Vietnam PGA's progress

National Inception Phase

August 2011

UN-REDD explored with the Government, the relevance of a PGA in Vietnam which resulted in preparations for the PGA pilot in Vietnam and a draft Concept Note for the initial phase of the PGA pilot was produced. The draft Concept Note can be found <u>here</u>.

November 2011

During the first meeting of the Sub-Technical Working Group for Governance, under the National REDD+ Network, the PGA approach and the draft Concept Note was presented. The draft Concept Note was also circulated to key stakeholders to solicit comments and feedback at the moment. The final Concept Note can be found <u>here</u>.

March 2012

The national kick-off workshop for the PGA in Vietnam took place in Hanoi with the aim of informing national stakeholders about the PGA approach and its relevance in Vietnam, identify possible thematic and geographical areas for intervention, reach agreement on the next steps and have the Concept Note endorsed. During the workshop, participants engaged in discussions aimed at making forest governance concepts and terminology more understandable to forest-dependent communities. Participants agreed on criteria for selecting a pilot province for REDD+, and Lam Dong was subsequently invited as the first pilot province. Click <u>here</u> to read more; <u>see presentations and documents here</u>.

July 2012

To explore the level of commitment and interest from Lam Dong, a mission was organized with the main objectives to introduce the PGA for REDD+ to provincial authorities and discuss the implementation of the pilot phase in Lam Dong. The mission also met with potential Advisory Group members for the PGA.

Provincial Inception and Implementation Phase

December 2012

An Institutional and Context Analysis (ICA) was conducted to gain fundamental understanding of the province's forestry sector by identifying the existing forest governance structure and issues as well as potential actors and decision-making processes that might significantly affect future implementation of REDD+. The draft report was made available for the Vietnamese counterparts to comment. A final version will be uploaded soon upon its availability.

March 2013:

A provincial consultation workshop on the key governance challenges took place in Lam Dong province as part of the Institutional and Context Analysis research. The main objectives of the workshop were to present preliminary findings of the Institutional and Context Analysis and to reach agreement on prioritized governance issues that the PGA will be focusing on. More documents <u>here</u>.

April 2013

As a follow up to the PGA provincial consultative workshop, an indicator training workshop took place to develop a draft of indicator set building on prioritized governance issues. The workshop also aimed at exploring possible data sources and raising participants' awareness on key considerations for data collection tools. More details can be found <u>here</u>.

June 2013

A three day workshop took place in Lam Dong on 13 - 15 June as a follow up from the training workshop in April on how to develop a comprehensive indicator set and what to consider when selecting data collection tools. Watch two video clips of the workshop activities here: <u>1st clip</u> and <u>2nd clip</u>.

July 2013

<u>A workshop to prepare for field testing</u> of indicator set and data collection tool for PGA took place in Lam Dong province of Viet Nam from 23-24 July. The main outputs were:

1. Fine-tuning the indicators set and field testing tools for data collection for key governance priority issues of Lam Dong province,

2. Agree on key data analytical tools and reporting format,

3. Division of labor for field testing period

See workshop agenda here.

August 2013:

Field testing of the indicator set and data collection tools was conducted in Lac Duong and Di Linh districts, in Lam Dong. This was an important step in order to assess the feasibility of indicators set and data collection tools before rolling out to a broader scale. Find detail plan of the field testing <u>here.</u>