

Minutes of the 25th Meeting
Technical Working Group on Forestry & Environment (TWG-F&E)
At the Forestry Administration
3rd March 2010

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.

2. Status on the CMDG7 – follow up on progress indicators

Mr. Jacob Jepsen presented CMDG GAP Analysis (reference is UNDP Environmental Team CPD Workshop, December 10, 2009). There are nine main goals and CMDG7 is “Ensure Environmental Sustainability” that so far achieved 34%, the least comparing to other goals. The presentation is available at www.twgfe.org. The goal 7 has four components that were assessed as the following:

- Adopt sustainable development policies and reverse the loss of environmental resources: 34%
- Access to Safe Drinking Water: Urban safe water: 114%; Rural safe water: 37%
- Access to Improved Sanitation: Urban sanitation: 28%; and Rural sanitation: 33%
- Access to Land Security: 14%

He also highlighted a number of challenge issues need to be taken into consideration by DPs and relevant Government institutions to achieve the goal in future:

- CMDG with the lowest performance.
- CMDG with the most irrelevant or ill defined indicators.
- CMDG with the least availability of consistent data.
- CMDG with the least developed sectoral strategies.
- CMDG with the least clarity about allocation of Gov. responsibilities (MAFF (FA, FiA), MLMUPC, MoE, MRD, NCDD, etc..) and Budgets (budget line items, NSDP line items, Donor Line items)
- Different Responsibilities for rural and urban WATSAN.
- CMDG with the most unclear DP responsibilities and interventions.
- CMDG with the most Human Rights Issues and Conflicts.
- Bottlenecks in CF and CFi approvals.

H.E Ty Sokhun asked, how the calculation of the achievement in percentage?

Mr. Jacob Jepsen: This calculation done by consultants and is based on data or information reported from the relevant stakeholders. He admitted that the correctness is based on different reporters. For further elaborations of the CMDG7 the participants were informed that CDC with support from Danida/ DFID/NZAID will undertake a more indebt study.

H.E Ty Sokhun: These results even are not so perfectly correct; however it is a wake up call to the relevant stakeholders to improve on the indicators and the implementation on the JMIs.

3. Draft Progress report of JMI and proposed new JMI for 3rd CDCF

Mr. Sok Srun presented a drafted report on the JMI and the proposed new JMI to the 3rd CDCF.

The report and the proposed new JMI were actively discussed and approved. The full report and proposed new JMI, English and Khmer, are available at www.twgfe.org.

A number of recommendations in the report are:

- MoE should appoint a new representative for high level decision making,
- Granting Economic Land Concession in forest areas and Protected Areas should be stopped. ELC companies have to follow its master plan, especially for the investment of tree planting in order to increase forest cover as much as possible.
- MAFF should take action in time to review and approve on the proposed potential community forestry areas and the proposed National Forest Program.
- Provide more human resource and funding to FA for implementing NFP. Full cooperation from

local authorities is needed.

- All Development Partners, international and local NGOs who are supporting the forestry sector must to share information with TWG-F&E.

TWG-F&E proposed new JMI to the 3rd CDCF as following:

Immediate Outcome: Forest Cover of country land area will be maintained by increasing of quality and quantity through better management of forest resources. There are 4 main Activities:

- Reforestation of 25,000 ha degraded lands.
- 750 Km of forest estate demarcated by FA and 4 Protected Areas demarcated by MoE.
- 100 Community Forestry approved by MAFF and 7 Community Protected Areas approved by MoE.
- Cambodia REDD Readiness Road Map approved and started implementation.

Mr. Muong Sideth, from AFD suggested adding in the recommendation “Granting ELC should be stopped too in the Protected Areas under MOE administration”. He also asked for clarification of absence of MoE representative and referring to the name of TWG-F&E is including “Environment” that means MoE, and if it is possible to have a co-chairman from MoE, and MoE staff comes to work in the Secretariat.

H.E Ty Sokhun clarified that actually the official name in Khmer of the working group is for Forestry Reform and therefore the RGC decided that the Forestry Administration is the chairman of the TWG since the establishment in 2004. Any suggestion could be decided by GDCC/CDC, RGC level only.

