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Cambodia Readiness Plan Proposal on REDD+ (the 'REDD+ Roadmap'), and UN-REDD National Programme Validation Meeting Workshop

3.00pm-5.30pm, 30th September 2010, Himawari Hotel, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Introduction

K Huy (RECOFTC) - moderator

Welcomed participants and introduced key guests.

HE Douglas Broderick (UN Resident Coordinator)

Welcome speech (notes attached).

HE Chheng Kimsun (Director General, Forestry Administration)

Welcome speech (notes attached).

Session 1: Introduction to the REDD Roadmap (Dr Keo Omaliss - FA)

Summary of the roadmap including presenting the results and input received during the consultation process.

- Introduce what is REDD+, what is eligible.
- REDD Roadmap development process. Started in Jan 2010, with REDD Taskforce chaired by FA, joined by MLMUPC, GDANCP (MOE) with support from CCI & RECOFTC
- Tasked to prepare REDD plan for Cambodia
- Proposal needs to be prepared by 1 October to UN-REDD and will be defended in November 2010
- Plan divided into 6 sections:
 - o Section 1. Management structure
 - Changes during the consultation process include adding MRD to Taskforce
 - Structure finalised (presented to participants). Final structure includes Consultation Group and Advisory Groups to advise Taskforces, also supported by 4 proposed Technical Teams.
 - Section 2. Consultation & Participation
 - This section was completely written following the Civil Society meeting on 2-3 September
 - Changes include adding a complete consultation plan
 - Also added need for comprehensive awareness raising plan
 - Section 3. Strategies
 - Defines the drivers and strategies
 - Consultation process led to more complete list of drivers and candidate strategies, especially for dealing with national-level drivers
 - Components for Forestry Administration, Protected Areas (Ministry of Environment) and Fisheries Administration added during the consultation process
 - Section 4. Implementation framework
 - REDD will be implemented at national and sub-national level
 - Changes during consultation process include adding SESA for safeguards and a process with civil society to determine safeguards
 - Section 5. Developing the Reference Scenario

- How to calculate a national emissions baseline
- Section was completely re-written with expert help
- Section 6. Monitoring system
 - How to monitor forest protection and validate emissions reductions
 - Section was completely re-written with expert help

Questions & Comments

Hour Limchun (CCI & FA): Qu on section 6. Several monitoring models have been proposed globally, I am more familiar with the Australian model. Has the taskforce decided on which model can be used in Cambodia

KO: Roadmap at planning stage, in the next 1-2 years of implementing the Readiness Plan we will decide on an appropriate system for Cambodia. No guidelines yet from IPCCC or UN. In the future it is hoped there will be several options which we can evaluate. This will be determined by the MRV Technical Team.

Lay Khim (UNDP): Workshop is about validation of the 'Roadmap'. To what extent have comments been addressed. What are the key changes? How to participants feel about the changes?

KO: Key elements have been included. Most of the comments on management arrangements have been included (eg inclusion of MRD). Sections 2 of the initial draft had was very brief, CS input has made this much more compete. Section 3 was brief on drivers, expert advice has made this more complete. Section 4 now includes recommendation for a SESA. Sections 5&6 received inputs from FAO and small group discussions

TC: we receive many comments. Shown in table sent to participants. All were considered, and about 60% of the final plan is different from first draft. Only one main recommendation could not be followed, that regarding CS involvement in the Taskforce, which is not possible in Cambodian law and Government practice

Bunhieng (NGO Forum): Will there be representation of CS, NGO in the Technical Teams?

KO: Yes, Civil Society (CS) will be in the Consultation Group and Technical Teams

Vibol (Director of Fisheries Conservation Dept FiA): Thank you for involvement. Taskforce included FiA. So why FiA in the secretariat?

KO: Thank you for the input, this can be addressed. FiA can have a representative in the Secretariat

East-West Management Institute: how much power will the consultation group have?

KO: Taskforce carries out monthly meetings. Results and documents will be shared with Consultation Group, for their comments back to the Taskforce. The Consultation Group could meet bi-monthly with the Taskforce to review progress.

Nop Polin (Oxfam America): (1) Who will verify credits? (2) How much input by Civil Society was accepted

KO: (1) Verification of credits, no clear system so far. All voluntary for based on eg VCS or Chicago Carbon exchange. (2) Nearly all comments from CS were accepted and included.

Lay Khim (UNDP): (1) Qu on mobilising financial support. Govmt will propose to UN. Funding needs is more than is available from UNREDD. Has the team looked at other possible sources?

(2) Regarding consultation process. Please provide a clear list of consultation events. This was a good process and it should be clearly documented.

(3) Who will 'legitamise' this document to make it government owned? FA&GDANCP? Or higher bodies

KO: (1) Funding, agree that more funding needed eg for awareness raising and addressing drivers. Some may come from Japan. Other sources may include World Bank. The Roadmap is a general guide to help donors understand what is needed.

(3) After validation meeting document will be submitted by the FA to UNREDD. This is a proposal for implementation of preparedness, not the REDD strategy. The final strategy will possibly need to be approved by COM.

