMATION SHARING, CAPACITY BUILDING AND PUBLICATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSDM, Vietnam (30 mins) • IPF, Thailand (30 mins) • POINT, Myanmar (30 mins) <i>(15 mins presentation and 15 mins discussion)</i>	Partner Representatives
01:00-02:00	Lunch break	
02:00-03:00	INFORMATION SHARING, CAPACITY BUILDING AND PUBLICATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIYA, Cambodia (30 mins) • AIPP (30 mins) 	
03:00-04:00	ADVOCACY, NETWORKING AND REDD+ SAFEGUARDS IMPLEMENTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEFIN, Nepal (30 mins) • AMAN, Indonesia (30 mins) <i>(15 mins presentation and 15 mins discussion)</i>	Partner Representatives
04:00-04:30	Coffee/tea break	
04:30-05:30	ADVOCACY, NETWORKING AND REDD+ SAFEGUARDS IMPLEMENTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPF, Thailand (30 mins) • CSDM, Vietnam (30 mins) <i>(15 mins presentation and 15 mins discussion)</i>	

DURATION	SESSION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
09:00-09:30	Recap of Day 1	Participatory
09:30-11:00	<p>ADVOCACY, NETWORKING AND REDD+ SAFEGUARDS IMPLEMENTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIYA, Cambodia (30 mins) • POINT, Myanmar (30 mins) • AIPP and IWGIA (30 mins) <p><i>(15 mins presentation and 15 mins discussion)</i></p>	
11:00-11:30	Coffee/tea break	
11:30-01:00	<p>EMPOWERMENT OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN IN REDD+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEFIN, Nepal (20 mins) • AMAN, Indonesia (20 mins) • IPF, Thailand (20 mins) <p><i>(10 mins presentation and 10 mins discussion)</i></p>	Partner Representatives
01:00-02:10	<p>EMPOWERMENT OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN IN REDD+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSDM, Vietnam (20 mins) • CIYA, Cambodia (20 mins) • POINT, Myanmar (20 mins) • AIPP and IWGIA (10 mins) 	Partner Representatives
12:00-01:00	Lunch Break	
01:00-02:45	<p>PROMOTING COMMUNITY BASED REDD+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEFIN, Nepal (20 mins) • POINT, Myanmar (20 mins) • IPF, Thailand (20 mins) • CIYA, Cambodia (20 mins) • CSDM, Vietnam (20 mins) • AIPP (5 mins) 	Partners
02:45-03:00	Group Picture	AIPP Secretariat
02:45-05:00	<p>VIDEO INTERVIEWS WITH PROJECT COORDINATORS AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ON THE IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT</p> <p><i>Partner organizations need to guide their representatives to come prepared for 2 minutes video interview. Interviewee can give interview in her/his indigenous language.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NEFIN 2. AMAN 3. POINT 4. IPF 5. CIYA 6. CSDM
06:30-09:00	Solidarity Night	
<p>All participants are requested to wear their traditional dresses on day 2</p>		

DURATION	SESSION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
09:00-09:30	Recap of day 2	Participatory
09:30-01:00 (Coffee/tea break at 11 AM)	Group Work on the Evaluation of the Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group 1: Nepal and Indonesia Group 2: Thailand and Vietnam Group 3: Myanmar and Cambodia 	Each group needs to identify documenter and reporter
01:00-02:00	Lunch break	
01:00: 02:00	Each group will be provided 20 minutes for reporting and discussion	
02:00-03:00	Discussion on future collaboration and engagement	
03:00-03:30	Briefing Paper on “How should Indigenous Peoples Make use of the 2015 Climate Change Agreement?” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AIPP will collect the inputs from partner organization on the contents of the briefing paper 	
03:30-03:45	Coffee/tea break	
03:45-05:00	Participant’s Visit to AIPP Office	AIPP Secretariat

Day 4: (Friday, 5 Feb 2016) Facilitator: Mr. Lakpa Nuri Sherpa

DURATION	SESSION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
09:00-09:30	Recap of day 3	Participatory
09:30-10:00	Forest Caron Trust Fund for REDD+ Project in Nepal: Experiences of Indigenous Peoples <i>(15 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)</i>	NEFIN Representative
10:00-10:30	Analysis of Experience with Payment for Environmental Services (PES) in Vietnam <i>(15 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)</i>	CSDM Representative
10:30-11:00	Coffee/tea break	
11:00-11:30	The UN-REDD Programme Experiences and Lessons on REDD+ Safeguards	Ms. Celina Yong, Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, the UN-REDD Programme
11:30-12:00	Sharing of NEFIN, AMAN, IPF, POINT, CIYA and CSDM experiences on REDD+ safeguards	Partner Representatives
12:00-01:00	Lunch Break	

01:00-01:30	Orientation on the UN-REDD Programme's Grievance Redress Mechanism	Ms. Celina Yong, Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, the UN-REDD Programme
01:30-02:00	<p>Experience sharing of the partnership between indigenous peoples and the UN-REDD Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSDM-Vietnam • POINT-Myanmar • AIPP • The UN REDD Programme 	This will be focused largely on the national consultations of IPs and dialogue between IPs and dialogues held in Myanmar, Vietnam and Bangladesh in 2014.
02:00-02:30	<p>What is Community Based REDD+ of the UN REDD Programme? What is the status of its implementation in Sri Lanka and Cambodia?</p>	Ms. Celina Yong, Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, the UN-REDD Programme
02:30-02:45	Coffee/tea break	
02:45-03:00	<p>What are the UN-REDD Programme's plan and activities (national, regional and international) for 2016 where indigenous peoples can participate and contribute?</p>	Ms. Celina Yong, Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, the UN-REDD Programme
03:00-03:15	Closing Remarks	AIPP and IWGIA
03:30-06:00	Site Seeing to Royal Flora Garden (This is the time of Flower Festival in Chiang Mai)	AIPP Secretariat

Day 5: (Saturday, 6 Feb 2016) Field Visit to Muang Ang Village, the REDD Pilot Village of Thai Government; Facilitator: Khun Kittisak Rattanakrajangsi

Day 6: (Saturday, 7 Feb 2016) Departure of the Participants from Chiang Mai