



The UN-REDD Indonesia Works on Developing a National REDD+ Strategies

The UN REDD Indonesia collaborates with the National Planning Agency (BAPPENAS) to develop a National REDD+ Strategy. The process began with a coordination meeting between UN REDD Indonesia and the Director of Forestry and Water Resources Conservation of BAPPENAS on 20 July 2010. The NPD informed UN REDD Indonesia program and ready to collaborate with other institutions that have similar program. Couple weeks later, BAPPENAS sent a letter to UN REDD informing its interest to collaborate with UN REDD to develop National REDD+ Strategy. Related with Lol RI-Norwegia to reduce emission from deforestation, BAPPENAS has a mandate to develop a National Strategy for REDD+. BAPPENAS presented its proposal to UN REDD and couple weeks later, a technical meeting was conducted. To follow up the collaboration, BAPPENAS, Ministry of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and UN REDD agreed to establish a Steering Committee, an Implementation Team, a Technical Team, and a Joint Secretariat. A writers team was hired and series of Focused Group Discussions (FGDs) with Implementation Team and experts were conducted. Online and off-line public consultations (national and 7 regional covering 33 provinces) are on going now. Nineteen organizations at national levels and more than 300 organizations at regional levels were involved in the public consultation representing government, NGOs/CSOs, universities, private corporations and professional associations. The National Strategy will be submitted to the Head of BAPPENAS by the end of October 2010 to be legalized by the President of Republic of Indonesia. (mf)

Key Issues in Developing a National REDD+ Strategy

Some issues have been raised in the process of the national strategy development covering, among others, how to ensure the National Strategy was developed inclusively and transparent; who should be the writers; drivers of deforestation identification; scope of the national strategy to cover business as usual, 26% or 41% emission reduction as stated by the President of Republic of Indonesia; position of REDD+ related to NAMA; source of data to be used for Reduction Emission Level (REL)/Reduction Level (RL); and public consultation approach. After extensive discussions, it was agreed that a team consisting of senior and junior writers were recruited. They are experts in issues of climate change, REDD, forestry, agriculture, regional development as well as policy and community development. A fish bone approach was used to identify drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, and to formulate three main strategies (fulfillment of prerequisite, possible condition, and sectors development reference). The national strategy is intended to cover beyond 41% emission reduction as stated by the President of Republic of Indonesia and put REDD+ and NAMA as separate issues. Before conducting public consultation at regionals, it was agreed that data from Directorate General Planology of Ministry of Forestry will be used to develop national REL/RL(mf)