

MINUTES OF MEETING
6TH UN-REDD PROGRAMME EXECUTIVE BOARD

Time	3 rd November 2011, 8:15am – 11:30am
Venue	R.101, B6, MARD, No.2 Ngoc Ha Str., Ha Noi
Chairs	H.E. Hua Duc Nhi, Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD). H.E. Yuriko Shoji, FAO Representative in Viet Nam
Annexed documents	Annex I: List of participants Annex II: Agenda Annex III: Revised log-frame, budget reallocation, and Annual Work Plan for 2012, Participatory Governance Assessment Annex IV: Programme Update Annex V: Consultation Process for Phase II proposal development

1. Opening remarks:

His Excellency Vice Minister Hua Duc Nhi noted that this 6th PEB Meeting aimed to discuss the extension of phase I, logical framework revision, budget revision and Participatory Governance Assessments (PGA) integration into UN-REDD Programme.

Her Excellency FAO Representative in Viet Nam Yuriko Shoji recommended the good coordination between MARD and other ministries, national agencies, UN agencies and other partners. She also emphasized that the meeting should focus on main issues such as decision of an extension, budget revision and preparation of UN-REDD phase II.

The First Secretary of Royal Norwegian Embassy in Viet Nam Larissa Falkenberg Kosanovic commended MARD and UN agencies for their efforts to implement phase I. She highlighted good outcomes and activities such as integration of REDD+ into forest protection development plan, development of MRV and R coefficient, training and awareness raising on REDD+ and looks forward to seeing further progress and efforts to reduce emissions in Vietnam. She reiterated the importance Norway attaches to improved forest governance and the regional dimension of trade in timber products and the displacement of emissions.

2. Agenda 1: UN-REDD Programme Phase I extension (Log frame, PGA, Annual Work Plan for 2012, Budget reallocation)

(Facilitator: Dr. Pham Manh Cuong, National REDD Team Leader)

The proposed extension of 6 months, from January to June 2012 was presented at last PEB meeting, pending decision till the next PEB (current PEB). From July 2011 until now the Programme has made considerable efforts on implementing, however has not yet accomplished the activities. Some activities depend on the international negotiations such as MRV, REL development. Phase II proposal development needs further work and MARD is currently coordinating with UN agencies for its drafting. The extension of phase I should

also serve as good transition between the two phases. To ensure Programme objectives and outcomes, MARD/VNFOREST acknowledged that the Programme should be extended for six months. Key activities during the extension period include effective FPIC implementation, consultation with timber enterprises and forest owners/managers; BDS consultation and development, NRP, MRV, phase II proposal, PGA integration into the Programme.

The extension of six months would require reallocation of budget between outcome level but within individual agencies, no additional funding is required. Programme management cost (UNDP) needs also to be reallocated to individual outcomes (including in FAO budgets) as the Policy-Board approved Submission Form did not include separate budget lines for project management cost.

See Annex III for revised log frame, budget reallocation, PGA and Annual Work Plan for 2012.

2.1. Discussion:

- (1) FAO supports the extension of Phase I. Given the fact that MRV was not in the original project design, and only integrated after one year of implementation, the on-going activities especially for MRV are at a critical timing of implementation and could benefit additional time.
- (2) UNDP: UN agencies had internal discussions before this meeting and agreed on the commitment of support for an extension of six months to complete what Programme has yet been done in Phase I and transit to Phase II. UNDP considers supporting the Viet Nam REDD+ office (VRO), however clear connection and relationship between UN-REDD and the National REDD Programme during extended six months need to be defined. Moreover, the proposed work plan for 2012 has already included USD 100,000 for VRO under the FAO components to hire technical officers and equipment. Thus, it is recommended to explore possibility of non-REDD donors' support the VRO since VRO will support much larger REDD actions. The sustainability of VRO also needs to be considered, as donors and partners expect to see the commitment from GoV.
- (3) MARD/VNFOREST showed strong support to the extension to complete activities and strengthen outcomes as well as to meet the new requirements from international negotiations. The extension should prioritize activities such as NRP, MRV, and BDS, and allow time for Phase II Proposal development. VNFOREST also requested support to the REDD office in term of personnel.
- (4) MONRE supported the extension. In the context of waiting for the guidance from UN-REDD Global during COP17, the extension of REDD activities in Viet Nam is necessary. In addition, as assigned by GoV, MONRE currently coordinates with MARD to develop joint circular and decree on PFES implementation which is expected to be completed from February to December 2012 with K factor and carbon credit trading guidance.
- (5) MOF agreed to the six month extension to complete remain activities and support for Phase II development.

