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# **(DAY 1) Working Group Discussion: Main Challenges and Opportunities at National Level**



# 1. What are the current or emerging changes/impacts you have seen through your participation in the REDD+ processes in your country and why?

## Myanmar:

- there was no discussion of IPs rights in the past;
- Now the Forestry Department invite IPs to discuss about:
  - FPIC;
  - REDD+ helped to raise issue;
  - Training to FD staff and discuss barriers;
  - Communities: illegal logging and did not how to address; and
  - Publications now possible e.g. WB

## Viet Nam:

- Never have CSO/IPs before;
- FPIC new though REDD+;
- “Grassroots democracy” – not clear before but now IPs can talk about traditional knowledge – only in Law on BD and NRAP;
- IPs representatives at provincial level.

## Bangladesh

- Department of Forestry
- Hostile relationship with IPs “Rulers and Ruled”
- Better communication because of REDD+
- Leaders have demanded platform – has not happened – May 6, 2015 – first meeting and FD promised to continue

## Cambodia

- Improved understanding and networking
- Now CSOs, IPs, and the government could work together

## Sri Lanka:

- IPs rights: After 1982 development programme restated rights
- 1996 – IP conference in Geneva
- REDD+ -- 2<sup>nd</sup> opportunity
- Now aware of the rights and can take issues to national level

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## **AIIP:**

- Partnership with local government in VN and five provinces: training on FPIC
- CSOs and IPs co-chaired TWG
- Bangladesh: No publications previously



## 2. What are the key challenges the CSO or IP still face in the REDD+ process, and what areas could be improved?

### Cambodia

- Improved understanding and networking
- Communication flow not yet effective
- IPs still face danger in forest
- IPs from other countries speak English
- Mainstreaming gender is still a challenge
- Communities reluctant to participate in training
- Local authority block awareness raising
- Incomplete in ...

### Sri Lanka

- Language issue – need to translate into Veddha (IPs local language)

### Myanmar

- Level of understanding is different -- Interferes with discussion
- Land tenure especially for those who practice migratory lifestyle
- Other government agencies need to be more open e.g. Agriculture/mining

### Viet Nam

- Local government of REDD+
- Human rights not well understood,
  - E.g. ILO 169/UNDRIP
- IP women's engagement limited
- Tenure still not adequately dealt with
  - E.g. in the North Forest allocation but not in Centre Highlands
- Improve awareness – need key person in each community

### Bangladesh

- Hill tract: 13 communities
- Plains: 30 communities
- Laws to protect forest and BD and consultation
- Land grabbing – suspicion under REDD+
- Lack of information
- Need to be involved in committees
- Forest concept/definition missing
- Resource for awareness raising
- Lack of respect for culture and traditional knowledge

## 2. What are the key challenges the CSO or IP still face in the REDD+ process, and what areas could be improved?

### AIPP

- The change of roles in the government/changes in government officials
- Number of IPs represented in working group
- Lack of confidence to speak in front of government official
- Lack of engagement in studies e.g. ...



### 3. How you ensure that you represent the views of your constituencies and keep them informed?

#### Myanmar

- Needs to be trusted
- IPs representative need to inform constituents clearly – in homeland
- Find ways to explain REDD+ simply

#### Sri Lanka

- IPs assembly – decision given to government (since 1996, once a year), government funding + revenue raising
- Radio transmissions

#### Viet Nam

- Network: 13 provinces VTIK (29 branches and annual conference)
- Em UN-REDD network will line with VTIK
- Work with District/Commune government

#### Cambodia

- Arrangements for information flow
- Ensure feeding into decision making
- Convene stakeholders
- Increase public awareness for IPs
- Share information with communities

#### Bangladesh

- Existing network: 7 regions – 25 organizations
  - Provide feedback
  - Local and regional meetings

#### AIPP

- Cambodia: Informal Working Group
- Frequent communicate with members
  - Monthly Skype call



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