

Concept note for how the PEB can serve as the body for information sharing for all REDD+ activities in Cambodia

Background

Cambodia have been involved in REDD since REDD+ came on the international agenda as a promising way to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and establishment of new forests and are today participating in a number of REDD+ programmes and host to a number of REDD+ pilot projects.

This has increased the need for looking for more efficient ways to coordinate and govern all these activities. The Policy Executive Board for the UN-REDD Programme decided therefore at its fifth PEB meeting to invite the National Programme Director to present a concept note at the sixth PEB meeting for how the PEB can be the governing body for REDD+ activities in Cambodia. At the same meeting the PEB decided that it will also be the PEB for the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Project which is about to be implemented in Cambodia and which will run until the end of 2016.

The PEB will normally have three meetings per year.

Suggested scope

During the development of this concept note it was found that PEB as governing body for all REDD+ in Cambodia would overlap with the mandate of the REDD+ Taskforce as the supreme governing body of REDD+ in Cambodia. At the same time it was found that since many REDD+ related activities are carried out by different organizations including NGOs that the Taskforce as a pure government body would not be able to both function as the governing body and as the place for information sharing in regard to REDD+ activities in Cambodia.

The PEB with representatives and observers from a number of supporting frameworks and organizations involved in REDD+ activities in Cambodia could better fulfill the role as a place for information sharing on REDD+ activities in Cambodia.

The secretariat functions as the secretariat for the REDD+ Taskforce and at the same time as secretariat for the PEB provide it with a unique role for securing the information flow from the PEB information sharing on REDD+ to the REDD+ Taskforce as the decision making body.

With the expanded role as a place for information sharing the PEB should involve more observers involved in REDD+ in Cambodia as appropriate. This could be decided on an ad hoc basis by the PEB co-chairs after suggestion by the secretariat depending on which organizations and initiatives are active on REDD+ in Cambodia.

Action

The PEB agenda will for future meetings include an agenda item: Update on REDD+

The secretariat will encourage NGOs and government line agencies to share information related to REDD+.