

Minutes of the 23rd Meeting
Technical Working Group on Forestry & Environment (TWG-F&E)
At the Forestry Administration
7th September 2009

1. Welcome by Chairman

The meeting began with a warm welcome from the Chairman, H.E. Ty Sokhun, to all distinguish members. He introduced a new member of TWG-F&E; Mr. Chhith Sam Ath from NGO Forum. 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.

2. Review and Approval of the Minutes of 22nd Meeting

Mr. Lay Khim/UNDP: requested to add an alternative member from UNDP, Mr. Chhum Sovanny who is able to attend the meeting with or instead of him when he is busy.

The request was accepted. The minutes was minor edited. The minutes was approved and is available at: www.twgfe.org

3. Progress Report to the 15th GDCC Meeting

Mr. Sok Srun, TWG-F&E Coordinator presented the draft Progress Report to the 15th GDCC Meeting.

The TWG-F&E Action Plan for 2009 regarding coordination among TWG-F&E member, NFP Development and implementation of Paris Declaration (strengthening ownership, alignment, harmonization, managing for results and mutual accountability) are on schedule.

Progress of CDCF JMIs have some problems, representative of MoE has not reported the land concession within the protected areas and the progress of protected area demarcation and community protected area. Little progress of forestland demarcation (FA) due to late fund disbursement both RGC and DPs supported project, and rainy season that is difficult to access to the forest areas.

Aid Effectiveness JMI, M&E Office is setup in FA and a 4-year Action Plan aligned with NFP is being developed.

The meeting agreed to highlight lack participation from MoE sharing information for CDC consideration. A joint letter of TWG-F&E will be prepared and sent to MoE for re-consideration and actively participate in the TWG-F&E.

The comments from the members were added. The report was approved to send to CDC as soon as possible. The report is available at www.twgfe.org

4. Progress of NFP Development

Dr. Sokh Heng, NFP Coordinator presented the progress of NFP development during the last few months:

- Five consultation workshops with more than 700 participants.
- Incorporation of comments into the Framework Document and Financing Programmes.
- Appraisal Team on NFP Documents.
- Revision of NFP documents.
- Updated NFP Framework Document.
- Updated NFP Background Document.
- Updated NFP Implementation programs.

Next steps:

- Retranslating draft NFP documents into Khmer.

- Organizing National Consultation on NFP.
- Designing the layout of NFP document.
- Organizing training on conflict management for enhanced NFP.
- Revising and submitting NFP document for approval by the government.

Mr. Jacob Jepsen/Danida would like to ask clarification on forest demarcation figures, 120,000Km before he thought that it was 175,000Km agreed by FA. He highlighted several times to take into consideration. Other issue referring to the recommendation of the NFP appraisal would like to add an overview of Logframe in the Strategic Framework Document as an annex.

H.E Ty Sokhun asked the NFP Task Force to consider Mr. Jacob's comments. He called for the TWG-F&E members, including the representatives assigned by its institution to participate in the coming NFP National consultation.

5. NSDP Update 2009-2013 of Forest Sector and Government Budget Plan 2010 for Forestry Sector

H.E Than Sarath, Acting Director of Department of Administration, Planning and Finance presented NSDP update 2009-10 of forest sector and Government Budget plan 2010.

The six programs of NFP with the proposed budget of 36.02 millions USD were put in the NSDP update 2010-13 namely:

1. National Forest Demarcation Classification and Registration.
2. National Forest Resource Management and Conservation.
3. Forest Law Enforcement and Governance.
4. National Community Forestry.
5. Capacity Building and Research Development Programme.
6. National Sustainable Forest Financing Programme.

The proposed Government budget for 2010 is 4,700 millions Riel for 4 sub-programs namely

1. Development of multi-purposes tree plantation = 3,800 millions riel
2. Forest Demarcation and Registration = 350 millions riel
3. Forest Law Enforcement and Governance = 450 millions riel
4. National Sustainable Forest Financing subprograms = 100 millions riel

The above cost is only operational, excluding salary.

