



**Minutes of the National Validation Workshop on
Bangladesh REDD+ Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP)**

Venue: Korobi Conference Room, Ban Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka

Date: 02 November 2013, Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Minutes of the Meeting:

Today, 2nd November 2013, around 120 representatives of different stakeholder groups including government ministries and line agencies, NGOs, CSOs, development partners, academia, media, indigenous groups and forest dependent communities met to review and validate the Bangladesh REDD+ Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) at the Korobi Conference Room, Ban Bhaban, Agargaon Dhaka. We constitute a heterogeneous group with a common interest in REDD+ to discuss and review the REDD+ readiness process in Bangladesh. Some of us were already being consulted at different stages of the REDD+ programme preparation including preparation of the Bangladesh REDD+ Readiness Roadmap. This discussion also gives us an opportunity to contribute our thoughts and ideas in the R-PP to be submitted to the UN-REDD Policy Board in December 2013.

Today we were presented two presentations: REDD+ Readiness Process in Bangladesh and next steps and different outcomes, outputs and activities of the R-PP as well as the management arrangements of the REDD+ Readiness programme. We discussed and examined the proposed management arrangements and R-PP outcomes, outputs and activities in four different break out groups.

We endorse the proposed management arrangement, outcomes, outputs and activities as outlined in the R-PP with some modifications suggested for some outputs and activities. The R-PP drafting team agreed to address the agreed changes in the R-PP document before submission to the UN-REDD Policy Board.

The main recommendations are as follows:

General Comments:

- The REDD+ stakeholder platform as utilized today, needs to be utilized in future to design the NPDP and during implementation of the programme.
- Cross-ministry and agency coordination will be key to achieve the desired outcomes.
- There were suggestions from Indigenous community networks to involve them in different committee such as steering committee, stakeholder's forum, technical working group MRV and Monitoring, Strategy, reviewing policies, law and regulations
- Budget for some activities, particularly in Outcome 1 and Outcome 2 is less than the actual requirement (eg, Output 2b3. Activity 2; Output 2b2. Activity 3; Output 2a1. Activity 7)

Institutional Arrangement:

- Stakeholders from different disciplines (Governance, Forestry, Policy, Forest Dependent Communities, Forest Traders, etc.) to be ensured in REDD Stakeholders Forum



- The R-PP need to specify how recommendations from Stakeholders Forum will be used
- Constitution patterns of Technical Working Groups are missing
- Grievance Mechanism is not specified in the institutional arrangement

Specific Recommendations on Results Framework and R-PP text:

Original Section and Text	Changes and Recommendations
Output 1a. Activity 7: Hold regular meetings of REDD+ SC (2 meetings each year)	Hold regular meetings of REDD+ SC (at least 2 meetings each year)
Output 1a: Activity 10: Regular meetings of RSF (4 meetings in years 2 and 3);	Regular meetings of RSF (at least 2 meetings in year 1, 4 meetings in years 2 and 3);
Output 1a: Activity 11: Three TWGs formally established and ToRs agreed	Four TWGs formally established and ToRs agreed including finance WG
Output 1a. Activity 12: Hold regular meetings of TWGs (10 meetings of each group - 30 meetings)	Hold regular meetings of TWGs (minimum 10 meetings of each group - 30 meetings)
Output 1c1. Activity 1: Review available international materials on REDD+ and translate/adapt a selection, for distribution in country	Review available international materials on REDD+ and translate/adapt (in simple Bangla language to make it understandable) a selection, for distribution in country
Output 1c1. Activity 2: Develop materials specific to the Bangladesh REDD+ Roadmap	Develop materials specific to the Bangladesh REDD+ Roadmap in sample Bangla language to make it easily understandable
Output 1c1. Activity 4: Explore opportunity for NGOs as extension agents and use them for extension work	Explore opportunity for relevant NGOs and CBOs as extension agents and use them for extension work
Output 1c1. Activity 7: Assess opportunities for radio, TV, cell-phone, billboard broadcasts dealing with forest sector issues, and implement as appropriate.	Assess opportunities for radio, TV, cell-phone, billboard, print media and loud speaker broadcasts dealing with forest sector issues, and implement as appropriate.
Output 1c2. Activity 3: Validate stakeholder analysis through a national-level consultation process	Validate stakeholder analysis through regional and national-level consultation process
Output 1c2. Activity 5: Commission studies into traditional decision-making systems, and design a system of communication focusing through the traditional decision-making systems	Commission studies following appropriate procedures into traditional decision-making systems, and design a system of communication focusing through the traditional decision-making systems
Output 1c2. Activity 11: Organize regular meetings and workshops for communication and capacity building	Organize regular meetings and workshops at both regional and national level for communication and capacity building
Output 1c3. Activity 1: Conduct study of international and national law obligations, traditional and statutory decision-making and consent processes for forest communities for natural resource management	Conduct study of international, national and customary law obligations, traditional and statutory decision-making and consent processes for forest communities for natural resource management



