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

- Prepare for the Workshop to elect CSO and IP Rep in FEB (2/2014);
- Deliver a Presentation at Workshop for CSO and Election to be done (28/3/2014);
- VNGO-FLEGT Steering Committee discussed and informed VNGO network about the involvement of the network in UN REDD program phase 2 (4/2014)



Key achievements IP engagement in Vietnam

- Selected IP representative to PEB, 7&8 May 2014
- Dialogue on REDD and IP issue, 09th May 2014
- EM-UN REDD network set up and total 20 IP representatives selected in 5 pilot provinces, from 17/11/2014 – 22/1/2015
- 5 surveys on forest allocation, needs, issue and rights of EM and challenge and measure to ensure REDD+ process from 17/11/2014 – 22/1/2015



Key achievements from CSO in Vietnam

- From April 2014, CSO Rep started formulating Concept Note and then Proposal which indicated 3 objectives: community outreach; safeguard assessment; and policy briefs to national PEB and EG
- Only 1st activity- a CSO WS was approved (Nov 2014).
- CSO Rep has discussed with various NGOs and Farmer Union to conduct a planning WS among CSOs and to formulate strategy of involvement with UNREDD
- However after many meetings between SRD, UNDP, PMU since April 2014 up to March 2015, it seems impossible for further implementing as CSO Rep is not entitle to cost recovery for work done



Key challenges from CSO and IP engagement in Vietnam

- CSO and IP Reps are invited to the regular PEB and EG meetings, but CSO hasn't involved in any actual work of UNREDD, e.g., drivers of deforestation and forest degradation study, potential policies and measures, development, national REDD+ strategy, however relevant info from our own experiences were provided
- CSO and IP Reps are concerned on woman and grassroots community participation, safeguards... in UN REDD program implementation

Key challenges from CSO and IP engagement in Vietnam

- Lack of awareness of and rights related to REDD+ among IPs and CSOs
- Lack of capacity for full and effective engagement of selected IP representatives and CSO at grassroots and provincial levels
- Lack of capacity and resources for EM-UN REDD, CSO-forest governance network to implement at communities
- Very few IP women representatives were selected at grassroots level
- In some provinces, land rights and forest rights are still issue



Emerging Opportunities for CSO and IP engagement in Vietnam

- IPs, CSOs and communities are keen on forest protection and traditional knowledge conservation
- Funds from UN-REDD are available
- Support from CSDM, SRD, VTIK, AIPP and VNGO-FLEGT network can complement UNREDD
- - CSO and IP Reps are well experienced expert for UREDD



Recommendations from CSO and IP engagement in Vietnam

- CSOs and IPs should be provided resources to build capacity and do community outreach
- CSOs and IPs should be involved not only at the PEB or EG meeting, but program implementation at provincial and commune's level
- A clear, efficient and effective funding mechanism for CSOs and IPs should be defined
- Policy Briefs from CSOs and IPs will be sent to PEB and EG in the future and should receive feedbacks



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Thank You

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