

Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) REDD+ readiness project

Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) Meeting

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Attendees:

No.	Name	Title	Organization
1	H.E. Dr. Chheng Kimsun	Director General	FA
2	H.E. Dr. Chea Sam Ang	Deputy Director	FA
3	Dr. Omaliss Keo	Director, Department of Wildlife and Biodiversity	FA
4	H.E. Sereyrotha Ken	Deputy Director General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection (GDANCP)	MOE
5	Ouk Vibol	Director of Fisheries Conservation Department	FiA
6	Kim Sokha	Chief of the office for Fisheries Conservation	FiA
7	Lim Ngeth	Deputy Chief of Fisheries Conservation Division	FiA
8	Nina Brandstrup	FAO Country Representative	FAO
9	Mathieu Van Rijn	Technical Expert	REDD+ taskforce secretariat
10	Peter Iversen	Technical Specialist	REDD+ taskforce secretariat
11	Lun Kimhy	National Programme Coordinator	REDD+ taskforce secretariat
12	Naomi Matsue	Project Administrative Coordinator/Co-benefit	Office of Technical Advisor to DG-FA
13	Dr. Tom Clements	Country Director	WCS
14	Ross Sinclair	Country Director	WCS
15	Julien Brewster	REDD+ M&E Advisor	PACT
16	Hou Kalyan	Country Program Coordinator	RECOFTC
17	Kirtiman Sherchan	National Coordinator	FFI
18	Yeang Donal	National REDD+ policy adviser	FFI
19	Napoleon Navarro	Country Director, a.i.	UNDP
20	Kolap Hul	Procurement Manager	UNDP
21	Sovann Pisey Thlang	Finances Manager	UNDP
22	Senith Siv	Head of Management Support Unit	UNDP
23	Kalyan Keo	Programme Analyst	UNDP
24	Chhum Sovanny	Programme Analyst	UNDP
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26	Ouch Kemly	Young Professional Officer	UNDP
27	Dr. Moeko Saito-Jensen	Programme Analyst	UNDP

Background

About LPAC and processes leading to the LPAC

- The two main objectives of the LPAC meeting are 1) to receive comments from relevant stakeholders for the project document and 2) for the UNDP country director to make an assessment of the comments and a subsequent decision as to whether to recommend the project to be appraised.
- Prior to the LPAC meeting, UNDP conducted a series of consultation meetings with Forestry Administration (FA) (August 9th, 2013), Fisheries Administration (FiA) (July 15th, 2013) and General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection (GDANCP) (July 18th, 2013) to receive their comments to the project document. These comments have been incorporated into the project document (ver. August 16, 13), which was distributed to the participants of the LPAC.

About Cambodia and REDD+

- Cambodia has been classified as a country with “high forest cover”, and “high deforestation rate”. According to FAO forest resource assessment (2010), Cambodia has approximately 10.1 million ha of forest, constituting 57% of the total land area. During recent decades Cambodia has experienced high rates of deforestation, for instance, 1.2 % per year between 2005 and 2010 (FAO 2010).
- The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) recognized REDD+ as a crucial strategy to tackle the alarming rates of deforestation and forest degradation in the country. Moreover, REDD+ has been viewed as a potentially significant new source of funding for effective implementation of key forest management strategies, such as the National Forest Programme, the National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan and the Strategic Planning Framework for Fisheries 2010-2019. The implementation of REDD+ would also help Cambodia to achieve its national target of maintaining 60% forest cover, which is one of the main objectives of the RGC’s Rectangular Strategy, and is a key indicator for the Cambodia Millennium Development Goal 7 that refers to increased forest coverage as one of its key goals.
- Thus far, the Cambodia REDD+ national programme has been supported by numerous supporting frameworks such as UN-REDD and Cam-REDD. The UN-REDD (comprised of FAO, UNDP and UNEP) was established in September 2008 to assist developing countries, including Cambodia, to get ready for REDD+. CAM-REDD is another supporting framework for REDD+ and was officially endorsed by the authorities representing the RGC, FA, and Government of Japan, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) on May 27, 2011.

About FCPF and the objective of the FCPF REDD+ readiness project

- World Bank’s Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) is a global partnership of governments, businesses, civil society, and Indigenous Peoples focused on REDD+ with 36 participant countries including Cambodia. In 2013, FCPF approved the revised Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) submitted by the Cambodian government. And UNDP has been selected as a delivery partner to implement the FCPF Readiness programme.
- The proposed project builds on existing supporting frameworks for REDD+ and aims to further assist the Cambodian government to be ready for REDD+ through its financial and technical support to attain the following four outcomes:

1. Establishment of effective National Management of the REDD+ Readiness process and stakeholder engagement in accordance with the consultation principles
2. Development of the National REDD+ Strategy and Implementation Framework
3. Improved capacity to manage REDD+ at subnational levels
4. Designing monitoring system for REDD+ with capacity for implementation.

Project risks

According to the risk analysis conducted under the project, all potential risks have been adequately addressed under the project (refer to the annex 1 of the project document: Risk analysis).