TC: (1) This is just a plan for how we would prepare readiness. Hard to predict how much we need. \$4.4 million proposed to UNREDD, \$10 million possible from Japanese embassy. Possible for 3 years? (2) Documentation : reports of every meeting taken place. Plus minutes of all consultation meetings. This will be sent out, and hopefully shared on a website.

Koen Everaert (EU Delegation): Under the EU Environment and Natural Resources Thematic Programme (ENRTP) the European Union foresees a global allocation in support of REDD+ Readiness. The EU Delegation submits all Cambodian Government REDD+ readiness documents to EU HQ, but at this stage it is not sure neither if Cambodia would have access to these global funds nor how such funds would be channelled, for example, through World bank, UN agencies or civil society, etc. More information will become available in the next couple of months. He also highlighted that the international discussions on REDD are not going that smoothly and there is a chance that these discussions may take some more time. However that should not be a reason to give up the good work already done. Regarding MRV: there might be possible links and synergies between REDD and EU FLEGT (meeting at Sunway 1st Oct 8:30am) that should be further explored.

Session 2: UNREDD Program (Mr Tom Clements - UNDP)

Brief presentation on the UNREDD program document which will be submitted 1st Oct

- \$4.4 million (\$1.4 million from in-country funds, request for additional \$3million)
- UNREDD document for 2 years. Plan may take 3-45 years to implement
- 6 sections to the Roadmap. Many include details on subnational/local level. For UNREDD program sections 1&2 combined to make component 1. Section 3&4 = component 2, Section 5&6 = Component 4. All subnational activities = component 3.
- In 2 years time we hope to have clear idea of how REDD will be implemented in Cambodia. Building on work that was started, eg policy analysis
- UN-REDD will support 4 pilot programs (including the 2 existing approved pilots and at least one MoE run pilot), and a provincial level REDD program (selected from area with MoE and FA presence and on-going work on REDD). Aim to have credit sales from the pilots by 2012
- National monitoring system will be developed under UN-REDD by 2012. Hopes that by 2013 there
 will be a global official REDD system.
- Other tasks that will be supported by UN-REDD are outlined in the Roadmap [and see presentation].
- Approx \$1 million per component. More funding may be needed for components 2, 3, & 4. Discussions underway with other development partners to meet shortfall.
- UN-REDD will support existing government structures, not create new ones. But UNREDD will need
 a few additional bodies

- UNREDD programme board which will sign off on budgets and workplans. Including Taskforce members + donors + civil society. Meet every 3 months
- National Program Director (FA) and Deputy (GDANCP) will come from the Taskforce & will manage a secretariat in FA, MoE & FiA. Will be responsible for managing UNREDD components.
- National management arrangements for funds. Direct support to government agencies based on quarterly workplans
- o Component 2 direct funds to MoE, FA & FiA for activities

Questions and comments

Hiroshi Nakata (JICA): what is the nature of these 2 documents. Lots of possible changes in upcoming meetings in China, CDP and Kyoto COP. Are these dynamic documents that can be modified to keep up with global changes?

TC: Roadmap is a government document outlining "this is where we are now & what needs to be done next". Within components activities can be adapted as we go along. Decisions made by Taskforce maintaining local ownership

Lay Khim: Will need to check with UNREDD, but would be good if this is a living document. Will need to identify process and principles on how we can make modifications, perhaps through the UNREDD programme board.

Jeeva (FAO): Documents do identify key agents and who should be involved in changing the docs.

Edwin Payun (RECOFTC): Should development partners follow the UN-REDD funding structure?

TC: request development partners to harmonise with government decision-making structure laid out in the Roadmap document. It is not necessary to harmonise with the UN-REDD funding structure.

Nop Polin : (1) Taskforce has the power to approach other donors? (2) When will revenue sharing mechanism will be developed?

TC: (1) UNDP and FAO can only fund legal bodies with bank accounts. These can be funded directly from the UN agencies. NB UNREDD only offered 2 year funding. Others, eg World Bank may be longer

KO: Taskforce can request further funding. (2) The benefit sharing mechanism will be developed by Technical Team starting Jan/Feb 2011 and through lifetime of the roadmap implementation. Especially if need to get ready in time for potential compliant market (2013)

Vibol (FiA): Why is FiA not on the UNREDD executive board?

KO: FiA can be on the Board and Secretariat

TC: in response to NGO Forum question. Non-government reps can be on Technical Team according to need and Taskforce decision

Seng Teak (WWF): clarify the role of the NCCC. Is there management authority or reporting? (needs to be clarified in the chart) Need for system for monitoring implementation of the Roadmap.

TC: UNREDD document has an M&E framework for implementation. Nothing specific in the Roadmap as this will dynamic and hard to be restricted by indicators

KO: NCCC can request information from Taskforce. And Taskforce will report progress to them

TC: this is clearly explained in Section 1 of the Roadmap

Lay Khim (UNDP): Likes the approach of the UNREDD document, and that is based on the Roadmap & consultation process thorough. UNDP very happy to see this. This alignment means that it is inclusive of all stakeholders. Internal review in UNDP on 30th Sept. Some comments remain to be addressed before submission:

- M&E framework needs elaboration
- Accountability roles and responsibilities of main stakeholders need to be more clearly defined
- Reporting clarify who is responsible for which reporting & communication.