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Mr. Jacob K. Jepsen was happy to see the presentation especially the proposed government budget for dialogue, it is indicated that the partnership between RGC and DPs is improving gradually. For implementation of NFP it need huge amount of fund therefore, he would like to suggest contribution of government budget increased every year possibly 10%, 20%... He also called for the DP representatives to come on board to kick starting NFP implementation.

Mr. Chhit Sam Ath/NGO Forum expressed his appreciation for inviting him to attend the meeting. He recalled the NGO Forum comments on NFP was sent to FA for contribution to the NFP. NGO Forum is happy to discuss more about this if requested.

H.E Ty Sokhun: The proposed national budget from MEF for forest sector could be increased normally depends on the income generated from the sector. It is also helpful if the DPs raise a statement concern in the GDCC meeting.

6. Update on Climate Change

Dr. Keo Omaliss, Deputy Director of Wildlife and Biodiversity and a member of FA Climate Change Team, presented the progress of REDD activities in Cambodia. FA has done:

- REDD negotiations in UNFCCC
- Discussion among ASEAN countries

- National Carbon Accounting System will be setup
- Attend workshops and training workshops
- Conduct some trainings at the site level
- submitted proposal on Forest Carbon Partnership Facility FCPF (World Bank)
 - Approved on March 2009 & signed April 2009
 - Readiness Planning Proposal (March 2010)
 - Activities (National REDD task force, National REDD strategy, coordination, consultation, capacity building and regional cooperation
- FA wrote notification to UN-REDD in August 2009
- Set up pilot projects, there are two REDD pilot projects, in Oddar Meanchey and Mondulkiri Province.

Oddar Meanchey	Seima, Mondulkiri
<p>Background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project area (CFs):~ 60,000 Ha (12 CFs) • Project started: Early 2008 • Deforestation in OMC: 2 % (2002-2006) • Key stakeholders: FA, TWG F&E, CFI/Pact, CFs, Local authorities, TGC, CCI • Local people:~50 villages (6,000families) <p>Progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REDD Methodology (Terra Global Capital) • Field Measurement (~160 plots) • Project negotiation • Agreement with Community Forestry • Project awareness raising, training and field implementation • Project validation and verification by VCS, Tud Sud and CCBA <p>Future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find buyers • Legal issues (national and international): Emission Reduction Purchase Agreement(ERPA) <p>Expected Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon Credit (8 Mt CO₂) over 30 years • Sustainable forest management and protection • Improve livelihood of local community 	<p>Background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project area (SBCA):~180,000 Ha (Core area) • Deforestation rate: 0.5 % • Project started: early 2009 • Key stakeholders: FA, TWG F&E, WCS, indigenous/local people, Local authorities <p>Timeframe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of FA/WCS staff (March) by Winrock International • Data collection in the field (March-August) • Data Analysis (June-Oct) • Preparation of PDD (late 2009) <p>Expected Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon credit: ~1.5 MtCO₂/5years • Law enforcement activities will be expanded • Securing land rights of indigenous people • livelihood improvement

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Mr. Jacob Jepsen announced the First Climate Change Forum will be held on 19-21 October 2009 which is jointly supported by Danida, Sida and UNDP. A big mission will come up at end of September, The WB, ADB and UNDP come to look at different options, but not REDD option. We have to be aware this mission because it will be a big investment. FA should be a member of committee for climate change.

Mr. Chuop Paris/FAO informed that there has been a joint mission between FAO, UNDP and UNEP to initiate UN-REDD aiming at assisting developing countries to get ready for participation in a future REDD mechanism. Based on the FA's letter of August 7, 2009 requesting for support on REDD, FAO is trying to have a short term consultant to work for FA in this particular purpose.

H.E Ty Sokhun welcomed the support by FAO national or international consultant to FA.

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.

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