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REDD+ and Anti-Corruption in Asia and the Pacific :

Strategy and Planning meeting

Katmandu –10-11 October 2011

Background

Under the UN framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC), REDD+ (reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries, and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forest and enhancement of forest carbon stocks) is an international financial mechanism that will compensate developing countries for cutting carbon emissions from their forest sector, through the conservation of standing forests and more sustainable forest activities. REDD+ was first proposed as part of the UNFCCC Bali Action plan in 2007, and in December 2010 an agreement on a general REDD+ framework was reached by Parties to the UNFCCC in Cancun. Developing countries are getting ready for REDD+ with bilateral and multilateral support, including the UN-REDD Programme¹.

While REDD+ is attracting momentum and interest, concerns are also being raised because REDD+ countries often face a number of governance challenges, inside and outside the forestry sector. The overall risks of corruption in REDD+, and possible mitigation measures for these risks, were examined during a workshop organized by UNDP with GTZ (now GIZ) at the 14th International Anti-corruption Conference in Bangkok in November 2010. These risks and strategies were also detailed in a UNDP-

¹ The UN-REDD Programme is a partnership of FAO, UNDP and UNEP, established in 2008. See www.un-redd.org

commissioned report² in November 2010, and addressed in Transparency International's Global Report on Corruption in Climate Change, among other reports.

The UN-REDD Programme has integrated activities on anti-corruption as a core element of its five-year Programme Strategy³, supported by its Global programme Framework Document 2011-2015⁴, with UNDP the lead agency. These activities are implemented together with the Global Programme on Anti-Corruption for Development Effectiveness (PACDE) of UNDP's anti-corruption unit. They include guidance on institutional frameworks for equitable, transparent and accountable benefit distribution systems in REDD+; strengthening the integrity of fiduciary systems for receiving and disbursement of funds, coordinating anti-corruption activities at the national, regional and international level; and supporting the capacity of multiple stakeholders to jointly mitigate corruption risks.

The PACDE workplan for 2011 has made capacity building for UN staff and UN-REDD programme management units a priority. In Asia- Pacific, UNDP is supporting REDD+ readiness processes through :

- Six UN-REDD Country Programmes (Cambodia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Viet Nam)
- The Global UN-REDD Programme in six additional UN-REDD partner countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka)
- Technical advice for bilaterally financed activities (Indonesia and Norway; Mongolia/the Pacific and Japan)
- TRAC- funding in several countries (e.g., Bangladesh, Myanmar and Sri Lanka)

² « Staying on Track : Tackling Corruption Risks in Climate Change », UNDP, 2010. Available at http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=3790&Itemid=53

³ Five Year Strategy, UN-REDD Programme, 2011-2015. Available at http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=4598&Itemid=53

⁴ « Support to National REDD+ Action : Global Programme Framework Document – 2011-2015 », UN-REDD Programme, 2011, Available at http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=5534&Itemid=53

In this context PACDE, in partnership with the UN-REDD Programme and the Asia Pacific regional centre in Bangkok will organize three regional meetings in October 2011:

- Meeting 1 (*REDD+ & Anti-Corruption Strategy & Planning*, 10-11 October 2011) will convene governance/anti corruption focal points from UNDP Country Offices in Asia-Pacific, as well as a few external anti-corruption and environmental experts;
- Meeting 2 (*Anti-Corruption for REDD+ Awareness Raising*, 20-21 October 2011) will bring together REDD+ government focal points and UN-REDD programme management units staff civil society organizations working on REDD+ and governance issues;
- Meeting 3 (*Anti-Corruption for REDD+ Capacity Building for Civil Society*, 21 October 2011), organized with Transparency International, will specifically target civil society organizations.

This concept note addresses Meeting 1 , which will be specifically dedicated to strategizing on anti-corruption programming in the context of REDD+.