2.2. Agreed Action and responsible party for following up

PEB agreed with the extension of six months for Programme from January to June 2012 and adopted budget revision, Annual Work Plan for 2012 and log frame revision in principle. PMU will complete procedure for approval shortly with the following steps:

With consensus on the extension by PEB, MARD will consult with other ministries then request the approval from Prime Minister (PM). Documents required for extension include: Letter of request for the approval, Minutes of PEB Meeting, revised log frame, Annual Work Plan for 2012. PMU will submit these documents to the International Cooperation Department (ICD) of MARD for sending to ministries and PM to be approved. After having PM's approval, MARD will issue Decision on the extension.

3. Agenda 2: Integration of PGA into UN-REDD Programme

3.1. Discussion

PGA for REDD+ is supported by the UN-REDD Global Programme. PGA contributes to the development of a national information system providing how "safeguards are promoted, addressed and respected" as recommended in the Cancun. PGA for REDD+ pilots already exist in Indonesia and Nigeria. Viet Nam is chosen to be the next country to do piloting. National stakeholders would be convened to identify topics on which relevant information on REDD+ is needed. Funding for PGA in Viet Nam depends on the stakeholder decision on activities and might be extended to more than six months. PGA has good relationship with FAO-EU activities as well as many similar activities to REDD including FPIC and proves good rational to be integrated into UN-REDD.

The PEB expressed support for the integration of PGA into UN-REDD phase I.

3.2. Agreed Action and responsible party for following up

The PEB agreed with the integration of PGA into UN-REDD. UNDP in cooperation with the Forest Protection Development is requested to prepare detailed plan and submit to MARD for approval.

4. Agenda 3: Programme update; Consultation Process for phase II

See annex IV: Programme Update

See annex V: Consultation Process for Phase II proposal development

4.1. Discussion

Programme update

Land law revision:

As an area of on-going work implementation, the UN-REDD Programme is in discussion with MONRE on assistance towards the Land Law revision to be completed in 2012. The Land Law is one of the most fundamental documents which need to stipulate harmonized land classification systems between MARD and MONRE.

Most of the inconsistent points between Forest Protection Development Law 2004 and Land Law 2003 has been revised by MONRE and MARD, and finalized in the Land Allocation Circular signed by MARD in 2010. Recently, General Department of Land Administration (GDLA) has requested the support from UN-REDD Programme to concretize these agreed points in the revision of Land Law 2003. The Programme now is waiting for the full proposal from GDLA.

Upload Status map and forest protection development master plan on the REDD website:
Forest historical status and 2011 mapping in Di Linh and Lam Ha Districts of Lam Dong Province: the contractor has completed maps and report submitted to VNFOREST, the revision was submitted recently. After reviewed and approved, reports will be uploaded on National REDD website.

Mainstreaming REDD+ into forest protection development master plan 2011-2020: the report is currently reviewed by MARD and waiting for approval from Lam Dong PPC. The report will be shared with stakeholders when it is approved.

Stakeholder Consultation

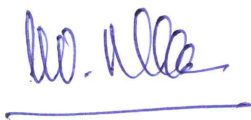
NRP and UN-REDD Phase II proposal document has been sent to ministries and pilot provinces for comments. A workshop has been organized with six pilot provinces to discuss the consultation plan at province level to identify demonstration activities on Phase II. Consultations with others stakeholders and donor roundtable meeting will be held in the coming months.

5. Conclusion:

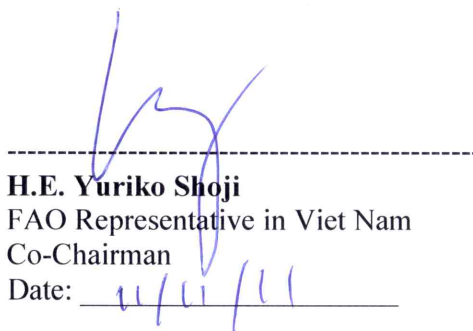
The Chair and Co-Chair delivered concluding remarks:

- (1) Agreed with the extension of 6 months for UN-REDD Programme phase I from January to June 2012 and revised log frame, budget revision and AWP for 2012 in principle. VNFOREST/PMU will prepare document to request for extension according to the procedure of the Government and UN-REDD Global Programme.
- (2) Agreed with the integration of PGA into UN-REDD.
- (3) Requested VRO to complete NRP and phase II proposal after receiving comments from ministries and provinces and submit to PM for approval.

The meeting ended at 11 :30am



H.E. Hua Duc Nhi
Vice Minister of MARD
Chairman
Date: 10/11/2011



H.E. Yuriko Shoji
FAO Representative in Viet Nam
Co-Chairman
Date: 11/11/11