



### CSO for SE Asia & Pacific: Cambodia, PNG & Vietnam

Day 1 Working Group Discussion: Main Challenges and Opportunities at the National Level

#### UN-REDD PROGRAMME 1. Emerging changes/impacts



- For the first time, CSO/IPs are able to <u>participate at the highest level</u> of decision making through a formal structure → empowerment and voices are heard
- CSO/IPs now able to provide written inputs through policy briefs
- REDD+ for the first time has involved many different stakeholders
- Demand from CSO and IP to be heard and involved in the REDD+ process
- IPs and CSOs are <u>bringing a wealth of knowledge</u> → umbrella groups (e.g. EFF in PNG) has important role to make REDD+ language more understandable
- <u>CSO participation has increased</u> as a result of engagement in REDD+



### 2. Key challenges



- High <u>levels of expectation</u> at the local level; many benefits promised: *"save your trees and make money!"* 
  - High expectations at <u>national and local</u> levels
  - Need to raise education levels
  - Some CSO/IPs have lost interest in REDD+
- Difficult to get <u>consensus at the grassroots</u> level: multiple messages
- Different levels of understanding of REDD+ among stakeholders
  - Limits / discourages participation
- Lack of <u>channels for sharing information</u> by CSO/IPs
- Lack of <u>financial and technical resources</u> to work with communities and/or for travel to attend relevant events (last-minute planning!)
  - Challenge of <u>sustainability</u> of CSO/IP participation  $\rightarrow$  national budget

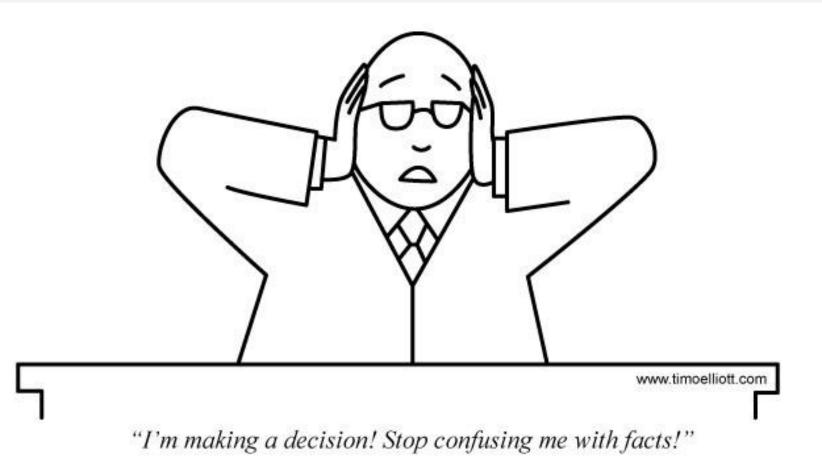


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Vietnamese saying:

#### "Policies are made in air conditioned rooms"







## 3. How to represent views of constituencies and keep them informed?

- Vietnam:
  - Network platform
  - Newsletter and websites (Facebook)
- PNG:
  - Prepare statement for people with access to email  $\rightarrow$  2 weeks to respond
  - Pressure government to raise awareness at the local level
- Cambodia:
  - Email, share information before meetings to gather input, afterwards report back to constituents





#### **Thank You**

# The Non-AC Team!!