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## Concept Note for Inception Workshop of the Cambodia UN-REDD National Programme

Sofitel Hotel, Phnom Penh  
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### 1 Background

At national level, forests play an important role in the Cambodian economy in terms of providing a range of important goods and services to society as a whole, and at local level, they also play an important role in meeting subsistence and income needs of millions of rural households. Yet, due to the high rate of forest conversion and forest degradation, the potential for forests to continue to generate needed social, economic and environmental services is declining.

Acknowledging the situation of deforestation and forest degradation, the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has passed the National Forest Programme (NFP). It aims to bring about sustainable management of forest resources through forest resource conservation, good governance, socio-economic development and poverty reduction. The RGC views the REDD+ activities as support to NFP implementation. In this regard, the RGC developed the Cambodia Readiness Plan Proposal on REDD+ "the Roadmap" in 2010 as the basis for the development of the National Programme Document (NPD) for a Cambodia UN-REDD National Programme. It was signed in August 2011 by all relevant parties, i.e. the RGC, FAO, UNDP and UNEP.

The objectives of the Programme are to enable Cambodia to get ready for REDD+ implementation, including development of necessary institutions, policies and capacity. It is to assist Cambodia in recognizing the multiple benefits of forests and to achieve its national target of maintaining 60% forest cover, a key indicator for the Cambodia Millennium Development Goal 7. It also aligns with NFP objective 9, which is to develop sustainable financing systems and other objectives.

The Programme has the following four outcomes:

- 1) effective national management of the REDD+ readiness process and stakeholder engagement in accordance with the roadmap principles;
- 2) development of the national REDD+ strategy and implementation framework;
- 3) improved capacity to manage REDD+ at subnational levels; and
- 4) design of a monitoring system and capacity for implementation.

The Programme will be implemented over a period of two years beginning in October 2011. With the support from FAO, UNDP and UNEP, it will be executed by the Royal Government of Cambodia, mainly by Forestry Administration, Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries and General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection, Ministry of Environment. The budget is USD 4,201,350 with UN-REDD MPTF providing USD 3,001,350, UNDP-TRAC providing USD 650,000, UNDP-SFM project, which is parallel co-financing, providing USD 250,000 and FAO-TCP providing USD 300,000.

## 2 Objective

The main objectives are to:

- 1) discuss the scope, the approach and the expected results of the Cambodia UN-REDD Programme;
- 2) discuss the Programme structure and management arrangement and its alignment with national policy priorities;
- 3) provide opportunity for relevant stakeholders to share challenges and opportunities regarding REDD+ and to discuss potential synergies with relevant ongoing or potential projects; and
- 4) present, discuss and finalize the annual work plan of the Programme.

## 3 Expected Outputs

The key outputs of the launching workshop are:

- 1) Stakeholders, especially relevant government agencies, local authorities, NGOs and local communities are informed about Cambodia UN-REDD National Programme and its intended results, implementation arrangement and work plan for 2011.
- 2) Comments and inputs received from stakeholders on the approach of the programme implementation and on benchmarks of work plan.
- 3) Participants are given opportunity to share some key factors of success and good practices of projects related to REDD+ and stakeholders are aware of possible synergies among ongoing projects in the area UN-REDD activities

## 4 Method and approach

The programme will include:

- Opening remarks from the government and welcome speech from UN Resident Coordinator.
- A presentation by National REDD Taskforce (NRT) on the expected results of UN-REDD National Programme, structure and implementation arrangement.
- Several slots will be allocated to REDD+ related initiatives to share their efforts and experiences as a basis for further discussion on synergies.
- Each session will include time for discussion to promote stakeholders interaction and to enhance interest of participants in the Programme, and to encourage joint activities.
- Logistical arrangements and simultaneous translation will be arranged to accommodate national and international participants.

## 5 Participants

Around 70-80 participants are expected to attend the Inception Workshop, which will include:

- FA
- GDANCP
- MLMUPC
- FiA
- MEF
- Mol
- MRD
- MIME
- Relevant development partners (DPs)
- Relevant NGOs and Civil Societies

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- Relevant REDD+ Projects
- Relevant REDD+ Private Sector
- Representatives of CFs and CPAs from project target provinces

**6 Venue:** Sofitel Hotel, Phnom Penh

**7 Dates:** 17 November, 2011

**8 Inputs for the Inception Workshop**

Documents to be ready for the Inception Workshop include:

-  Agenda
-  Proposed annual work plan
-  Programme factsheet
-  Presentations
-  Speeches (Khmer and English)

**9 Media**

Press release will be available.