UNDP already commit \$550,000 in addition to \$400,000 already committed from the UNDP-GEF SFM project. Resident coordinator already signed letter in support of the submission.

We the undersigned hereby approve these minutes.

HE Douglas Broderick (UN Resident Coordinator), Welcome Remarks

Validation Meeting on Cambodia REDD + Road Map and UN-REDD Programme Document Douglas Broderick, UN Resident Coordinator 30 September 2010, Himawari Hotel, Phnom Penh

Good afternoon Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen. Today, we take part in two significant milestones for the introduction of the REDD scheme in Cambodia. First, we convene to validate the REDD Readiness Road Map, prepared by the Royal Government of Cambodia. And secondly, we will see the outline of the joint UNDP/FAO Cambodia-UN-REDD Programme Document and funding proposal, which will be presented to the Global UN-REDD Fund. With these two important steps, we come closer to the realization of the REDD scheme in Cambodia.

The UN family would like to extend our sincere thanks for their participation to all your Excellencies, representatives of our government partners, our development partners, civil society, and representatives of local and indigenous communities. Particularly, my sincere appreciation goes to:

- His Excellency Chheng Kimsun, Delegate of the Royal Government in Charge of the Forestry Administration and
- Mr. Ken Serey Rotha, Deputy Director General of the General Administration of Nature Conservation and Protection,

for their commitment to ensuring the REDD initiative becomes a reality in Cambodia.

On behalf of the participating UN agencies in Cambodia, I would also like to thank the leadership of the Forestry Administration and the General Department Administration of Nature Conservation and Protection for taking the lead in coordinating this validation meeting, and to each of you for your participation in today's deliberations. The leadership and unity of your agencies and the support from all of you today will remain important in the future to support of the REDD road map implementation and REDD+ strategies.

Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As I have mentioned, today's meeting is a significant step forward in our efforts to develop the REDD Readiness Plan (Road Map) and the Cambodia UN-REDD Programme Document. The validation of the revised REDD Road Map Plan opens an opportunity to build a common understanding and agreed path for developing REDD in Cambodia; and to discuss the funding and management arrangement to support the Cambodia UN-REDD Programme Document.

Your discussions will highlight the importance of REDD+ supporting existing national strategies for forest and protected area management, the development of lessons learned and best practice from demonstration projects, and the importance of continued consultation through the policy development process. Therefore, UN agencies would like to share our view that national strategies for the management of the nation's forest areas must support and strengthen one another if REDD is to be successful and realize the benefits to the national and local community that it promises.

In addition, the establishment of mechanisms that ensure full and transparent consultation and the active participation of all stakeholders – Government agencies, development partners and civil society – is essential if the REDD+ policy development process and the Cambodia UN-REDD programme are to be successful.

The REDD+ Readiness Plan process provides the basis for moving forward with the identification and design of strategies for a National REDD program. The next steps in this process are the mainstreaming of REDD+ into the RGC's institutional mandates through on-going consultation, legal, policy and institutional reform,

active support for REDD+ demonstration at the field-level, effective consultation and extensive capacitybuilding.

The participating UN agencies will work closely with the Royal Government of Cambodia to support the mobilization of the required resources to complete this preparation process and to implement key elements of the REDD Readiness Plan.

Needless to say, all of the concrete outputs that will be presented in this meeting are the result of close collaboration amongst participating Government agencies, their development partners, UN agencies, and civil society groups and development partners in support of national ownership, leadership, accountability and result based management.

We hope that you find this an enjoyable and fruitful meeting.

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HE Chheng Kimsun (Director General, Forestry Administration) [add speech here]

Agenda

3.00 pm	Welcome remarks on behalf of UN agencies	H.E. Douglas Broderick, UN
		Resident Coordinator
3.10 pm	Opening remarks by Forestry Administration (FA),	H.E. Chheng Kimsun, Delegate of
	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	the Royal Government of
		Cambodia and Director-General
		of the Forestry Administration,
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Session 1: Validation of the revised Cambodia REDD+ Roadmap

3.20 pm	Presentation	on	the	revised	Cambodia	REDD+	Dr.	Keo	Omaliss,	Deputy
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3.40 pm Questions and comments on the revised Roadmap

Coffee Break: 4.00-4.15 pm

Session 2: Validation of the Cambodia UN-REDD National Programme

- 4.15 pm Presentation of the Cambodia UN-REDD National Tom Clements, UNDP Consultant Programme and how it supports implementation of the Cambodia REDD+ Roadmap
- 4.45 pm Questions and comments on the Cambodia UN-REDD National Programme

Closing Remarks

5.20 pm Closing remarks by General Department of Ken Serey Rotha, Deputy Administration for Nature Conservation and Director-General, GDANCP, MoE Protection (GDANCP), Ministry of Environment

Closing: 5.30 pm

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