Raising awareness on REDD+

- Familiarization workshop for the staff of the Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy, and Forest Department, 27 September 2013.
- Gender Dialogue Workshop, 5 November 2013.
- Workshop on REDD+ concepts for District Forest Officers, 11 November 2013.
- Workshop on Integrating Donor and Nationally Funded Forestry Programmes in the National Forestry Activities of Sri Lanka, 11-14 December 2013.
- Awareness-raising session on the UN-REDD Programme for Senior Officials of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, 6-8 March 2014.
- "Thurumadala" Radio Programme for awareness raising launched, 21 March 2014.

Capacity building for MRV (Measurement, Reporting and Verification)

- Training/Brain Storming Workshop on "Remote Sensing Application in Forestry, Ecology and Environmental Issues for staff of the MRV Taskforce", 28-31 January 2014.
- Training programme on Remote Sensing Application in Forestry, Ecology and Environmental Issues for MRV Taskforce, 28-29 January 2014.
- Training on Greenhouse Gas Inventory for Agriculture, Forest and Other Land Uses, 17-21 February 2014.
- Training Workshop on Tree Allometric Equations, 20-24 May 2014.

Strengthening stakeholder engagement

- Think shop for CSO members, 23 January 2014.
- National Awareness and Training Programme for the CSO members, 20-22 February 2014.

UN-REDD Programme

The United Nations collaborative initiative on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation in developing countries (UN-REDD) is supporting the Government of Sri Lanka to get ready for REDD+.

The Programme is implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). It has two core mandates:

- ✓ To assist developing countries prepare and implement national REDD+ strategies and mechanisms; and
- ✓ To provide international support in order to enable the development of normative solutions and standardized approaches based on sound science for an international REDD+ mechanism under the UNFCCC.

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Glimpses of 1st Year



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Our Journey

- Sri Lanka UN-REDD Inception workshop conducted on 7 June 2013.
- Programme Management Unit (PMU) office opened on 1 August 2013.
- First Programme Executive Board (PEB)
 Meeting held on 4 September 2013.
- First Multi-stakeholder Meeting conducted on 24 September 2013.
- Measurement, Reporting and Verification(MRV)
 Action Plan released in September 2013.
- Indigenous Peoples (IP) Forum established on 29 November 2013.
- Civil Society Organisations (CSO) Platform established on 10 December 2013.
- Second PEB Meeting conducted on 9 January 2014.
- Third PEB Meeting held on 22 May 2014.



CSO Platform Representative raises a point during the third PEB Meeting held at the "Saptha Parisara Mandapaya", Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy

Stakeholder Engagement

* Indigenous Peoples (IP) Forum established with the participation of representatives from major-six IP Clans



IP Forum Representatives with the National Programme Manager and the National Programme Director

 Civil Society Organisations (CSO) Platform, represented by CBOs, NGOs, civil society activists, established



Convening committee of the CSO Platform

* Communications Network with key government institutions established on 8 April 2014

Exposure to national & regional experiences

- Study tour on 'Stakeholder Engagement and Communications', 30 October - 1 November 2013, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- National Conference on Development and Promotion of Agri-Tourism Education and Industry in Sri Lanka, 17-18 February 2014.
- Asia-Pacific Workshop on Women's Inclusion for Sustainable Forests and Climate, 26-27 March 2014, Bangkok, Thailand.



Participants from Sri Lanka at the Asia-Pacific Workshop on Women's Inclusion for Sustainable Forests and Climate

Studies initiated

- Analysis of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation
- Review of national legal, institutional and procedural arrangements