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Document PEB-8/5: Response to comments from the representative of Indigenous Peoples made at the 7th PEB meeting

At the seventh Cambodia UN-REDD and FCPF Programme Executive Board (PEB) meeting, the Indigenous Peoples' representative made comments about the need for involvement of Indigenous Peoples in the REDD+ Cambodia Programme. The PEB requested the representative to submit the comments in writing, and instructed the RTS to provide a written response.

The written submission by the Indigenous Peoples' representative (in Khmer) is included in Annex 1 to this document. The written response is provided below.

Response from RTS

Taking note of comments submitted in writing by the Indigenous Peoples' representative to the PEB, the REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat would like to provide the following responses.

1. Concerns raised

Point 1 (The possibility that Indigenous Peoples' rights may be adversely affected during implementation of REDD+): The Royal Government of Cambodia is committed to a rights-based approach to REDD+. This is seen in various developments, including:

- Membership of both UN-REDD and the FCPF, both of which highlight the importance of a rights-based approach
- Early movement on establishing a nationally appropriate system of safeguards consistent with the "Cancun Safeguards", which emphasize respect for rights
- Early movement on establishing a grievance mechanism, which will provide a transparent and independent process for stakeholders to register concerns over rights.

In summary, the Royal Government of Cambodia confirms that rights of Indigenous Peoples will be respected under REDD+.

Point 2 (Respect for UNDRIP and the right to FPIC): As above, the Royal Government of Cambodia has moved quickly to develop a nationally appropriate system of safeguards consistent with the "Cancun Safeguards", and the Cancun Safeguards explicitly mention respect for UNDRIP. Efforts are already underway to operationalize FPIC in Cambodia.

Point 3 (Transparency of benefit sharing): The Royal Government of Cambodia is committed to a transparent system of benefit sharing, as seen by activities already implemented under UN-REDD

funding to design such a system. Communications materials produced for awareness raising on REDD+ all emphasize that benefit sharing needs to be transparent, fair and equitable.

Point 4 (Lack of trust among stakeholders, and the possibility of increased corruption): The Royal Government of Cambodia has already undertaken extensive efforts to build trust among stakeholders. Key components of these efforts are:

- Establishment of the “Consultation Group”, with two representatives from each of nine non-governmental stakeholder groups, including Indigenous Peoples. The Consultation Group, which possibly has no equivalent in any other country, will have full involvement in the development of the National REDD+ Strategy.
- Inclusion of representatives from the Consultation Group in the four Technical Teams
- Strong awareness raising efforts for various stakeholder groups, with a particular emphasis on Indigenous Peoples and communities.
- Early movement on the establishment of a transparent and independent grievance mechanism.

All of these efforts are designed to build trust among all stakeholder groups, and ensure that the National REDD+ Strategy enjoys broad “ownership”.

The commitment to a transparent, fair and equitable benefit distribution system and to a transparent and independent grievance mechanism, and early movement on the development of safeguards, which includes improved governance, are all evidence of a commitment to address the risks of increased corruption.

Point 5 (Preventing Indigenous Peoples from collecting NTFPs and other forest products): The National REDD+ Strategy will not prevent Indigenous Peoples from collecting NTFPs or other forest products in a sustainable fashion.

Point 6 (REDD+ implementation will progress despite lack of understanding among communities): This is certainly not the case. The Royal Government of Cambodia has invested and will continue to invest in significant efforts to educate all stakeholders about REDD+.

Point 7 (Lack of sharing of information with communities): As above, the Royal Government of Cambodia has invested and is investing in significant efforts to make all information available to all stakeholders. This is one of the roles and responsibilities of members of the Consultation Group, so it is essential that members of the Consultation Group deliver their responsibilities in a diligent manner.

2. Requests

Request 1 (For UN-REDD to support awareness raising of Indigenous Peoples in the provinces): The RTS has initiated a programme of work to raise awareness of Indigenous Peoples in Stung Treng, Rattanakiri and Mondulakiri provinces in association with Indigenous Peoples’ representatives. This work is funded by the FCPF project.

