



UN-REDD PROGRAMME



CAMBODIA UN-REDD NATIONAL PROGRAMME

Strategy to ensure sustainability of the programme, deliverables will be consolidated

The Programme Executive Board (PEB) approved a no-cost extension for a period of six months, up to 30 June 2015 (PEB 8th meeting, on 7 August 2014) as the optimal solution to enable successful completion of the activities planned under UN-REDD as well as a smooth transition to planned activities under the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility. The extension is not expected to affect established deadlines, scope of work and budget under the UN-REDD programme.

The FAO component of the activities planned for 2015 will be carried out based on Letters of Agreement between FAO and General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry Administration, and Fishery Administration, respectively, and through capacity development activities. The extension up to 30 June 2015 would ensure the momentum that has just begun to materialize on the engagement and operation of the MRV/REL technical team would be maintained and the work jointly undertaken with other partners can be completed to form a more solid basis for future work.

The UNEP component of the activities planned for 2015 will be carried out by international consultants, and in partnership with Forestry Administration, with additional in-country technical assistance as required. The extension up to 30 June 2015 would ensure that useful outputs for REDD+ planning are produced. In the case of the GIS tool it would mean that Cambodian government staff are both fully involved in its development (so that it meets country needs) and trained to use it proficiently. This tool should not only enhance the effectiveness of REDD+ planning but also help demonstrate the value of REDD+ to the national interest amongst key decision-makers.

Since the 7th Meeting of the PEB the Board oversees both the UN-REDD programme and FCPF project. The joint PEB will be maintained under the no-cost extension. Moreover the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility project will continue to provide necessary means and support to ensure the operation of Cambodia REDD taskforce and taskforce secretariat under the no-cost extension.

Programme evaluation

Following on the decision to approve the no-cost extension, the PEB has identified the first quarter of 2015 (March or April, 2015) as the most suitable time for the programme evaluation.