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1. Practice area: BPPS, Sustainable Development and Resilience Cluster	
2. Mission period (incl. of travel days) From: 17 – 19 November	
3. Type of mission: Training of Trainers	4. Clients
5. Purpose of mission Present the Programme's lessons learnt on FPIC for REDD+ in a ToT on Ethnic Minorities for the Viet Nam Learning Center on 18 November.	6. Documents, materials, resources
7. Mission member Celina Yong	8. Costs UNDP/UN-REDD global budget

9. Brief summary of the mission

AdB and the World Bank have jointly set up Learning Centers to build capacity of their PMUs and consultants on substantive as well as operational issues. The Asian Institute of Technology Viet Nam (AIT VN) is heading the Learning Center in Viet Nam, and are in the midst of conducting a series of Training of Trainers (ToT). The objectives of this particular ToT on Ethnic Minorities (EM) from 16 to 21 November in Danang, Viet Nam are to raise awareness of the rights and issues concerning EM, and how the banks' operational guidance should be applied to ensure these rights are respected.

The UN-REDD Programme was invited to share its experiences with Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) for REDD+ readiness and implementation.

9.a Findings

- The UN-REDD Programme is recognised as having direct experience formulating, testing and applying FPIC guidelines for REDD+ vis-à-vis the banks who develop operational procedures to ensure meaningful consultation. As such, it has valuable lessons to share in the issues of among others, ensuring legitimate representative institutions; building capacity to participate and make decisions; creating access to information; ensuring the rights of EM to self-determination. These lessons were well-received and recognised by the trainers and the banks.
- Most of the trainers are full-time consultants for AdB and WB projects such as hydropower dams. As such, building understanding of the policy-focus during the REDD+ readiness phase was necessary to differentiate how FPIC can be applied. However, basic understanding of REDD+ was limited as questions put forth were related to when and what types of benefits communities can expect from REDD+.
- Reflective of the governmental norms in Viet Nam, participants wanted to know what percentage can be considered as consent given, and how disagreements within affected communities should be dealt with. The Programme, as well as the banks, strongly emphasized the point of collective consent vis-à-vis individual consent; the principle of self-determination; and respect for decision-making norms within the affected communities.

Bilateral Discussion with AdB

- AdB has also set up a Learning Centre in the Philippines and intends to organise a similar ToT on EM in March 2016. However, the training agenda may differ as Philippines is by far, more advanced enshrining and implementing IP rights through its IP Rights Act, and the National Commission of IP.
- Initial discussions focused on how the Programme could also be invited to share its lessons on FPIC during this ToT in 2016.

9.b Results achieved (key outputs)

- Presentation of Asia Pacific FPIC lessons learned in REDD+

9.c *Expected outcomes and impacts*

- Trainers have a better understanding of how FPIC can be applied

10. Key counterparts

11. Follow up action matrix

Action to be taken	By whom	Expected completion date

12. Distribution list

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