Remarks

The meeting was co-chaired by **Mr. Napoleon Navarro**, UNDP Country Director, a.i. and **H.E. Dr. Chheng Kimsun**, Director General of Forestry Administration.

Mr. Napoleon Navarro greeted and welcomed all the participants and introduced the background and main purposes of FCPF and LPAC meeting. He remarked that FCPF would make important contribution to existing supporting frameworks for REDD+.

H.E. Dr. Chheng Kimsun thanked UNDP for organizing the meeting and expressed his full support for the FCPF project by highlighting that the project would further support the government of Cambodia to be ready for REDD+. He also invited the participants to share their views and comments for the project drawing on the lessons that they have learned from existing REDD+ initiatives.

Presentation

Mr. Chhum Sovanny, UNDP Programme Analyst, made a presentation of the draft project document. His presentation covered

- 1) Brief introduction of FCPF and its status in Cambodia,
- 2) General situation, challenges and opportunity for REDD+ in Cambodia,
- 3) Status of REDD+ and existing REDD+ initiatives,
- 4) Key objective of the FCPF project,
- 5) Four outcomes and outputs under the project,
- 6) Proposed implementation arrangement, and
- 7) FCPF Budget

Discussion and comments

The presentation was followed by a number of questions/comments raised by participants. Key points are summarized as follows (please refer to the attachment 1 for more detailed comments).

About the **project**

- The key implementing partner (FA), and key responsible parties (GDANCP and FIA) expressed their positions to support the approval of the project.

About the **project document**, the following remarks were raised:

- The project should be linked to the Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan, including climate change financing framework, currently under development with coordination by the Ministry of Environment and involvement of key line ministries including MAFF.
- Indicators should be revised to capture the tangible impacts of the project activities (e.g. instead of counting the number of people trained, which does not capture its real impacts).
- The project document should include FiA and its ten year strategy plan under output 2.1.

About **project implementation**, the following remarks were raised:

[Guidelines]

- A single guideline for a range of key issues for REDD+ (e.g. for awareness raising, and benefit sharing) should be developed to make sure that everyone is on the same page by noting that multiple guidelines produced by civil societies occasionally created confusions and undesirable expectations about REDD+, for example, about the kinds of benefits provided by REDD+.
- The technical teams should thus take on an important role in developing one common national strategy and one common national guideline for relevant REDD+ issues.

[Types and nature of project support]

- The project should not waste resources by only providing training activities.
- The project should make efficient and effective use of the resources through:
 - a) supporting subnational activities to produce tangible results on REDD+ on the ground and trial implementation of REDD+ strategies under outcome 3 activities; and
 - b) generating lessons from these subnational activities so as to formulate policy guidelines such as policy briefs
- The project should ensure addressing people's livelihood needs by noting that local people are key players in forest management.

About **management arrangements**, the following remarks were made:

- The FCPF project should be implemented jointly by FA, GDANCP and FiA.
- To ensure continuity and harmonization among REDD+ supporting frameworks, the PEB of the UN-REDD will serve as the governing body for the FCPF and will continue to oversee the activities of FCPF even after the closure of the UN-REDD programme.
- Likewise, existing staff working for the REDD+ taskforce secretariat will continue to provide their services for FCPF but their support will be further supplemented by three new positions such as 1) a national project advisor, 2) a project assistant, and 3) a stakeholder engagement specialist.
- However, the need for the National Project Advisor position should be reconsidered since it was commented as unnecessary.

- To avoid delays during the implementation phase, there is an acute need to clarify:
 - a) Exact roles that the PEB might play after the closure of UN-REDD particularly with regard to the roles of FAO and UNEP who have no clear roles or activities under the proposed FCPF project document.
 - b) The roles and responsibilities of development partners such as FAO for MRV technical components under the FCPF project.

Conclusion

Mr. Napoleon Navarro (UNDP) concluded that the LPAC meeting endorsed the project by noting that no fundamental issues were raised against the project. He further requested the project to address the following key points raised by participants.

- The project should go beyond the mere provision of training by supporting the development of policy guidelines.
- The project activities should be linked up to key recent policy strategies.
- The question on the role of PEB should be resolved with special attention to how to involve UN agencies.
- A clear proposal on the modalities should be produced prior to the inception workshop.
- The project should address the livelihood needs of the forest dependent people as key to achieve the project's sustainability.

H.E. Dr. Chheng Kimsun (FA) thanked all the participants for taking the time to attend the meeting and contributing to its improvement. Noted that stakeholder involvement is important for ensuring the quality of REDD+ activities. Also recognized that REDD+ is highly relevant for the forestry sector but also other sectors should have crucial roles to play. Further encouraged NGOs, UN-agencies and the governments to work together to make visible progresses and results for REDD+. Lastly, thanked Mr. Napoleon Navarro (UNDP) for organizing and hosting the meeting and his staff for their good work for the preparation for the meeting.