Output 1c4. Activity 1: Conduct assessment of existing formal and informal grievance mechanisms relevant to REDD+	Conduct assessment of existing formal and informal grievance mechanisms relevant to REDD+ involving local experts
Output 1c4. Activity 2: Undertake an extensive review of existing legal and policy frameworks pertaining to the CHT to identify the scope for REDD+ to conform to existing governance mechanisms and to suggest appropriate additional legal and policy measures or modifications. This will include a study on rights to land tenure and land use related to REDD	Undertake an extensive review of existing legal and policy frameworks pertaining to the CHT to identify the scope for REDD+ to conform to existing governance mechanisms and to suggest appropriate additional legal and policy measures or modifications. This will include a study on rights to land tenure and land use related to REDD involving local experts
Text of Outcome 3. Output 1; Activity 3.1.1: Sub-activities i. National consultations on REL/RLs; Text of Outcome 3. Output 1; Activity 3.1.1: Sub-activities iii. Assessment of human, technical and financial capacities to support REL/RLs	i. National and subnational level consultations for the development of REL/RLs; iii. Assess and suggest development on human, technical and financial capacities to support REL/RLs of stakeholders
Text of Outcome 3. Output 1; Activity 3.1.2. sub-activity iii. Support specific trainings on remote sensing, data management, forestry statistics etc. provided	iv. Support specific trainings on remote sensing, inventory, data management, forestry statistics etc.
Text of Outcome 3. Output 1; Activity 3.1.2. sub-activity iv. Regular consultations on RELs/RLs	Regular consultations on RELs/RLs with the stakeholders and allied organizations and inclusion of 'Strengthening Institution with enhanced manpower' in the sub-activity list as iv and inclusion of 'Additional manpower in place' in the Expected outputs of the activity as v.
Text of Outcome 3. Output 2. Activity 3.2.1.	Inclusion of Assessment of land related forest cases and identify constraints of its rapid disposal in the text in the sub-activity as iv.
Text of Outcome 3. Output 2. Activity 3.2.1.	Inclusion of Text Legal deficiency on forest land management identified in the Expected outputs as iii.
Text of Outcome 3. Output 2. Activity 3.2.2.	Add three new sub-activity Assess the present land tenure practice as iii.; Assess the implementation level of conservation acts, rules and policies as iv and; Assess the impacts of national development projects on forestry sector as v. The sub-activity Develop and test adequate methods to monitor forest fires using a combination of remote sensing technologies and field measurements move to the end.
Text of Outcome 3. Output 2. Activity 3.2.2.	Inclusion of Recommendation for the amendment of existing forest act as ii; proper and more controlled execution of acts and regulations as iii and improved coordination among the allied government organizations as iv in the expected outputs.



Text of Outcome 3. Output 2. Activity 3.2.3.	Inclusion of Gap analysis on database management and archiving at sub-national or field level as a sub-activity as v.
Text of Outcome 3. Output 3. Activity 3.3.1.	Inclusion of Assess the weaknesses of forest land recording system as a sub-activity as ii; and Proper records of forest land ensured in the Expected outputs as ii.
Text of Outcome 3. Output 3. Activity 3.3.3.sub-activity i. Identifying and learning from REL/RL(s) methodologies from other countries	Identifying and learning from REL/RL(s) methodologies from in country and other countries
4.2.4 Development of a Forest Monitoring System.	Development of Forest Monitoring Framework and Forest Monitoring System
4.4.3 Support to forestry research in the area of Forest ecology and Productivity	Support to Forestry Research in the areas of Forest ecology, Productivity, Ecosystem Services and Climate Change impact on Forestry
4.6.7 Development of web-based platform for data sharing between national stakeholders	Development of web-based platform and arrangement/distribution of hardcopy of information materials among national stakeholders
Output 2a1. Activity 1. Assess sectoral policies and laws where related to REDD+ (e.g. energy, agriculture) and provide policy recommendations, in particular with regards to harmonization	Assess/review sectoral policies and laws where related to REDD+ (e.g. forestry, energy, agriculture) to identify gaps and provide policy recommendations, in particular with regards to harmonization
Output 2a1. Activity 2. Undertake an extensive review of existing legal and policy frameworks pertaining to the CHT to identify the scope for REDD+ to conform to existing governance mechanisms and to suggest appropriate additional legal and policy measures or modifications. This will include a study on rights to land tenure and land use related to REDD	Undertake an extensive review of existing legal and policy frameworks pertaining to the CHT and other areas where indigenous community exists to identify the scope for REDD+ to conform to existing governance mechanisms in the spirit of CHT peace accord and to suggest appropriate additional legal and policy measures or modifications. This will include a study on rights to land tenure and land use related to REDD
Output 2a1. Activity 3. Review the existing laws and mechanisms for co-management and benefit sharing, and determine the gaps and required amendments and modifications, in particular with regards to harmonization	Review the existing laws and mechanisms for co-management, land and water related sectors and benefit sharing, and determine the gaps and required amendments and modifications, in particular with regards to harmonization
Output 2a2. Activity 2. Initial analysis of all drivers of deforestation and forest degradation through studies in different forest areas – including quantitative assessment	Initial analysis of all drivers of deforestation and forest degradation through studies in different forest areas – including quantitative assessment; assess social issues and political economy
Output 2b2. Activity 2. Develop locally-specific activity packages for addressing drivers in CHT (including conflicts and land ownership issues) and	Develop locally-specific activity packages for addressing drivers in CHT (including conflicts and land ownership issues) and other areas where



