

Opening remarks for 8th FACCC on 1st July 2014 at FA (3rd Floor)

Excellences, Distinguished FACCC members, the Representatives of JICA-Cambodia, the Observer participants and Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a great pleasure to be here with you today for the opening of the FACCC meeting this morning. The FACCC serves as the “Joint Coordination Committee (JCC)” of CAM-REDD in the Record of Discussions between Royal Government of Cambodia and Japan International Cooperation Agency, JICA on 27th May 2011. It provides guidance to CAM-REDD.

CAM-REDD is one of supporting frameworks for the implementation of REDD+ processes in Cambodia. The mandate of CAM-REDD is to provide technical and financial support to all four outcomes of multi-year work plan of Cambodia National REDD+ Taskforce. CAM-REDD has been supporting Outcomes 3 and 4, and recently it also gave contribution to Outcome 2 in order to assist develop the National REDD+ Strategy. The logical framework of CAM-REDD should be identical to the multi-year work plan of Taskforce. It is currently necessary to update its logical framework (also called PDM: Project Design Matrix) based on the latest version of Taskforce’s multi-year work plan, and its timeline (or PO: Plan of Operation) up to end of last month.

Today, the key agenda items are:

- i) Progress made since last FACCC meeting on 20th February 2014; and
- ii) Approval to logical framework (PDM version 6), and timeline (PO version 6).

At this meeting, I would like to highlight a few points. The Point 1): as it has been already informed since the last FACCC meeting, support to NFP through JICA will be integrated into Outcome 2 of PDM version 6 starting this August. Vertically there will be no change to support from the Office of Technical Advisor to Director General of Forestry Administration; and, the Point 2): Two indicators to Outcome 3 have been achieved recently. One is the indicator two “An initial pilot sub-national approach is documented”. Another indicator is the three “Experiences of all the demonstration sites supported by CAM-REDD are compiled and shared among stakeholders.” For the further details, Mr. Khun Vathan will explain in his presentation.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all distinguished participants. I hope there will be active discussion in this meeting. With this note, I am pleased to open the meeting.