

Minutes of the 22nd Meeting
Technical Working Group on Forestry & Environment (TWG-F&E)
At the Forestry Administration
28th July 2009

1. Welcome by Chairman

The meeting began with a warm welcome from the Chairman, H.E. Ty Sokhun, to all distinguish members. He briefed the overview of the agenda, which was circulated prior to the meeting. He asked the members whether they had any comments on the agenda before approving and proceeding.

Mr. Jacob K. Jepsen asked to add one more agenda item about illegal logging that has been happened recently in Preah Vihear province. The meeting approved the agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes of 21st Meeting

H.E. Ty Sokhun: briefed some outstanding issues of following up the minutes of the meeting regarding the information sharing: list of Economic Land Concession (ELC) of mine concession and agriculture concession were shared by MIME and MAFF, with the exception of the MoE that had not been shared. No clarification from MoE due to its representative was absent. FA has digitized the mine concessions into map. He suggested putting the agenda forward to the next meeting. He suggested DPs to obtain ELC information data from MoE directly.

The minutes was approved. The Chairman suggested, for next meetings, that previous TWG-F&E Minutes should be attached with the invitation of the following TWG-F&E meeting. The Minutes should be also available in the website: www.twgfe.org

3. Membership of the TWG – a final list for approval

The draft list of TWG-F&E membership was reviewed and discussed based on the “*Guideline on the Role and Functioning of the Technical Working Groups*”. The meeting decided to include Mr. Chhit Sam Ath (NGO Forum), Mr. Lic Vuthy (Danida) and Mr. Koen Everaert (EC) to be a Membership of TWG-F&E. Some other agencies such as CI, WWF, CBNRM, Asian Foundation, MAFF representatives, CTA of CBFS-II/JICA and CBSFLMP/RECOFTC are in TWG-F&E Associate Members.

WB, USAID, FAO, JICA requested to add their colleague name into the member list for his/her representative or assistant.

Mr. Jacob K. Jepsen suggested not to take into consideration the members who are mostly absent in the meeting.

4. Progress of NFP Development

Dr. Sokh Heng presented the progress of NFP development during the last few months following the NFP roadmap:

- In the period of March-June 2009, five consultation workshops have been under taken to collect comments and feedbacks at local and sub-national levels. There are more than 700 participants including government agencies, local communities, local authorities, private sector, monks and the media, NGOs and development partners.
- Strategic Framework Document of the NFP has been drafted. Six Implementation Programs come to final draft. A 4-year action plan has been drafted.

Next steps:

- o Re-translating the draft NFP documents into Khmer.
- o Designing layout of the NFP document.

- Assisting NFP Appraisal team in reviewing the document and meeting with relevant stakeholders.
- Organizing public consultation at national level in September 2009.
- Organizing training on conflict management that related to NFP.
- Revising and submitting the NFP document for approval by the government.

Mr. Jacob K. Jepsen called for the members to take a look and approve on the NFP statements which will be signed by Cambodian Council of Ministers.

5. Announcement of the appraisal of the NFP and the evaluation of PMIP

The meeting reviewed and discussed on the schedule of NFP appraisal team.

H.E Ty Sokhun: requested that the NFP paper must be in Khmer for approval. Round table discussion should invite more NGOs including, CDRI, WA, FFI, PACT... He also suggested the appraisal team to have field visit to meet with monks and local communities at the Community Forestry sites if it is possible. The TWG-F&E Secretariat will prepare and send letters of appointment to relevant institutions and NGOs by 29 July 2009.

Mr. Jacob K. Jepsen informed that in the framework of NRMLP, Danida is supporting PMIP scheme to Forestry Administration, Fisheries Administration and Land Management sector for more than one year now. A mission for evaluation of PMIP has been conducted to get recommendation for further support of incentive scheme. Soon there will be a debriefing meeting on the findings and all relevant sectors will be invited to attend and comment.

6. Update on the ASEAN meeting on REDD way forward to COP 15

Dr. Keo Omaliss summarized the Regional Workshop on REDD in Cambodia and the update in recent UNFCCC negotiation (the presentation is available in www.twgfe.org). The regional workshop on REDD was held on 25-26 May in Phnom Penh. The objectives of the workshop were: sharing experiences on REDD, R-PIN; sharing information on status of REDD preparation; sharing information on key components for producing R-PLAN; recommendation to Asean Senior on Forestry (ASOF) meeting in June 2009; recommendations for Common ASEAN Position on REDDplus. There were 9 countries participated the workshop including Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

In the UNFCCC negotiation has been drafted Conclusion on reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries and a decision on Methodological guidance as shown in annex. Next negotiation will be held on 10-14 August 09 in Bonn, Germany.

In up coming COP15 Cambodia will participate and present the experience of REDD pilot project.

7. Follow up to the GRAS report, and ELC logbook of MoE

Mr. Meas Makara presented the results of the study on forest cover change in selected ELCs in Kratie Province (it is available in www.twgfe.org). There were 9 ELC in Kratie province. 3 ELCs were selected for studying: Asia World Agriculture Development; Green Island Agriculture, and Tay Nam company. The results indicate that reduction of forest cover mostly happened in deciduous forest and the agriculture land has been increasing.

H.E Ty Sokhun requested for national assessment of forest cover in 2010 for monitoring forest cover change during 5 years. The result can be used for actions to be taken for CMGD that is stating to maintain national forest cover at 60% of total Cambodia area until 2015.

8. Illegal Logging in Preah Vihear

H.E Ty Sokhun shared information regarding the illegal logging in Preah Vihear and Oddar Meanchey provinces. Some army transported logs along the way back home after having finished their assignments near the border areas in Preah Vihear and Oddar Meanchey provinces.

The meeting decided to prepare a Public Statement on the concern of the illegal forest activities as in the attachment.

9. Close of the Meeting

H.E. Ty Sokhun expressed his sincere appreciation to all members of TWG-F&E for their active participations and contributions in the successful meeting and wished them all the best wishes and looked forward to continuing contributions and participations in the next forum.

Participants

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2. Mr. Jacob K. Jepsen Counsellor, Danida
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