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MEETING MINUTES

REDD+ Technical Working Group 14th Consecutive Meeting and Introduction to National Joint Program submission to NCCC

September 22nd, 2010

9 – 11am

Secretary's Conference Room, 7th Floor, Somare Foundation

Chairman: Paul Rame (Director, REDD+ and Mitigation, OCCD)

Secretary: Eunice Dus (Policy Analyst, REDD+, OCCD)

PURPOSE

To inform the REDD+ Technical Working Group members on the key points of the fourteenth (14th) meeting held on August 22, 2010 with representatives of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), AusAID, European Union (EU), JICA, Department of Treasury, PNG Forest Industries Association (PNGFIA), Papua New Guinea Forest Authority (PNGFA), Office of Climate Change Development (OCCD), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), ECO-Forestry Forum (EFF), Department of Lands and Physical Planning (DLPP) and McKinsey.

Attendance: Paul Rame (OCCD), Martin Baal (OCCD), Danny Nekitel (OCCD), Eunice Dus (OCCD), Peta Mills (AusAID), Ellen Hau-Pati (AusAID), Clement Bourse (EU), Amos Goodwil (PNGFA), Gabriel Samol (PNGFIA), Steve Nicholls (UNDP), Stanley Wapot (UNDP), Kiren Andrew (Treasury), Thomas Paka (EFF), Justine Ondopa (EFF), Senson Mark (EFF), Matt Leggett (WWF), John Yareki (DLPP), Nesaki Shun (JICA)

Members Absent: Gewa Gamoga (PNGFA), Felix Bablis (NRI), Karen Hiawalyer (DNPM), Daniel Kereka (DNPM), Douglas Maip (DNPM), Iruna Rogakila (DLPP), Timothy Mais (treasury), Udai Pal (NARI), John Demerua (NARI), John Michael (DEC), Barbara Lokes (UPNG Remote Sensing), Ross Sinclair (WCS), Kevin Samuel (Finance), Alex Kana (DPLGA), Cecily Kome (Finance), James Sabi (DEC), Harry Rei (ORD), Thomas Viot (EU), Simon Saulei (FRI/PNGFA), Roy Banka (WWF), Shun Nesaki (JICA), Toru Gomi (Forestry Agency of Japan), Wataru Yamamoto (RECS), Masamichi Haraguchi (Kokusai Kogyo), Hiroki Miyazono (JICA), Stephen Rambe (ORD), Donald Hehona (Treasury), Ben Ngava (Live & Learn), Anjali Brown (Live & Learn), Ian Orrel (OPRA)

AGENDA

1. Opening – Meeting Objective
 - Debrief from 3rd NCCC meeting
2. **REDD+ safeguard criteria and approval process**
3. **National Joint Program (NJP)**
4. Any other business (AOB)
5. Next steps and way forward

Expected outcomes of the meeting

- Compile final input for REDD+ safeguard criteria and approval process before the 4th NCCC meeting
- Conduct validation meeting on PNG UN-REDD National Joint Programme (NJP) document and integrate input from stakeholders

SUMMARIES OF KEY AGENDA DISCUSSION

1. Opening with member's introduction
2. **Debrief from 3rd NCCC meeting held on the 27th of August, 2010.**

The following were decisions reached in the NCCC meeting

- i) OCCD Corporate Plan
 - NCCC approved the OCCD vision, mission and work plan
 - NCCC approved the OCCDs departmental priorities for 2010
- ii) National Consultation Technical Working Group (TWG)
 - NCCC approved the National TWG and agreed to actively participate and support the TWG
- iii) OCCD Budget
 - NCCC approved the OCCDs budget for 2011
 - NCCC noted and supported the required adjustment for the 2010 budget
- iv) MRV
 - Approved the Request for Expression of Interest for a PNG MRV system

Request: AusAID enquired if a copy of the OCCD's budget and corporate plan could be shared as a means to see the Government of PNG's/OCCD's funding priorities for 2011.

