

UN-REDD PROGRAMME



Minutes of the UN-REDD Viet Nam Phase II Programme Validation Workshop

*17 January 2013
Flower Garden Hotel
46 Nguyễn Trường Tộ, Trúc Bạch, Ba Đình District, Hanoi*

Today, 17 January 2013, over 36 members of a wide range of stakeholders met for the UN-REDD Viet Nam Phase II Programme (hereafter, “Phase II Programme”) Validation Workshop in Flower Garden Hotel, Hanoi to be consulted on the Phase II Programme Document. Participants comprised members of non-governmental organizations and civil society, academic experts, researchers, senior officials from government, members of development partners and donors, among others.

In preparation for the validation workshop, the UN-REDD Programme posted the draft Programme Document on 25th December 2012, through the Viet Nam REDD+ website, and circulated through the Network email list-serve that the Document was open for comments until the day of the validation workshop. For technical reasons of translation, the Vietnamese version of the Programme Document was made available on the website on 13th January 2013 and circulated through the list-serve on 15th January 2013.

Workshop participants were presented with brief presentations on the validation process, and the outcomes and governance structure of the Phase II Programme. After the presentations, participants engaged in discussion in five break-out groups to which they were self-assigned, discussing namely the following;

- Outcome 2 (Provincial implementation)
- Outcome 3 (MRV&M)
- Outcomes 4&5 (BDS & Safeguards)
- Outcomes 1&6 (NRAP & Sub-regional)
- Governance structure of the Phase II Programme

The groups were self-facilitated and rapporteurs presented the outcomes of discussions using the template provided. Individuals from the UN-REDD team were present at each of the break-out groups as resource persons.

Based on the presentations and following plenary discussions, the recommendations for the finalization of the document are as follows (for outputs and outcomes where no comments were made or revision proposed, these are not mentioned in the matrix below):

| Programme Document | Propose Revisions | Proposed response |
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| Output 1.5 Action plans for greater sustainability of production of raw material in aquaculture, coffee, rubber and timber industries implemented | Output 1.5 Action plans for greater sustainability of production of raw material (EG aquaculture, coffee, rubber) and timber industries implemented | Agreed with further editing. |
| Output 1.6 Mechanisms to enhance forest law enforcement adopted and implemented | COMMENT – INCLUSIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND GOVERNANCE | Further discussion required. |
| Output 1.7 Awareness on REDD+ to provincial authorities and administration, increased | Output 1.7 Awareness on CLIMATE CHANGE AND REDD+ to provincial authorities and administration, increased | Agreed. |
| Output 2.1 REDD+ institutions in the six pilot provinces established, and REDD+ mainstreamed into FPDP | <p>Comment: insufficient local expertise, mainstreaming to cover budget allocation and human resources. What do we mean by local expertise (not on REDD+ specifically)?</p> <p>Create database on capacity as a result of CBNA</p> | <p>Implications of ‘mainstreaming’ for provincial-level budget and human resources will be addressed in later discussions.</p> <p>CBNA for district and commune levels is in 2.3.</p> |
| Output 2.2 Awareness on climate change and REDD+ raised among provincial, district and commune officials and other key stakeholders in six pilot provinces | <p>Delete ‘key’</p> <p>Comment: identify C&I and tools for measuring awareness</p> | <p>Change accepted.</p> <p>Identified under indicators in logframe.</p> |
| Output 2.3 Site-based REDD+ Activity Plans and Provincial REDD+ Action Plans | Add ‘and approved’ | Change accepted. |

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| in the six pilot provinces are finalized | | |
| Output 2.5 Improved land tenure arrangements ensured in the six pilot provinces | Comment: What kind of land, how much improvement, what kind of improvement / conflict resolution | Will support activities of NFI&S programme. On forest land. Will address during inception phase – indicators in the logframe will measure improvement |
| Outcome 2 – general | Concern: Would like to highlight that certain tree species (e.g coffee, rubber) have negative environmental impacts, and this should be taken into account in land use planning and forest planning | Noted for implementation |
| Outcome 2 – general | Concern: Would like to suggest multiple-purpose species (such as jatropha) | Noted for implementation |
| Outcome 2 – general | Concern: Need to carefully consider monitoring indicators and parameters, consult experts for international standardization. | Noted for implementation |
| Output 3.1 | Concern: Viet Nam currently has some information systems which are not necessarily reliable. Methods of measurements are not standardized and therefore data is inaccurate. | Noted for implementation |
| Output 3.3 | Concern: Would like to see special attention being paid in identifying the forest type and areas for developing EFs within 6 provinces. | Noted for implementation |
| Output 3.4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern: Would like to propose a role for external verification including by CSOs, including capacity building of CSOs to enable this. • Concern: Should announce the | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted for implementation • Noted for implementation |

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| | <p>institutional arrangement through public media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern: MONRE is now working on BUR and a national system for national inventory. Need to intensify the coordination with MONRE and projects which are already on-going with MONRE. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted for implementation |
| <p>Outcome 4: A national level BDS established</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need to re-word to clarify that the system applies to all levels, not just national 2. As currently stated, this is an Output, not an Outcome 3. Transaction costs can be very high 4. Need to consider developments under VNFF and avoid duplication of initiatives – need coordination instead 5. Need to avoid problems of PFES, e.g. corruption 6. Need to monitor the actual distribution – scope for independent (CSO) monitoring (need safeguard) 7. Need to state if BDS system will be institutionalized by end of Phase 2, and if not – how this will happen 8. Need to be explicit about whether project-based BDS will be integrated | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will re-word to clarify 2. Will re-word to clarify 3. Noted for implementation 4. Noted for implementation – importance of coordination 5. Noted for implementation 6. Monitoring of distribution system is already planned 7. Will clarify text 8. Will clarify text: The Phase II Programme will not develop BDS for project-based approaches, but the national level BDS may incorporate project-based approaches as proposed by other initiatives. |

