

## MISSION REPORT

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PROJECT NUMBER & TITLE: UN-REDD Programme

INSTITUTION(S) OR MEETING(S): Staff at the Forestry Administration (FA) and the General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection (GDANCP), FAO and UNDP

AND VENUE(S): Phnom Penh

MAIN PERSON(S) CONTACTED: Ms. Claire Van der Vaeren (UNRC), Ms. Setsuko Yamazaki (UNDP Country Director), Ms. Nina Brandstrup (FAO Representative), H.E. Chheng Kim Sun (Director General, Forestry Administration), staff of the REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat, FAO and UNDP

OBJECTIVE(S):

To participate in the ninth UN-REDD Programme Executive Board meeting, jointly organized with the FCPF project

## **BRIEF SUMMARY:**

- The ninth Cambodia UN-REDD Programme Executive Board (PEB) meeting was held on 24 February in Phnom Penh. It was a very well prepared and constructive meeting that led to several decisions for follow-up over the next four months, which is the remaining period of the Cambodia UN-REDD Programme. As a joint UN-REDD/FCPF meeting, matters related to the FCPF project were also tabled, but are not covered in this report.
- The UN-REDD Secretariat sent the approval for the Programme extension the day before the PEB meeting. Now that the Programme has been extended, the valuation work can continue with UNEP-WCMC support. This will be discussed in the middle of March when Charlotte Hicks of UNEP-WCMC will have arrived in Bangkok.
- Related to the safeguards work, a third draft of the gap analysis of policies, laws and regulations (PLR) was presented and debated during a national consultation workshop in December 2014. There are still some gaps in the analysis and UNDP will engage a consultant with a law background to assist in finalizing the document.
- A long list of outputs where presented, but it was noted that they are not available in electronic format. The Taskforce Secretariat was therefore encouraged to upload all documents on its website.
- There were various inconsistencies in the six-month budget for this year. They will be corrected.
- The transition from UN-REDD to FCPF appears to go guite smoothly.
- There was a brief discussion on the upcoming final Programme evaluation which will be led by FAO. The first visit by the two consultants is to take place in April. The evaluation is supposed to be concluded by late August or early September. Based on these provisional dates, the PEB agreed to hold its next meeting in September to enable the members to discuss the findings and ensure that lessons learned will make a constructive contribution to the FCPF project.
- I reviewed the Terms of Reference for the valuation before the PEB meeting. Most people had not done so, as we received the document only this week Monday. I urged all PEB members to add names

to the list of key stakeholders and other individuals who should be consulted. Some key individuals were missing.

## RECOMMENDATION(S)/ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

- Review the minutes of the PEB meeting and ensure accuracy
- Start planning the valuation work with Charlotte (She will arrive in Bangkok on 10 March for a three months stint in the Asia-Pacific region).

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