3. **REDD+ safeguard criteria and approval process**
 - Safeguard criteria and REDD-plus guidelines critical to ensure the quality and transparent of REDD-plus activities in PNG;
 - Proposed criteria and process are designed to accommodate different types of projects through a flexible mechanism, as not all projects are similar in scope, or focus.
 - Safeguards include a set of 'must have' criteria which need to be met by all REDD-plus demonstration activities

- So far, written comments have been received from only 2 NGOs
- Safeguard criteria to be distributed for final comments by 28th September, 2010 to ensure they can be integrated into the next NCCC meeting where the safeguards will be discussed

Comments:

EFF (Thomas) - Highlighted the importance of safeguarding the interests of the people, and incorporating biodiversity

4. UN-REDD NJP

- Objectives of NJP : -
 - To refine and implement a full MRV roadmap for PNG that will drive country actions to obtain a fully operational monitoring system by the end of 2012
 - To supports PNG's overall REDD framework and readiness efforts.
 - Activities under the NJP are to be closely linked to and implemented with the additional support of AusAID, JICA, the WB-FCPF and other development partners
- Outcomes of the UN-REDD NJP (*see attached Powerpoint slides for the more detailed presentation material used during the meeting*)
 - i. Readiness management arrangements in place
 - ii. National MRV system developed
 - iii. Historical drivers of deforestation assessed
 - iv. Monitoring of abatement concepts supported
 - v. Stakeholders aware of REDD-plus activities and opportunities in PNG

Comments on UN-REDD NJP

The NJP, particularly the programme outcomes, were approved by participants in principal. But some specific comments were raised which are summarized below. It was agreed that additional comments to the NJP, which had been distributed by email to all TWG members on September 17, would be submitted by participants by Monday, September 27, 2010 for the submission on October 1. [Comments from non-GoPNG organizations were received from Steve Nicholls – UNDP, the Government of Australia, and PNGFIA]

UNDP – Asked for a clarification on the difference between the components of the original NJP draft from 2009 and the current draft.

Response: The current version of the NJP builds on, but moves beyond the scope of the 2009 draft NJP. The 2009 draft focused on the preparation of a national REDD plan, particularly through institutional capacity support, the assessment of information needs for key building blocks of REDD, and stakeholder engagement processes. MRV played a more limited role. Since then, the Government has made tremendous progress in furthering REDD readiness activities, thereby covering many of the focus areas of the previous 2009 draft NJP with own efforts. A Climate-Compatible Development Strategy and Interim Action Plan now clearly spell out the risks, opportunities and immediate priorities related to climate change on which the

UN-REDD NJP builds. With the establishment of our new Office, we now also have the institutional framework in place to effectively manage UN-REDD NJP.

PNGFA – Raised concerns about the previous draft and earlier process that had resulted in a temporary suspension of the programme.

Response: At the time that the previous draft was discussed, the UN agencies and GoPNG could not reach full alignment on the priorities of the UN-REDD NJP. As a consequence, it was decided to put on hold PNG's UN-REDD process until the NJP could more effectively contribute to PNG's climate-change efforts.

PNGFIA – The document is technically incorrect in some places. These technical errors need to be fixed, e.g., sustainable national annual cut should be 3.9 million m³ p.a., not 3.0 million m³; the reference to the Forest Resource Inventory is unclear, is this to be done by PNGFA or OCCD? What is it referring to? We have not had any inventory of such (we need to be careful & correct in what we say) Further clarification is required how the existing FRI sample plots would serve carbon stock measurements as the plots had been set up for a different purpose. DEC should be mentioned in the report. The full list of comments and errors will be provided separately.

EFF – Seconded those comments and highlighted that linkages to biodiversity are important.