Minutes taker


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Date: 6/9/2013

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Annex 1: Detailed comments made by participants

H.E. Sereyrotha Ken (GDANCP):

- Requested to elaborate more on how each of output activity may achieve the proposed outcomes (in response, Ms. Moeko Saito-Jensen (UNDP) showed the table of indicative activities of the project document that have more detailed information of a range of activities that are aimed at contributing to each output activity and outcomes)
- Expressed his concern that FCPF project may repeat activities that have been already implemented (in response, Mr. Chhum Sovanny (UNDP) mentioned that the FCPF project would build on and complement the activities already supported by the UN-REDD (to avoid duplication of the works)).
- Explained his basic position as to support the approval of the project but requested for an opportunity to provide further comments.

Dr. Tom Clements (WCS)

- Inquired how much time was left to make revisions for the project document.
- Shared his view that the project document was fundamentally good and further provided two minor comments: 1) in the indicators there is a lot of focus on counting the number of people trained, which does not say much about the project's real impacts. Suggested the revision of indicators to capture the tangible impacts of the project activities. 2) As per the outcome 3 for the support for sub-national capacities, noted that a considerable focus had been placed for the support for MRV related activities and trainings and emphasized that the project should also support subnational activities to produce tangible results on REDD+ on the ground and trial implementation of REDD+ strategies.
- Further commented that TORs listed under the project document were clear, with the exception of the National Project Advisor position, which he said was not necessary.

Mr. Chhum Sovanny (UNDP)

- Explained that comments received would be taken into account for revision.

Mr. Napoleon Navarro (UNDP)

- Confirmed that there was still a room for comments
- Affirmed the importance of ensuring the efficient use of existing resources
- Clarified that the objective of the meeting are to assess whether the project design is well aligned with its objectives, and subsequently for him to make a decision as to whether to recommend the project to be appraised. Further asked whether there were any fundamental issues that should be addressed or whether they were only minor points to be addressed later.

Mr. Ouk Vibol (FiA)

- Expressed his full support for the project.
- Remarked that Fishery Administration had been updating its ten years strategy plan framework. He requested the descriptions of FiA and its ten year strategy plan to be included under output 2.1. (e.g. targets).

Ms. Nina Brandstrup (FAO)

- Inquired about exact roles that the PEB might play after the closure of UN-REDD particularly with regard to the roles of FAO and UNEP who have no clear roles or activities under the proposed FCPF project document
- Urged that the roles and responsibilities of partners such as FAO for technical components be clarified as soon as possible to avoid delays during the implementation phase.

Mr. Chhum Sovanny (UNDP)

- Explained that the PEB would continue to oversee the activities of FCPF even after the closure of the UN-REDD programme. Remarked that a TOR for a MRV expert had already been included under the FCPF project and highlighted the need for further discussion to clarify the roles of FAO and modalities in the outcome 4 (MRV) prior to an inception workshop.

Mr. Napoleon Navarro (UNDP)

- Highlighted two issues to be clarified 1) the official roles of PEB for FCPF, 2) modalities of different organizations' engagements for FCPF

H.E. Dr. Chheng Kimsun (FA)

- Supported that the PEB of the UN-REDD would be the governing body for the FCPF
- He agreed with the Dr. Tom Clements' suggestion to put less focus on studies but to put more focus on producing tangible results on the ground. Further remarked the need to address people's livelihood needs by noting that local people are key players in forest management.
- Highlighted that the FCPF project should be implemented jointly by FA, FiA, and GDANCP.

Ms. Hou Kalyan (RECOFTC)

- Inquired how existing works on community Forestry would contribute to the development of national guidelines for benefit sharing.

Dr. Omaliss Keo (FA)

- Mentioned that the civil society had produced a number of their own guidelines, for example for awareness raising. Emphasized that a single guideline should be developed to make sure that everyone is on the same page. Further noted that the technical teams should have an important role in developing national guidelines.

H.E. Dr. Chheng Kimsun (FA)

- Expressed his concern that multiple guidelines produced by NGOs occasionally create confusions and undesirable expectations about REDD+, for example, about the kinds of benefits provided by REDD+. Further highlighted the need to ensure one common national strategy and one common guideline to be used.

Mr. Napoleon Navarro (UNDP)

- Noted on the problem that too many trainings had been conducted without a clear guideline and urged the project not to waste resources but to make efficient use of the resources.

Dr. Tom Clements (WCS)

- Noted that a number of existing frameworks had mostly supported training activities but have not supported government activities due to their modalities and highlighted that this project can support activities on the ground

Mr. Napoleon Navarro (UNDP)

- Noted that projects that depend on donor funding are not sustainable in the long run (since at some point, the project funding will end and so will the project). Hence suggested that projects should be used to generate lessons and formulate policy guidelines to make the best use of the project support and experiences.

Ms. Kalyan Keo (UNDP)















- Suggested that the project should be linked to the Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan, including climate change financing framework, currently under development with coordination by the Ministry of Environment and involvement of key line ministries including MAFF.

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