

# Draft

## Cambodia National REDD+ Strategy

The 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Cambodia REDD+ Taskforce

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## REDD+ National Strategy?

### What is it?

- “REDD+ National Strategy or Action Plan” is generally considered to be one of the key products from REDD+ Readiness phase

### UNFCCC Decisions

- Decision 1/CP.16. Par. 73
  - REDD+ activities shall be implemented in **phases**, beginning with the development of **national strategies or action plans**, ----- evolving into results-based actions that should be fully measured, reported and verified
- Decision 1/CP.16. Par. 71
  - Developing country Parties aiming to undertake REDD+ activities are requested to develop a national strategy or action plan, in the context of the **provision of adequate and predictable support, in accordance with national circumstances**
- Decision 2/ CP.17. Par. 64
  - To obtain and receive results-based finance, developing country Parties should have a **national strategy or action plan**

## Updates

### **4<sup>th</sup> Taskforce, March 2014**

- Taskforce agreed that Cambodia needs to start developing national REDD+ strategy
- Taskforce discussed proposed chapters to be considered for national strategy
- National Director of FCPF Cambodia Programme authorized recruiting process for facilitator(s)

### **5<sup>th</sup> Taskforce, June 2014**

- Facilitator recruited, supported by Mr. Chhun Delux (RTS Technical Staff)
- Draft chapters presented by recruited facilitator at 5<sup>th</sup> Taskforce
- Taskforce recommended facilitator to propose skeleton of the national strategy to be presented at next Taskforce meeting

### **6<sup>th</sup> Taskforce, December 2014**

- June 2014: A REDD+ Expert Team was established
- July 2014: REDD+ Expert Team met to discuss approaches to develop national REDD+ strategy
- August 2014: Draft skeleton of Cambodia National REDD+ Strategy, completed
- **31 December 2014:** Initial draft of Cambodia National REDD+ Strategy, completed

## Development Process

### **Key documents consulted**

- UNFCCC Decisions
- REDD+ National Documents
- National Policies Relevant for REDD+
- Samples National REDD+ Strategies/ Action Plans

### **Key institutions consulted**

- Forestry Administration
- Ministry of Environment
- Fisheries Administration

## UNFCCC Decisions

- **Foundations of REDD+**
  - REDD+ activities (1/CP.16. Para. 70)
  - Cancun safeguards (1/CP.16. Appendix 1. Para. 1)
  - Three phases of REDD+ implementation (1/CP.16. Para. 73)
  - MRV for estimation of carbon emissions (2/CP.13. Annex 2)
- **Design elements for results-based finance**
  - National strategy or action plan (1/CP.16.; 2/CP.17.; 9/CP.19.)
  - Drivers of deforestation and degradation (4/CP.15.; 1/CP.16.; 15/CP.19.)
  - Safeguards information systems (1/CP.16.; 2 and 12/CP.17.; 9 and 12/CP.19.)
  - National reference emission levels (4/CP.15.; 1/CP.16.; 2/CP.17.; 13/CP.19.)
  - National forest monitoring systems (4/CP.15.; 1/CP.16.; 2/CP.17.; 9 and 14/CP.19.)
  - Measurement, reporting and verification (4/CP.15.; 2/CP.17.; 9 and 14/CP.19.)
- **Implementation elements**
  - REDD+ Finance (1/CP.16.; 2/CP.17.; 9/CP.19.)
  - Coordination of support (2/CP.13.; 4/CP.15.; 1/CP.16.; 10/CP.19.)
  - Information hub (1/CP.16.; 9, 12, and 14/CP.19.)
  - Commitments of support (2/CP.13.; 4/CP.15.; 1/CP.16.)
  - REDD+ web platform (2/CP.13.; 12/CP.17.; 9, 13, 14 and 15/CP.19.)

## National Policies Relevant for REDD+

- Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia, 1993
- Rectangular Strategy for Growth, Employment, Equity and Efficiency – Phase III, 2013
- National Strategic Development Plan 2014-2018, 2014
- Achieving Cambodia's Millennium Development Goals, 2014
- Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan 2014-2023, 2013
- National Green Growth Roadmap, 2009
- National Policy on Green Growth, 2013
- National Forest Programme 2010-2029, 2010
- Strategic Planning Framework for Fisheries 2010-2019, 2010
- National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan, 2014 (initial working draft)
- Draft Law on Environmental Impact Assessment, 2014

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## Other Key Documents

### **REDD+ National Documents**

- Cambodia Readiness Plan Idea Note, 2009
- Cambodia National Programme Document, UN-REDD 2010
- Cambodia REDD+ Roadmap, 2011
- Cambodia REDD+ Readiness Project, FCPF 2013

### **Sample National Strategies and/ or Action Plans**

- Vietnam Programme on REDD+ for the Period of 2011-2020, 2011
- Indonesia REDD+ National Strategy, 2012
- The Philippines National REDD-plus Strategy, 2013
- Tanzania National Strategy for REDD+, 2013

## Key Texts from Draft Strategy

### **Purposes**

- To prepare an institutional system to implement REDD+ activities, upon completion of REDD+ Readiness phase
- To provide a basis and direction for integrated governance and regulatory systems to ensure the effective, efficient and equitable implementation of activities identified in the national strategy
- To develop systematic and consolidated processes and approaches to sustainably manage Cambodian forests, to protect biodiversity, and to contribute to poverty alleviation

## Key Texts from Draft Strategy, Cont.

Short-term Goal (By end of 2015): **Readiness Phase**, activities include:

- Effective national management of the REDD+ readiness process, stakeholder engagement and awareness-raising plan in accordance with principles identified in the Roadmap
- Establishment of national coordination arrangements, including Taskforce, Taskforce Secretariat, Technical Teams, and Consultation Group to ensure effective, efficient and equitable REDD+ implementation;
- Development of the Cambodia national REDD+ strategy and implementation framework, including safeguards and benefit-sharing
- Development of the Monitoring System for national Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV); the Reference Scenario against which performance will be measured (Reference Levels or Reference Emissions Levels, RLS/RELS)

## Key Texts from Draft Strategy, Cont.

Medium-term Goal (2015-2020): **Implementation Phase**, activities include:

- Implementation of Cambodia national REDD+ strategy and implementation framework, including safeguards and benefit-sharing
  - Land tenure and governance reforms
  - Forest law enforcement
  - Sustainable agriculture
  - Subnational demonstration
  - Strengthened national forest management policies, in particular
    - National Forest Programme
    - National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan
    - Strategic Planning Framework for Fisheries
  - Contribute to national development policies
    - Rectangular Strategy for Growth, Employment, Equity and Efficiency – Phase III, 2013
    - National Strategic Development Plan 2014-2018, 2014
    - Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan 2014-2023, 2013
    - National Policy on Green Growth, 2013

## Key Texts from Draft Strategy, Cont.

Long-term Goal (Starting 2021- ): **Performance-based Payments**, activities include:

- Cambodia's forests and land areas remain a net carbon sink as a result of the implementation of national REDD+ strategy and relevant policies and measures for sustainable economic and ecosystem service functions of forests
- Payments are made upon verified achievement of agreed benchmarks, including reduced or avoided greenhouse gas emissions
- Forest Reference Emission Level (FREL) and/or Forest Reference Level (FRL) and Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system are established and operational

Thank you for your attention

## Comments/ Suggestions