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

2. Mission period (incl. of travel days)

From: 7 to 11 November 2016

3. Type of mission: Technical backstopping

4. Clients

UNDP CO – Lat Lat Aye

PMU – Franz Arnold (Chief Technical Advisor), Khin Hnin Myint (National Programme Coordinator), Min Soe (Stakeholder Engagement Officer)

5. Purpose of mission

- a) Participate and present in 5th Stakeholder Engagement and Safeguards Technical Working Group (SES TWG) meeting to facilitate guided discussions on country approach to safeguards (CAS) and competency framework for REDD+.
- b) Review and revise Annual Work Plan (AWP) 2017 for stakeholder engagement related activities, capacity building and UNDP component on safeguards.
- c) Commence development of a consultation and participation/engagement plan for the key elements in the National REDD+ Strategy.
- d) Determine progress and next steps for the Competency Framework for REDD+ assignment.

6. Documents, materials, resources

Mission agenda

7. Mission members

Celina Yong

8. Costs

UNDP/UN-REDD global budget

9. Brief summary of the mission

9.a Main Findings

1. 5th SES TWG

- Presented the proposed **CAS** on behalf of Charlotte Hicks, UNEP-WCMC who was unable to attend due to an overlapping mission. The meeting agreed on the following:
 - Proposed 5 steps for the CAS, while remaining flexible with timeline and availability of other key products such as policies and measures (PaMs): develop roadmap, determine goals and scope; benefits and risks analysis of the PaMs; clarify safeguards based on benefits and risks analysis, policy, law and regulation (PLR) review; review information systems and sources; and review objectives and scope, design options for SiS.
 - Start in Q1 2017 to develop the roadmap that includes details such as timeline (when, duration), and engagement (identify when a smaller “core” group will be needed for which activity).
 - Orientation and capacity-building will be required for the SES TWG because an estimated 85% of the members did not attend the National REDD+ Academy and are relatively new to the topic.
 - PMU will start identifying a potential National Consultant to support the CAS.
- U Ngwee Thee (FD) expressed concerns about the ethnic nationalities (EN) and customary rights which are considered in the National Land Use Policy (NLUP) that was adopted by the previous Parliament, but no legal instrument has been developed to implement this policy. This could be a barrier to receive results-based payments. I clarified that the CAS is an iterative process and Myanmar is not expected to submit a perfect first Summary of Information. More importantly, the substantive parts of the CAS will be shaped by the benefits and risks analysis of the PaMs and the clarification exercise. The PLR review will also identify broad suite of PLRs based on the clarification exercise, as well as those necessary for the PaMs. This means the NLUP will not be the only instrument to “address” the rights and recognition of EN.
- In the final review for the **stakeholder consultation and participation plan**, the meeting suggested that the list for mining companies should be added, and these would be available from Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and Myanmar Alliance for Transparency and Accountability (MATA). Dr Thaug supported this inclusion and stated that the Mining Department is now part of MoNREC, implying that easier access to these companies could be possible.
- The meeting reviewed outputs in the proposed AWP 2017 that are related to the TWG. No significant changes were proposed.

- It was tentatively agreed that a review table of numerous FPIC manuals, guidelines will be shared with the TWG at the next meeting for information purposes.

2. AWP 2017 on SE activities, capacity building and safeguards (UNDP component)

- Under **Output 1.1**, it was discussed and agreed that additional activities to strengthen the CSO and EN networks would be carried out. For a start, it will focus on working with these networks, through their PEB representatives, to identify their long-term goal in engagement in REDD+, their development priorities, expected challenges and engagement strategy.
- A preliminary discussion with Naw Ei Ei Min (EN PEB representative) revealed that her organisation, POINT, intends to bring other EN networks for a 2-day workshop for similar purposes, albeit broader development focus, because a lot of the networks' activities/focus are starting to overlap. POINT has funding for this 2-day workshop, so the Programme could supplement by adding 1 more day to discuss vision and approach to engage in REDD+, and further dividing roles and responsibilities. Min Soe will follow up with Ei Ei to discuss potential dates and collaboratively develop an agenda. He will also initiate similar discussions with MERN, the CSO PEB representative.
- Under **Output 2.2**, it was agreed that the legal and policy frameworks will be reviewed in relation to PaMs. A subset of this work will also lend itself to the PLR review in relation to Cancun safeguards (Output 3.2).
- In preparation for the GRM scoping study in 2017, review list of existing organisations that have applied to be part of a CSO Roster, to determine if organisations with legal expertise are included. If not, identify options to invite relevant organisations to apply.

3. Other matters

a) Consultation and Participation/Engagement Plan for NRS

- Min Soe will update the list of stakeholders to include names of mining companies (sand, gems, copper) from EITI and MATA and rubber producers association; map and analyse these additional stakeholders.
- The results will be used to complete a template analysing who, how and when key institutional stakeholders will be identified for related NRS work elements in 2017.

b) Competency Framework for REDD+

- Clarified expectations with Kyaw Moe Aung (KMA), national consultant, and tentatively discussed an extension of the deadlines for the deliverables to Q1 2017. This needs to be confirmed by the PMU in consultation with CO.

9.b Expected Outputs

- Revised AWP 2017 on SE activities, capacity building and safeguards.
- Draft engagement process and plan for key elements of the NRS.

10. Key counterparts

- UNDP CO – Lat Lat Aye
- PMU – Franz Arnold, Khin Hnin Myint, Min Soe

11. Follow up action matrix

Action to be taken	By whom	Expected completion date
Support development of a concept note for follow-up meeting with CSO and EN PEB representatives	Min Soe, Celina	Mid Jan 2017
Review consultation and participation plan for NRS	Celina	Upon availability, est. 15 December
Confirm extension of KMA's contract	KHM	30 November

12. Distribution list

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Annex 1: Mission agenda

Date	Agenda Item
Monday, 7 November	Arrival in Nay Pyi Taw (Evening)
Tuesday, 8 November	AM: AWP 2017 discussion with PMU PM: Preparation for 5 th SES TWG
Wednesday, 9 November	Discussion on CF for REDD+ with KMA Preparation for 5 th SES TWG
Thursday, 10 November	AM: 5 th SES TWG Meeting PM: Preparation to develop consultation and participation plan
Friday, 11 November	AM: Discussion on consultation and participation plan with Min Soe PM: Review first draft of DDFD study