

## REDD+ Update - Recent Global Developments

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### Recent Major Global Developments - Since TF5 (June 2014)

- Significant developments towards  
“Performance/Results-based Payments”:
  - UN Climate Summit, New York
  - UN-REDD Programme 2016 – 2020 Draft Strategic Framework
  - FCPF
  - IPCC Fifth Assessment Report

## UN Climate Summit - New York (September 2014)

- Convened by Secretary General of U.N.
- Royal Government of Cambodia represented by Senior Minister of Environment on behalf of Prime Minister.
- Four key papers related to REDD+ released (Distributed by RTS to TF members):
  - New York Declaration on Forests;
  - Action Statements and Action Plans;
  - Joint Statement by Norway, Germany and U.K.; and
  - Statement by Senior Minister of Environment.
- Norway, Germany and the United Kingdom made a joint statement:
  - “We stand ready to scale up results-based finance for large-scale, REDD+ emission reduction programmes, if countries put forward robust proposals.”;
  - “This includes funding for up to 20 new, credible programmes proposed by 2016”;
  - “This could be through bilateral or multilateral channels”; and
  - “Programmes” and “robust proposals” are generally perceived as the synonym of “REDD+ National Strategies”.

## UN-REDD New Strategic Framework 2016 – 2020

- Current UN-REDD Strategic Framework expires by the end of 2015.
- A proposed UN-REDD New Strategic Framework has been developed and revised through a series of regional consultations. The Taskforce Chair participated in the Asia-Pacific consultation in Bangkok on October 2014.
- The proposed draft was tabled to the UN-REDD Policy Board (PB) meeting at Tanzania in November 2014. Cambodian Taskforce Chair co-chaired the Board meeting.
- This document will be developed into a draft Strategic Framework for the endorsement at next PB meeting in May 2015.
- According to Head of UN-REDD Programme Secretariat, it is likely that new Strategic Framework will “facilitate REDD+ hosts to be able to access results-based payments in accordance with the stage of development in each country”.

## FCPF

- FCPF's readiness programme is partially financing implementation of the Multi-year Work Plan of Cambodia National REDD+ Taskforce.
- It has been difficult for Cambodia to access its Carbon Fund.
- VCS methodologies are likely to play an important role in the Carbon Fund for the time-being.
- No substantial decisions affecting REDD+ in Cambodia were made in its Participants' Committee (PC)/Assembly (PA) meetings at Tanzania in November 2014.

## IPCC Fifth Assessment Report

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) provides scientific insights for various considerations in the UNFCCC processes.
- Its reports generally influence the UNFCCC process over time rather than having an immediate impact.
- IPCC released its new report "Climate Change 2014" in November 2014.
- National policies to support REDD+ including monitoring, reporting and verification is emphasized as a regulatory approach under AFOLU policy instruments, as one of the sector-specific policies under the mitigation theme
- Cambodian REDD+ may wish to consider preparatory activities on the "landscape approach" in its REDD+ National Strategy (e.g. - national forest monitoring system and demonstration activities beyond forests).

## Summary

- UNFCCC-COP21 to be held at Paris in late 2015 is expected to “decide” on
  - a) the framework beyond 2020 (INDC: Intended Nationally Determined Contributions); and
  - b) Green Climate Fund as a key instrument for performance/results-based payments.
- The international community is moving towards “performance/results-based payments” from “readiness”.
- It is essential for Cambodia to develop its draft National REDD+ Strategy for endorsement by Royal Government by August 2015 and to present it to the international community at UNFCCC-COP21 in order to seek inclusions as one of the “20 programmes”.

Thank you for your attention !