WWF – Overall report OK, but individual aspects, e.g. around the Climate-Compatible Development Strategy (CCDS), should be addressed. One example is the focus on Reduced Impact Logging for abatement concepts which has received criticism from WWF and others for sending the wrong signal on logging in the past. The strong focus on MRV should also be clarified, and how it supports the broader REDD-plus readiness agenda. Should other items like enforcement in the forest sector and land use planning also be integrated?

Response: The focus on MRV has been chosen particularly because the UN-REDD NJP offers the opportunity to comprehensively address this very critical element of REDD readiness efforts in PNG. GoPNG is complementing the NJP with own efforts in other areas of REDD readiness and also seeking additional support from other development partners. The NJP will be updated to reflect the comments to ensure that a) it allows for enough flexibility to incorporate changes of the CCDS through the consultation process, and b) to better explain linkages to other REDD readiness efforts.

UNDP – Asked for the link of Japan's (JICA) support to PNGFA to the NJP's MRV component.

Response: To establish a satellite monitoring system and remote sensing center at PNGFA. The project focuses on hardware and software, and not on technical system. The NJP will complement these efforts and ensure that JICA's support is fully integrated into the broader MRV work that the NJP supports.

PNGFA – Asked for clarification on the process for submitting the NJP.

Response: - The deadline for submission to the 5th Policy Board on November 4-5, 2010 is October 1st. In order to allow for enough time for integration into the document and approval by the National Climate Change Committee, comments need to be submitted by Monday, September 27, 2010

PNGFIA – Pointed out that the OCCD should be relying less on technical advice in its work in general, and the preparation and presentation of the UN-REDD submission in particular.

Response: It was pointed out that the OCCD is a young office and still in a phase of capacity building and transition, but ramping up quickly. Technical assistance and capacity building support had specifically been sought for this phase of organizational development, in which the OCCD is developing increasing capacity and capability to effectively manage and coordinate all climate change matters in PNG. In addition, the Director MRV and Senior Analyst MRV were not able to attend the meeting and present the MRV focus due to a stakeholder consultation commitment in Manus.

PNGFIA - Pointed out that the role of DEC in managing and overseeing PNG's forests should be highlighted more prominently.

UNDP (S. Nicholls) – Emphasized the same notion that DEC is not mentioned in the draft NJP.

WWF- Efforts in PNG need to urgently address a National Land-use Management Plan. Land-use is important in REDD+ scenario - how do we enforce to monitor values of land-use? How do we adequately address land availability, food security?

AusAID – Seconded this notion, highlighting that the lack of a National Land-use Plan is mentioned in many meetings across sectors and topics.,

DLPP – New to technical aspects of climate change; but interested in following up on the land-use questions. Requires additional understanding of the OCCD's priorities to understand linkages to DLPP's land use policy. Asked for additional material on the topic to be sent to the Chief Policy/Planning of DLPP. (Apologies for not having been able to attend previous meetings)

PNGFA Questioned anticipated start/end date is 1 Dec 2010 – 31 Dec 2013. Chapter 8 outlines that UN-REDD is designed until 20th June 2012 only. Is the NJP therefore in the timeframe?

Response: Start/end dates were discussed with FAO, but the OCCD will follow up to clarify.

5. Any other business (AOB)

- AusAID presented a preliminary date for an OCCD study tour to Indonesia from 11 – 16 November, 2010, for PNG to meet and learn how Indonesia is setting up REDD+ activities. OCCD to confirm date with AusAID.
- JICA sought clarification on who would attend the Interim REDD+ Partnership meeting in Nagoya from PNG. The OCCD will look into the issue and clarify
- PNGFIA brought up two new submissions to the UNFCCC by Australia and Indonesia on A/R under CDM. The OCCD will follow up and
- EFF suggested a stronger presence of the new OCCD at international UNFCCC meetings..

6. Next steps and way forward

7. Closing of the TWG meeting 11:30am

8. Next Meeting Date – OCCD will confirm with all members in the near future; preliminary meeting date 20 October 2010.

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