Goals

The primary goal of the REDD+ & Anti-Corruption Strategy and Planning meeting will be **to identify strategic entry points for UNDP to mitigate corruption risks in REDD+ through its Anti- Corruption and UN-REDD Programmes at the country level, including possible anti-corruption targets and milestones in national REDD+ programs and strategies.**

This goal will be achieved by :

- Sharing experiences and lessons learned from practitioners about fighting corruption in the forestry sector and preventing corruption of global funds (such as the Global Fund on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria), including limitations and shortcomings
- Familiarizing governance/anti-corruption focal points from UNDP Country offices in Asia-Pacific with REDD+ and the UN-REDD Programme, including ongoing governance initiatives
- Identifying how UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre and UNDP HQ can support these strategic initiatives at the country level ; and

- Contributing to a draft Anti-Corruption in REDD+ Toolkit and providing inputs to finalize the UN-REDD Global programme Scope of Work on Anti- Corruption for REDD+.

Participants

This meeting is organized jointly by PACDE, the UN-REDD Programme and the Asia Pacific regional centre in Bangkok, with the support of the Pacific Centre in Fiji. The core group of participants will be UNDP Asia-Pacific Country Offices governance/anti-corruption officers and regional centre. Selected external experts from partner government and civil society organizations will be invited.

Preliminary Agenda

Time	Topic	Lead/ presenter (tbc)	Goals
DAY 1			
08:15-08:45	Registration		
08:45- 09:15	Opening , welcome, introductions and objectives of the meeting	Pauline Tamesis and Martin Krause	
09:15- 10:30	Introduction to REDD+ and UN-REDD Programme and overview of the status of implementation REDD+ readiness programmes Climate fiscal frameworks: how to promote transparency and accountability	Timothy Boyle and Akihito Kono Thomas Beloe	To gain/refine understanding of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the overall development of the REDD+ process • the status of such process in different AP countries • the status of UN-REDD programming in AP countries
10:30-10:45	Coffee break		
10:45- 12:15	Discuss broad corruption risks in REDD+ and proposed approaches to prevent these	Group work, moderated by Lisa Ogle and Estelle Fach	To think critically about the possible corruption risks in REDD+
12:15- 13:00	Present the key corruption risks identified by the Global Programme and recommendations for AC programming, including in the context of UN-REDD support (Participatory Governance	Two presentations and Q&A	To reflect on how anti-corruption fits into UNDP's broader governance and social work under the UN-REDD Programme

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	Assessments, social and environmental Principles and Criteria, Free Prior and Informed Consent , and benefit distribution guidance		
13:00- 14:00	Lunch break		
14:00- 16:00	Lessons learned from anti-corruption activities in the forestry sector in Asia-Pacific	Presentations by : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KPK on corruption risks in the forestry sector in Indonesia - Anti-Corruption Commission of Bhutan’s investigation into the forestry sector - Transparency International on its experience in PAC Programme in Asia - Global Witness on its experience in Cambodia and elsewhere in the region - Norad - UN-REDD Experiences 	To share experiences and lessons learned from forestry practitioners in Asia and the Pacific
16:00:16:15	Coffee break		
16:15- 17:30	Global experiences and lessons learned from anti-corruption in the forestry sector and in global fund management	Presentations on : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Findings from the LAC community of Practice (including Brazil) - Experiences in DRC - Experiences from the Global Fund 	To share experiences and lessons learned from practitioners in other regions and relevant sectors
17:30- 17:45	Wrap up and agenda for day 2		
DAY 2			
08:30 - 09:00	Recap day 1		
09:00 – 10:00	Discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what AC priorities for what phases in the REDD+ readiness process? -what can UNDP’s role be ? 	Short presentation followed by discussions in break out groups	To identify strategic entry points for UNDP to mitigate corruption risks in REDD+ in national REDD+ programs and strategies
10:15- 11:00	Reports from groups and		

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	discussions		
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee break		
11:15– 12:15	Working group discussions: what specific programmatic actions can UNDP undertake within the context of national UN-REDD Programmes	Discussions in break out groups	To specifically identify strategic entry points for in the context of National UN-REDD Programmes
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch		
13:15- 14:15	Feedback from working group session 2		
14:15- 15:15	Group sessions : how can the UNDP Asia-Pacific regional centre and UNDP HQ provide support to the country-level activities on anti corruption in REDD+?	Discussions in break out groups	To optimize support provided at the regional and global level
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break		
15:30 -16:30	Report back and discussion on a follow-up agenda for country, regional and HQ initiatives on AC in REDD+. The discussion will also focus on “who’s doing what” in actions to enhance Anti Corruption and REDD+ initiatives in theregion.		To agree on a follow-up agenda and plan of action
16:30-17:00	Conclusions and closing		