

# Regional UN-REDD Asia Pacific Exchange among Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Representatives and Leaders

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**Day 1, Session 2: Lessons in Engagement with UN-REDD  
Programme - CSO and IP Reflection from Cambodia**



- Background to CSO and IP engagement with UN-REDD Programme
- Key achievements from CSO and IP engagement
- Key challenges from CSO and IP engagement
- Emerging Opportunities



# Background to CSO and IP engagement with UN-REDD

## Programme in Cambodia

- Representatives of IP/CSO participated in consultation since REDD+ roadmap development process.
- The consultation was focus on two main parts of REDD+ roadmap:
  1. Structure arrangement (CSOs requested to have their representatives in each group)
  2. Consultation process (CSOs requested to have awareness raising on REDD+ with materials in Khmer and request to included FPIC principle.
- A group of CSOs (CDA, NTFP-EP, EWMI, NGOF, CPN, CIYA, IRAM and other NGOs based in provincial level) conducted REDD+ awareness raising at provincial and regional levels in 11 provinces in Cambodia in 2010.
- CSOs REDD+ network in Cambodia (CSO-REDD) is facilitating by the NGO Forum on Cambodia. CSO-REDD+ aims for strengthening network for influence on national and international REDD+ policy, contributing to greenhouse gas reduction, protecting forest and natural resources and enhancing local livelihoods and community empowerment.



## Key achievements from CSO and IP engagement in Cambodia

- A “Voluntary Facilitation Committee” (VFC) was formed to oversee the Consultation Group (CG) selection process in order to ensure an independent process.
- The VFC met a total of 15 times between February and the mid of August in 2013.
- REDD+ Consultation Group (CG) was formed in 2013 with the members of different stakeholders (9 Groups).
  - Role of CG: provides comments to the REDD+ Taskforce on the REDD+ Readiness process and provides a forum to represent the views of all relevant stakeholders.
- Indigenous Peoples, the selection process was based on provincial election meetings in the 15 provinces with recognition from local authority.
- CSOs and IPs are members of REDD+ Technical Team (to ensure top quality technical inputs to policy development)

# Key achievements from CSO and IP engagement in Cambodia

The REDD+ Consultation Group has 18 members:

Stakeholder Group	Members
Academia	2
Private sector	2
International NGOs	2
National NGOs	2
CSOs (i.e., sub-national NGOs)	2
Indigenous Peoples	2
Community Forest Groups	2
Community Protected Area Groups	2
Community Fishery Groups	2



# Key achievements from CSO and IP engagement in Cambodia

- Up to April 2015, 9 meetings was organized for CG.
- CG has submitted some recommendations to Taskforce, eg. recommendation on options for REDD+.
- CSOs and IPs are members in Programme Executive Board (PEB)
- CSOs provided technical comments on 1<sup>st</sup> draft of National REDD+ Strategy.
- Awareness raising on REDD+ via TV and radio
- CSOs and IPs increase knowledge on REDD+ which lead to more engagement/implementation of Community Based REDD+ (CBR+). CBR+ is a global initiative co-financed by UN-REDD and UNDP-GEF SGP for support engagement of local communities and IPs in REDD+ Readiness.
- CSOs and IPs can bring their concerns through representatives in CG and PEB.



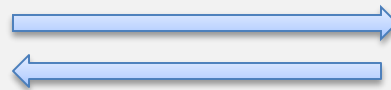
# Key achievements from CSO and IP engagement in

## Cambodia

- Information sharing among contingencies:
  - IPs working group on REDD+ (meeting every 3 months)
  - CSOs REDD+ Network in Cambodia

CSO-REDD+ Network

Email and meeting



Feedback and recommendation

CSO representative in PEB

Representatives in CG

TGWs (benefit sharing, safeguards, demonstration and MRV)

- Email, social media and events
- Quarterly Meeting
- Network reflection



## Key challenges from CSO and IP engagement in Cambodia

- Limited capacity:
  - REDD+ involves more technical aspects (safeguards, tenure rights, carbon rights...etc). Some initial trainings and awareness workshops were provided.
  - Different groups with different capacity of REDD+ knowledge among CG members. Only one training was provided to CG members and no technical support to representatives.
  - Limited awareness raising materials in REDD+ in Khmer language and IPs' language.
- Limited Funding Support:
  - Limited funding support for representatives in CG to conduct consultation with their constituencies.
  - CSOs and IPs have limited fund support from UN-REDD National Program for awareness raising for local communities.



## Key challenges from CSO and IP engagement in Cambodia

- Limited engagement and response:
  - Limited engagement in study on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.
  - IPs representatives in 15 provinces have limited engagement in REDD+ program.
  - IPs depend on forest resource however, since initiate of REDD+, deforestation is still happening, while Cambodia is still in Readiness phase.
  - IPs and local communities lose their livelihoods, eg. in Prahme and Pu Kong.
  - Comments were provided to Taskforce through CG but limited response.



## Emerging Opportunities from CSO and IP engagement in Cambodia

- Provide funding and technical support for CSOs and IPs for their engagement or dialogue with key stakeholders, especially, local government.
- Empower and strengthening CSOs and IPs in protecting forest and natural resource.
- Continue to build capacity of CSOs, IPs and local communities.
- Promote equitable participation of CSOs and IPs in National REDD+ Strategy, and potential policy development.
- Strengthening networking and build strong relationship with other representatives in CG, PEB and TWGs.
- More space for CSOs, and IPs in CG, PEB and TWGs.



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**Thank You**

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