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| Output 4.2 Provincial-level mechanisms, guiding principles and criteria researched and drafted | Need to add “gender inclusive” or “non-discriminatory” | Agreed |
| Output 4.3 Design of an integrated BDS for full REDD+ implementation established | Need to add “gender inclusive” or “non-discriminatory” | Agreed |
| Outcome 5 Mechanisms to address the social and environmental safeguards under the Cancun Agreement, established | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could consider safeguards throughout other Outcomes instead of stand-alone Outcome 2. Need to have independent monitoring of safeguards 3. Address how these will be institutionalized 4. Communication needs due attention 5. Circular 38 is an important development in allowing forest allocation cheaply 6. Need to clarify whether safeguards will actually be applied | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This was considered during programme formulation but not adopted 2. This is a political issue for GoV 3. Text will be clarified 4. Noted for implementation 5. Noted for implementation 6. Will be applied – will clarify in text |
| Output 5.2 Measures to ensure respect for traditional knowledge and rights related to forest management designed and adopted | In text, clarify that this includes respect for religious beliefs and other values | Text will be clarified |
| Output 5.3 Full and effective stakeholder participation mechanisms, especially for women, local communities and indigenous peoples, established | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add “and adopted” 2. Ensure that poverty alleviation is clearly stated as a principle | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreed 2. Text will be amended to clarify this 3. Text will be reviewed to confirm that |

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| | 3. Note that this represents “good governance” and that livelihoods is a social safeguard | these issues are mentioned |
| Outcome 6 Regional cooperation progress on REDD+ implementation in the Lower Mekong Sub-Region | Regional cooperation AND progress on REDD+ implementation in the Lower Mekong Sub-Region | Amend text as “Regional cooperation enhances progress on REDD+ implementation in the Lower Mekong Sub-Region” |
| Output 6.1 Effective cooperation between governments in the Lower Mekong Sub-Region on reducing illegal logging and trade | Effective cooperation between <u>NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL</u> governments in the Lower Mekong Sub-Region on reducing illegal logging and TIMBER trade WHAT IS THE INDICATOR FOR EFFECTIVE COOPERATION? | Keep original text Refer to logframe for indicators |
| Output 6.2 Commitments by the wood-processing industry in Viet Nam and other countries in the region to sourcing legal and sustainably harvested timber | WHAT IS THE INDICATOR FOR COMMITMENT? | Refer to logframe for indicators |
| Governance | Independent Monitoring Board should not be limited to REDD+ network members | Agreed |
| Governance | Programme Implementation Manual should be prepared. | Agreed (currently in preparation) |

Taking into consideration the recommendations and remarks made above, we are satisfied with the Objectives, Outcomes, Outputs and governance structure of the Phase II Programme and its approach to continuous stakeholder engagement.

These Minutes were read and endorsed at the Flower Garden Hotel, 46 Nguyễn Trùng Trú, Trúc Bạch, Ba Đình District in Hanoi, Viet Nam on 17 January 2013.

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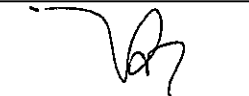
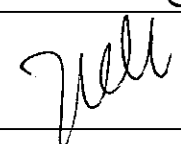


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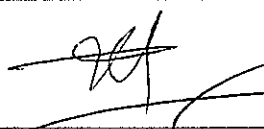
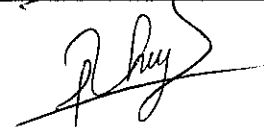
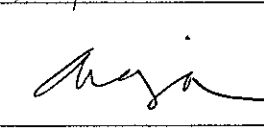
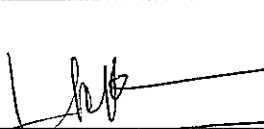
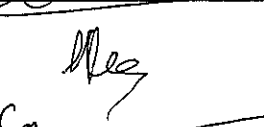
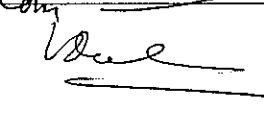
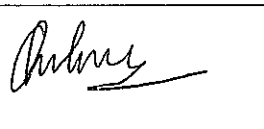
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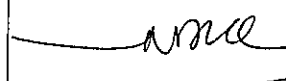
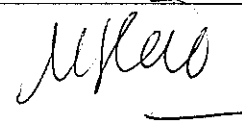


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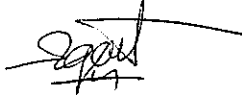




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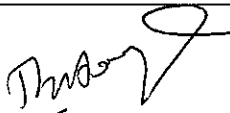
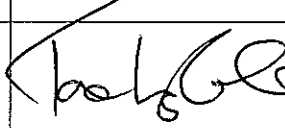
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Agenda

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| 8.30 | Registration |
| 9.00 | Opening speeches |
| 9.20 | Purpose & process of validation |
| 9.40 | Presentation of draft Programme Document <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Outcomes (chapt 3)- Governance (chapt 4) |
| 10.00 | Break-out sessions for validation <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Outcome 2 (Provincial implementation)- Outcome 3 (MRV&M)- Outcomes 4&5 (BDS & Safeguards)- Outcomes 1&6 (NRAP & Sub-regional)- Governance |
| 11.30 | Presentation and discussions of the comments/draft minutes |
| 12.10 | Lunch |
| 13.30 | Presentation and discussions of the comments/draft minutes (cont'd.) |
| 14.20 | Coffee break |
| 14.35 | Presentation of the minutes Signing of minutes |
| 15.35 | Closing remarks |
| 15.50 | |