Request 2 (National workshop to report on progress to Indigenous Peoples in all provinces): It is the role of the Consultation Group members to report to their constituents. Therefore, this request should be directed to the Indigenous Peoples’ representatives on the Consultation Group. A national workshop can be considered if there is a clear justification for such a workshop, but there is no clear justification at present. However, the RTS are planning to organize a workshop on knowledge assessment of IPs and three community networks who have so far participated in REDD+

awareness raising activities. The workshop will bring together key IPs representatives and focal points from all 15 provinces to discuss how their knowledge and understanding on REDD+ progress and while in the meantime, the workshop will also provide an update about REDD+ implementation in Cambodia. Results from the workshop will be used to continue full filing the needs of their groups.

Request 3 (Request for international exchange study on CBR+ implementation): This can be considered once CBR+ has been under implementation for some time. At present, CBR+ is not under implementation in any country.

Request 4 (Support for capacity building to each Indigenous Peoples community in every province): Capacity building must begin with awareness raising about the subject. As noted above, this process has begun, with an initial focus on the three provinces with the highest concentration of Indigenous Peoples' communities. Further efforts will be undertaken once lessons have been learned from the initial awareness raising, and additional capacity building will need to address identified capacity needs.

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១. ការព្រួយបារម្ភ

- ពេលអនុវត្តកម្មវិធីដេបូកមានការព្រួយបារម្ភមិនបានលើកម្ពស់និងផ្តល់សិទ្ធិដល់ជនជាតិដើមភាគតិច
- ព្រួយបារម្ភពីការមិនគោរពតាមសេចក្តីថ្លែងការណ៍ UNDRIP (FPIC)
- ព្រួយបារម្ភពីការបែងចែកផលប្រយោជន៍ មិនមានតម្លាភាពទៅដល់សហគមន៍ជនជាតិដើមភាគតិច
- ខ្វះទំនុកចិត្ត និងតម្លាភាព ពីអ្នកពាក់ព័ន្ធ (មានអំពើពុករលួយធនធានធម្មជាតិកើតឡើង)
- មិនបានផ្តល់ឱកាសអោយជនជាតិដើមភាគតិចរកអនុផលព្រៃឈើ និងប្រើប្រាស់ធនធានធម្មជាតិ
- សហគមន៍មិនយល់ច្បាស់អំពីដេបូក តែកម្មវិធីចេះតែបន្តអនុវត្តផែនការសកម្មភាព
- ខ្វះការអនុវត្ត និងការផ្សព្វផ្សាយ ដល់សហគមន៍មូលដ្ឋាន និងអាជ្ញាធរពាក់ព័ន្ធ ស្តីពី ដេបូក

២. សំណូមពរ

- សូមអោយ UN-REDD គាំទ្រការដល់តំណាងជនជាតិដើមភាគតិច ចុះផ្សព្វផ្សាយតាមខេត្ត និង ចូលរួមជាតំណាងទៅក្រៅប្រទេស។
- សូមអោយមានសិក្ខាសាលានៅថ្នាក់ជាតិចែករំលែកព័ត៌មាន និងការធ្វើបច្ចុប្បន្នភាពអំពីស្ថានភាព ដេបូកនៅកម្ពុជា ដល់ក្រុមតំណាងជនជាតិដើមភាគតិច ទាំង ១៥ខេត្តក្រុង។
- សូមអោយមានកម្មវិធីផ្លាស់ប្តូរទំនិញនៅក្រៅប្រទេស ដែលគេបានអនុវត្តសហគមន៍មូលដ្ឋានដេបូក (CBR+)
- សំណូមពរគាំទ្រការកសាងសមត្ថភាពដល់ក្រុមជនជាតិដើមភាគតិច តាមសហគមន៍នីមួយៗទាំង ១៥ខេត្ត។

អាស្រ័យដូចជម្រាបជូនខាងលើ សូមឯកឧត្តម លោកស្រី ជាសហប្រធាន និងសមាជិកក្រុមប្រឹក្សាប្រតិបត្តិនៃកម្មវិធី UN-REDD កម្ពុជា មេត្តាទទួលនូវកិត្តិយសខ្ពង់ខ្ពស់ និងពិនិត្យដោយក្តីរីករាយអំពីយើងខ្ញុំ។

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