

Meeting Agenda

FA's Climate Change and REDD+ Committee (FACCC)

as

Ninth Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) for CAM-REDD

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 from 09h00 to 10h30AM
Venue: FA-HQ
Participants: FACCC Members, Office of Technical Advisor to DG-FA, JICA-Cambodia
Observers: Cambodia National REDD+ Secretariat, GDANCP, FiA, relevant UN Agencies/
Projects/NGOs, etc.

Objective:

- 1) To monitor current status of REDD+ in Cambodia and CAM-REDD
- 2) To update work plan and timelines
- 3) To endorse initial finance plan for 2015-16 (CAM-REDD) to be proposed to JICA

Provisional Agenda Items:

1. Opening Remark (H.E. Dr. Chheng Kimsun)
2. Progress Report and Request for Approvals/ Endorsement/ Taken note (Dr. Khorn Saret)
3. Discussion
4. Approval of Minutes of Meeting (Dr. Khorn Saret)

Attachment:

- Draft “Minutes of Meeting (M/M)”
- Proposed “Plan of Operation” (PO-7)
- Draft five-year logical framework (draft PDM-7)
- Updated Initial Finance Plan (January 2015 – May 2016)
- Summary of Investment

Background:

The Multi-year work plan of Cambodia National REDD+ Taskforce (hereinafter “REDD+ Taskforce”) stipulates the approach in Cambodian “Readiness” stage. In addition to historical support through international community to the Protected Forests and to the community forestry development effort, UN-REDD and FCPF endorsed their engagements to help Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) implement this REDD+ process. Moreover, upon receipt of the official request from the RGC to the Government of Japan (GoJ) in 2010, an additional framework to support the implementation of national REDD+ process was agreed for 5 years as CAM-REDD (until May 2016).

The initial detail of CAM-REDD was defined in the “Record of Discussion (R/D)” signed between the Director-General of FA assigned by the Council for the Development of Cambodia (CDC) as the RGC representative and the Chief Representative of JICA to the Kingdom of Cambodia on 27th May 2011 in accordance with the standard procedure defined by the GoJ. It has been operationalized since 1st June 2011. At the first FA’s Climate Change and REDD+ Committee (FACCC) meeting on 18th November 2011, in the absence of the REDD+ Taskforce, it was agreed to assign FACCC as the interim Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) for CAM-REDD that provides guidance to it.

At the 8th meeting on 1st July 2014, the initial logical framework (PDM-6) and to the plan of operation (PO-6) were approved by FACCC members. PDM-6 was identical to the Multi-year work plan for Cambodia National REDD+ Taskforce that major REDD+ development partners (DPs)/supporting frameworks, such as UN-REDD, CAM-REDD, FCPF, and USAID, should follow. PO-6 indicated the timeline of progress against the plan until the end of June 2014. At the time, it was also approved that NFP was integrated into a part of Outcome 2 from August 2014 where the support to REDD+ under Strategic Planning Framework on Fisheries (Fisheries Administration) and National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan (GDANCP) are also placed.

REDD+ is constantly evolving at the both national and global level. At UNFCCC-COP19 in Poland in December 2013, Warsaw Framework was agreed by the Parties to the Convention. It listed out the conditions for access to future REDD+ finance. Cambodia REDD+ Taskforce organized the workshop on Warsaw Framework last September in order to consider Cambodian approaches to the Framework. PDM-7 was drafted to reflect the discussion. Some of the indicators in the PDM of CAM-REDD need to be readjusted. JICA expressed its preference to make such changes with more details based on draft REDD+ National Strategy in the next FACCC meeting expected towards the end of 2015.

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This time, FACCC is requested to approve the updated timeline (PO-7), which is not affected by the changes to the indicators, and to endorse the initial Finance Plan for 2015-16 (January 2015-May 2016) to submit as a proposal to JICA. Draft PDM-7 will be reconsidered at the next FACCC meeting.

Moreover, it is expected to agree to replace the Secretariat of FACCC/Project National Administrative Coordinator of CAM-REDD from Mr. Khun Vathana to Dr. Khorn Saret. It is also informed that in response to the new sub-decree 216 on DSA, our DSA has been revised and applied since 01 February 2015.

In accordance with the rules and guidelines determined between the RGC and JICA, relevant decisions/endorsement by this meeting needs to be summarized in the form of “Minutes of Meeting (M/M)” and signed between the Chair of the FACCC or Director-General of FA and the Representative of JICA.

Finally, CAM-REDD will be finished in the end of May 2016. If FA wishes to have continuous participation from JICA, particularly for the implementation of the REDD+ strategy, FA will need to consult with CDC and submit a required proposal on post-CAM-REDD to CDC in March as it will be negotiated in the Request Survey for 2016 with Embassy of Japan starting as soon as May 2015.

1. Major Progress to date/Current Status up to today

Outcome 1;

- Taskforce Secretariat became operational in 2012.
- Taskforce meetings were held (6th meeting in December 2014).
- Multi-year work plan was approved at the 3rd Taskforce meeting.
- Four (4) Technical Teams have been operated since January 2014.
- Community Consultation Group has been established.

Outcome 2;

- Draft REDD+ national strategy is under preparation.
- Draft working papers on safeguards and multiple benefits for REDD+ have been finalised.

Outcome 3;

- On-site third-party validation of Project Description for Seima Protected Forest is at the final stage.

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- Protected forests, protection areas and fishery conservation areas are in their preparation to be the core for future REDD+ initiatives. (e.g. the demarcation was completed in the mangrove forest in in Kampong Som)

Outcome 4:

- Various initiatives have continued to be taken place (e.g. basic education, sub-national options).
- Initial REL is being calculated towards July 2015
- Various materials such as trial estimation of GHG inventory following IPCC guidelines were prepared as materials to be used by the MRV/REL Technical Team.
- NFI design proposal has almost been completed. This proposal will be one of materials to be used to design NFI for Cambodia.
- Forest definition and land-use classes were discussed by MRV Technical Team and almost finalised.
- Land use/cover mapping has started.

2. Requests for concurrence and approval by FACCC

In accordance with the standard procedure of JICA, the Climate Change and REDD+ Committee of FA (FACCC) as the interim decision making body for CAM-REDD is requested to approve/endorse / take note of the following instruments at the meeting:

- 1) Replacement of National Project Administrative Coordinator of CAM-REDD (in the FA)
- 2) Plan of Operation (PO-7)
- 3) Draft Logical Framework (draft PDM-7)
- 4) Initial Finance Plan for 2015-16 (CAM-REDD)
- 5) Revision of Domestic Business Trip Rate

3. Next Steps

- 1) Support to continue the implementation of Multi-year work plan of Taskforce
- 2) Reconsider the logical framework (PDM-7) at the next FACCC meeting towards the end of 2015
- 3) Support to development of a draft REDD+ national strategy by this August
- 4) Consider post-CAM-REDD beyond June 2016 to implement REDD+ National Strategy
- 5) Termination Evaluation for CAM-REDD (January 2016)