Regarding the absence of MoE Representatives, TWG-F&E tried to communicate and encourage them to participate in the meeting and come to work in the Secretariat but so far no result.

4. Reviewing Status of NFP at MAFF

H.E Ty Sokhun reported that NFP was intensively and comprehensively reviewed by MAFF. It was recently approved by the MAFF’s Regular Session. MAFF is going to send the NFP to the Council Ministers today or tomorrow for signature of the Prime Minister on the NFP statement.

5. Progress on Development of NFP Work Plan 2010 and Five-Year Work Plan

H.E Than Sarath presented the progress on development of NFP annual and five-year work plan that assisted by a consultant team. The progress so far, the consultant team drafted the following papers:

- Guide/note and outline on preparation of Work Plans.
- Tables of content for 5-year and annual work plans.
- Draft 5-Year and Annual WPs at FA national level.
- Progress reporting/monitoring of Annual WPs.

The next plan is:

- Field trip to Rottanakiri, Mondulkiri and Kratie FACs
- Presentation on guide/note for work plan formulation to FA and FACs
- Get inputs for filling up the WPs.
- Draft work plan for FA and 3 FACs.
- Training and Workshops to raise awareness and participation

Mr. Jacob Jepsen suggested that we keep moving development of these work plans and could easily move the annual one to 2011, and for 2010 we could use the one developed by relevant departments of FA.

6. Sharing information of forestry projects 2010-2014

Mr. Sok Srun presented forestry projects in 2010-2014 that reported from the forestry partners. Up to now for 2010 there are 57 projects with total budget of 8.66 millions in which RGC fund is 1.175 million, and DPs and NGOs fund are 7.485 millions. There are 21 NGOs reported information, this is indicated that most of forestry partners are coming on board and share their information, project title,

amount of budget and project areas. The forestry project information is regularly updated and available at website: www.twgfe.org.

Mr. Jacob Jepsen suggested that if we could get information from the private sector that is investing in forestry sector.

7. Prakas on community protected area

MoE Representative is absence.

8. AFD's non-sovereign loan for agricultural development in Cambodia

Mr. Muong Sideth from AFD presented the Financing Instrument of AFD. As AFD has **no** more granting fund from the French Government, therefore this year AFD is developing the new financing instrument especially for Cambodia in which has the following:

- **Non-sovereign loan**, AFD can provide subsidized loan to all, private and public sector. Non-subsidized for private sector is by **Proparco**. The **Borrowers** could be: state enterprises, private entities, local communities, grouping of private companies, commercial banks (*to address specific sector*). The duration of loan could be from 5 to 15 year and the minimum amount of fund is five millions US dollar. Lowering of interest rate by subsidization (PPWSA: euribor-135)
- **Subsidies**
 - Fund of studies and reinforcement of capacity (FERC) for project development
 - PRCC (Commerce): strengthen the commercial capacity.
 - FFEM (French Global Environmental Facility) subsidizes, in development projects durable, the safeguarding of great balances of our planet relating to the following fields:
 - Biodiversity: financed to CI working at *Cardamom* : € 840,000
 - Climate changes *including REDD*
 - International water: funds *Mekong River Commission*: € 800,000
 - Soil degradation
 - Persistent organic pollutants (POP)
 - Ozone layer (protocol of Montreal)
 - Financing of ONG
 - Sovereign loan to the government of Cambodia: not yet available for Cambodia
- **Intellectual production**: research program for upland management schemes (for forest cover areas, balance of conservation of biodiversity and environmental values).
- **CEFEB**
- **ARIZ**, for private sector. The guarantee of the loan from commercial bank and when the private company borrows from the commercial bank AFD can provide up to 50% guarantee of the non performance loan.

The presentation is available at www.twgfe.org

9. AOB

Mr. Jacob Jepsen informed that Danida has a formulation mission for a period of four weeks in country to develop NRMLP Phase II. Further it was informed that ASEM (Asia Europe Meeting) on FLEG supported by EU will be held in near future. The dates to be confirm later.

He called for the agenda for the next meeting from the members if they would like to suggest and can send to the Secretariat.

Close of the Meeting

H.E. Ty Sokhun and Mr. Jacob Jepsen expressed their sincere appreciation to all the members of the 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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