

SUMMARY REPORT Regional Exchange Event on REDD+ National Strategies or Action Plans 29-31 July 2015, Bangkok

Evaluation Results:

The overall organisation of the event was very satisfactory. Generally, high scores – all in excess of 4 except for "Networking", which may be because the participating countries were at different stages in the process. Day 1 Session 3 (Drivers of DD) was the most popular session, and Day 1, Session 1 (Intro to NS/APs) the least. Venue and arrangements all had scores of 4 or above.



Participants generally felt that the balance among presentations, group discussions and expert panel discussions was about right. It seems that the expert panel discussions were the most popular.



Session 3, on analysing drivers of DandD and barriers to the "+" was the most popular session. The results for logistics and venue are exceptionally high.



Other comments and feedback received from participating countries, to consider for future events:

- [Session on PAMs was] least useful we has already done the drivers and vision and listed PAMs but it would be more useful to hear about what we need to focus on next;
- Very useful "knowledge hub" of information and updating on REDD+ from various countries;
- Such an event should be organised in every six months or a year;
- There should be more focusing on structure and/or guideline of development of the NS/AP rather than the overall process of NS/AP development;
- Produce and circulate proceedings and/or report to the participating countries;
- Very useful learning platform and especially to be able to learn from advanced REDD+ countries;
- Very helpful and useful to have important resource people to facilitate the discussions;
- Networking and targeted support will be important to move forward;
- Should provide more time to discuss and ask questions;
- Rotating the discussion groups seemed not work very well but still it was very useful to try and so to learn and share experiences to others;
- A good mixture of regional exchange between Asia-Pacific and Latin America regions;
- Very useful lessons learned and experiences throughout the event and especially from different participating countries and advanced countries;
- Experiences by other countries, e.g. Brazil and Indonesia, etc., were too different from our country's case and/or context and sometimes there was feeling of a big show case of those countries and which had no enough space for us to present what we are doing;
- There should be policy coordination and strategy for engagement with multi-stakeholders and different sectors since it is a key to REDD+ NS/AP;
- Whole days in the meeting room is sometime boring therefore there should be an external exposure to outside activities would enhance the participants skills and knowledge;
- The programme schedules were great and resource people were very affluent [in terms of knowledge and experience] and communicated;
- Provide more opportunities for CSO and IPs along with government representatives to take part in such an event;
- A good timing for countries to understand better about this aspect;

Additional KM recommendations were also made:

- Providing technical and political analysis and/or information;
- Online interaction/forum;
- Enhance visit and/or study tour to the most advanced country;

- Organise a workshop and/or dialogue on REDD+ Financing;
- Create a platform for knowledge sharing, organise more workshops and capacity building and training to help us understand better about REDD+;
- There should have more similar workshops for the countries at the initial stage of REDD+ implementation;
- Sharing important documents with particular country;
- A regular sharing information and/or update though email is appreciated;
- IPs and CSO can partially play a role in data collection of drivers of deforestation;