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1. Practice area : Environment & Energy

2. Mission period (incl. of travel days)

From : 3-5 February 2015

3. Type of mission : Attending the Regional Event on FREL/FRL Development in A-P and supporting KM and technical back stopping

4. Clients:
UN-REDD/FAO

5. Purpose of mission:
- To back stop the KM activity/products

6. Documents, materials, resources
Agenda of the Event

7. Mission members:
Heang Thy

8. Costs:
UNDP/UN-REDD Global Budget

9. Brief summary of the mission:

The idea of sub-regional support to countries in A-P region was derived from the Forest Monitoring Systems and Forest Reference Levels for REDD+ Regional Workshop in Hanoi, Vietnam in 2014. With support as part of a Targeted Support request from the government of Cambodia, a Regional Expert Consultation Event on FREL/FRL Development in A-P was proposed. Participating countries includes Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, and Viet Nam.

On 4-5 May, the event was organised for the countries with the objectives to:

- Provide information on international guidance that has been provided on designing and constructing REDD+ FREL/FRLs (focusing on guidance from the UNFCCC);
- Exchange information on country approaches to FREL/FRL development and design;
- Discuss and explore possible approaches to resolve technical FREL/FRL issues encountered by countries;
- Discuss emerging lessons from the FREL/FRL review process under the UNFCCC; and
- Provide an informal setting for countries to discuss and consult with experts and other colleagues in countries on their approach to FREL/FRLs prior to submission to the UNFCCC.

For those partner countries that could not participate in the event, the UN-REDD Programme would provide support through documenting a FREL/FRL lessons learned note for Asia-Pacific as means of knowledge exchange as well as video capturing lessons learned from participated countries, which will be posted on the A/P E-Knowledge platform.

9.a Findings

- The meeting went well as planned and with a lot of exchange of knowledge and interaction among the invited countries; and
- Countries could also have an opportunity to learn from an advanced country such as Malaysia in terms of process development and submission.

9.b Results achieved (key outputs)

- Different country representatives and experts were interviewed to learn about their experiences and lessons of the development of FREL/FRL.

9.c Expected outcomes and impacts

- An Information Note and video on FREL/FRL capturing experiences and lessons learned form participating countries will be produced and shared among REDD+ countries and the general public to better understand about key technical aspects.

9.d Challenges and Observation

- Since this is a technical event, it's hard to take out of the most important lessons and experince and while there

is a limitation to disclose information and sharing due to sensitivities expressed by countries about data sharing.

- No report is expected to be produced after the event which will be difficult as it limits the value of the event for non-technical expert personnel to understand and take note of those key points from the discussion groups. This may affect the quality of the Information Note which is to be produced.

10. Key counterparts:

- UN-REDD/FAO

11. Follow up action matrix

Action to be taken	By whom	Expected completion date
Video on lessons learned on FREL/FRL	Heang	Late May
Information Note	Heang	Late May

12. Distribution list:

UN-REDD (Joel Scriven, Tim Clairs, and Tim Boyle)

Agenda

**“Expert Consultation Event: FREL/FRL development in Asia/Pacific”
Siem Reap Province, Cambodia 4-5 May, 2015
(Participating Countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal and Viet Nam)**

Day One: 4th (Monday) May 2015			
Time	Event	Organization	Speaker
8:30-9:00	Arrival and registration		
9:00-9:10	Opening remarks from host	Cambodia REDD+ Unit	Cambodia REDD+ National Coordinator
9:10-10:00	Introduction to FAO’s role in assisting countries with FREL/FRLs Refresher on FREL/FRL development under the UNFCCC	UN-REDD	Ms Maria Sanz Sanchez
10:00-10:30	Presentation of Cambodia’s progress toward REDD+ FREL/FRL Issues and obstacles encountered by Cambodia	Cambodia REDD+ Unit	Cambodia REDD+
10:30-11:00	Presentation of Malaysia’s progress toward REDD+ FREL/FRL Issues and obstacles encountered by Malaysia	Malaysia REDD+ Unit	Malaysia REDD+
11:00-11:30	Break		
11:30-12:00	Presentation of Vietnam’s progress toward REDD+ FREL/FRL Issues and obstacles encountered by Vietnam	Vietnam REDD+ Unit	Vietnam REDD+
12:00-12:30	Presentation of Nepal’s progress toward REDD+ FREL/FRL Issues and obstacles encountered by Nepal	Nepal REDD+ Unit	Nepal REDD+
12:30-13:00	Presentation of Indonesia’s progress toward REDD+ FREL/FRL Issues and obstacles encountered by Indonesia	Indonesia REDD+ Unit	Indonesia REDD+
13:00-14:00	Lunch		
14:00-14:30	Open discussion of issues and options encountered by countries, and formulation of four groups based on important issues and options	UN-REDD	Facilitated by Maria Sanz Sanchez
14:30-15:30	4 groups discuss FREL/FRL issues and options	All	All
15:30-16:00	Break		

16:00-17:00	Groups report back their discussions	All	All
17:00-17:30	General discussion of emerging themes and review of day 1	UN-REDD	Mr Ben Vickers

Day Two: 5th (Tuesday) May 2015			
Time	Event	Organization	Speaker
8:30-9:00	Arrival and registration		
9:00-9:15	Recap of discussions from first day and introduction to second day		Mr Mathieu Van Rijn
9:15-11:00	The UNFCCC FREL/FRL review process Emerging lessons from FREL/FRL review under the UNFCCC Discussions and experiences from Malaysia	UN-REDD	Ms Maria Sanz Sanchez Malaysia
11:00-14:00 (including lunch)	Cambodia, Vietnam, Nepal and Indonesia present an outline (10 slides; 20 minutes) of their planned FREL/FRL submission (Scope, Scale, Methodology) After each presentation, the group provides informal technical feedback (10 minutes; simulation of the UNFCCC review process)	All	All
14:00-15:30	Group discussion of emerging lessons, and expectations for the UNFCCC review process	All	Facilitated by Ms Maria Sanz Sanchez
15:30-16:00	Break		
16:00-16:30	Outstanding issues and discussions	All	Facilitated by Mr Ben Vickers
16:30-17:30	Summing up		