other regions (<i>measures</i>)	indigenous community lives including other regions (<i>measures</i>)
Output 2b2. Activity 5. Undertake capacity building of the local Forest Department Offices	Undertake capacity building of the local Forest Department Offices and other stakeholders
Output 2b3. Activity 2. Produce basic district level maps on forest land use change, carbon stock estimates, poverty and biodiversity indicators, using best information available (20 districts)	Produce basic district level maps (based on ERD climate financing) on forest land use change, carbon stock estimates, poverty and biodiversity indicators, using best information available (in all relevant districts)
Output 2b3. Activity 6. For selected districts, prepared detailed multi-layer maps, including Tier 1 carbon estimates	For selected districts, prepared detailed multi-layer maps for environmental management, including Tier 1 carbon estimates
Output 2c3. Activity 1. Determine the basic needs of the positive incentive system for REDD+ at the local level	Determine the socio-economic needs of the positive incentive system for REDD+ at the local level


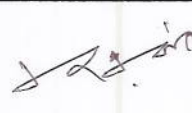




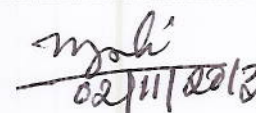
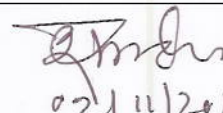
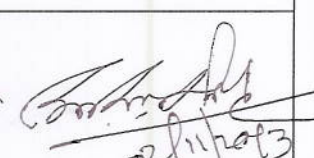
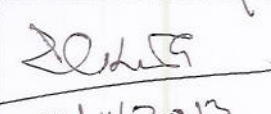
The document was shared with a large segment of us before the validation workshop, but not to all of us. We understand that revised document following today's recommendation will be shared with us just after the document is shared with the UN-REDD Policy Board for mandatory external review and we will have approximately 20 days time to provide further input in the R-PP. We were also informed that we will have ample opportunity to provide more specific inputs on outcomes, outputs and activities during the inception phase of the programme and in particular, during the inception workshop. Based on the above, we are pleased with the scope of our involvement with the Bangladesh REDD+ Readiness preparation.





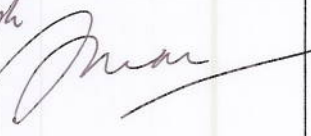



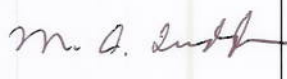

We look forward to successful implementation of the Bangladesh REDD+ Readiness programme and would like to highlight the importance of consultative processes throughout the REDD+ programme. We would also like to request the implementing partners to effectively work for long-term sustainability of REDD+ in Bangladesh. Taking into consideration that these recommendations will be incorporated in the revised R-PP document, we validate the Bangladesh REDD+ R-PP for submission on UN-REDD Policy Board. We concur with the planned submission of this R-PP to UN-REDD Policy Board.





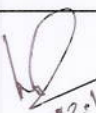

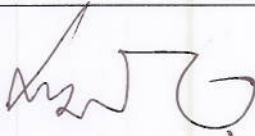



This validation meeting minutes was read clearly to all of us at the Korobi Conference Room, Ban Bhaban, Agargaon on 02 November 2013 and we hereby agree on the text of the minutes to be signed. We also understand that the revised R-PP will be further shared with us after the submission to UN-REDD Policy Board on 08 November 2013 for external review.

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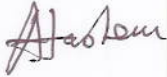

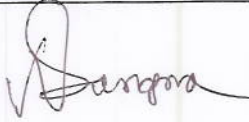

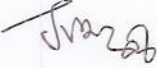


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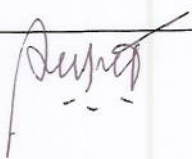

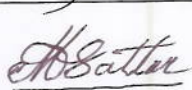

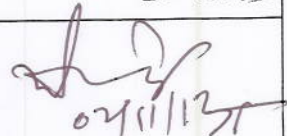
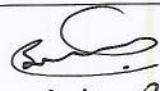
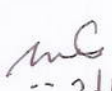
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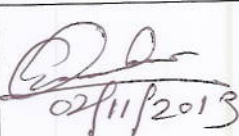
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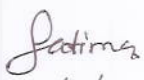
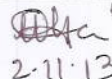
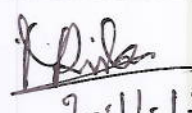
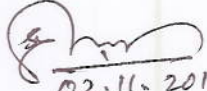
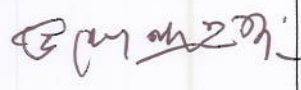
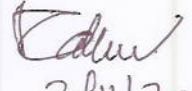
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