



—Ouk Sokun Kanha REDD+ Concert Phnom Penh December 14, 2013
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REDD+ Concert on “Our Forest, Green Planet”

The Cambodia REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat organized a concert at Koh Pich (Diamond Island) in Phnom Penh on 14 December, 2013, to raise awareness among the general public about REDD+ with sponsorship from Smart, Cambodia’s leading mobile service provider, and Coca Cola.

About 6,000 people attended the concert, far exceeding the target of 2,000. The concert’s wide variety of acts featured a strong message on the importance of forest protection. The concert opened with a performance by the Tampuan Indigenous Peoples’ group from Rattanakiri. They were followed by some of Cambodia’s leading entertainers. Superstar Ouk Sokun Kanha electrified the audience, while unique rapper DJ Klaing ratcheted up the excitement with his amazing ad-lib raps on forest protection. Comedy duo, the Perkmi Team, was also hugely popular with the audience as was the final act, the CTN comedy troupe.

During the concert, awards were handed out to the winners of a children’s drawing competition on “people and forests”. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the 7-11 years and 12-14 years age categories. Many of the drawings were amazingly creative and of a high standard.

The Cambodia REDD+ Programme booth attracted large

numbers of visitors who enjoyed playing a game about animals that live in Cambodian forests. They also admired the children’s drawings, and picked up information on REDD+ and forest protection in Cambodia.

The concert was so successful that plans are underway to organize a concert road-tour to the main forested provinces in Cambodia.

More information and photos of the concert can be found on the Cambodia REDD+ Facebook page and the Cambodia REDD+ web-site at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cambodia-REDD-National-Programme/281996938602896>

and

<http://www.cambodia-redd.org/>

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Who's Who in REDD+ Cambodia?



CAM-REDD

CAM-REDD is one of the supporting frameworks implementing the Cambodia REDD+ Roadmap. CAM-REDD was officially endorsed by the authorities representing the Royal Government of Cambodia, Forestry Administration, and Government of Japan, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) on 27 May, 2011.

CAM-REDD has been assisting various REDD+ readiness initiatives under the four outcomes of the Roadmap:

- Outcome 1: Assist effective National Management of the REDD+ Readiness process and stakeholder engagement in accordance with the Roadmap Principles
- Outcome 2: Assist development of the National REDD+ Strategy and Implementation Modalities.
- Outcome 3: Assist improving capacity to manage REDD+ at Project and Subnational levels
- Outcome 4: Assist with design of a Monitoring System and RLs/REL Framework and Capacity for Implementation

CAM-REDD has been requested to concentrate its support on outcomes 3 and 4. It has been providing technical and financial support to the REDD+ pilot projects in Oddar Meanchey and Seima Protection Forest. In addition, CAM-REDD has been supporting other protected forests such as the Central Cardamom Protected Forest (CCPF), Preah Vihear Protected Forest (PVPF); and potential protected forests in Western Siem Pang, Veun Sai-Siem Pang, and Prey Long.

CAM-REDD will continue to support the implementation of the Cambodia REDD+ Roadmap until May 2016.

See more at: <http://www.cambodia-redd.org/category/supporting-redd-framework/cam-redd#sthash.3ulcXfC.dpuf>



Up Coming Events

FCPF Inception Workshop, 14 March 014

Cambodia has received US\$3.8M from the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility to support implementation of the REDD+ Readiness Roadmap. FCPF funding will be implemented through UNDP. An Inception Workshop will be held on 14 March to give stakeholders an opportunity to review the proposed results framework and planned activities. More details will be distributed through the Consultation Group and REDD+ Cambodia web-site.

Third Meeting of REDD+ Taskforce, 21 February 2014

The National REDD+ Taskforce will meet for the third time on 21 February. A key item on the agenda will be the scale at which REDD+ should be implemented in Cambodia (national or sub-national). The Consultation Group will be meeting beforehand to prepare a brief on views of stakeholders.

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Understanding REDD+

Decisions from UNFCCC COP 19: Now the UNFCCC is ready for REDD+

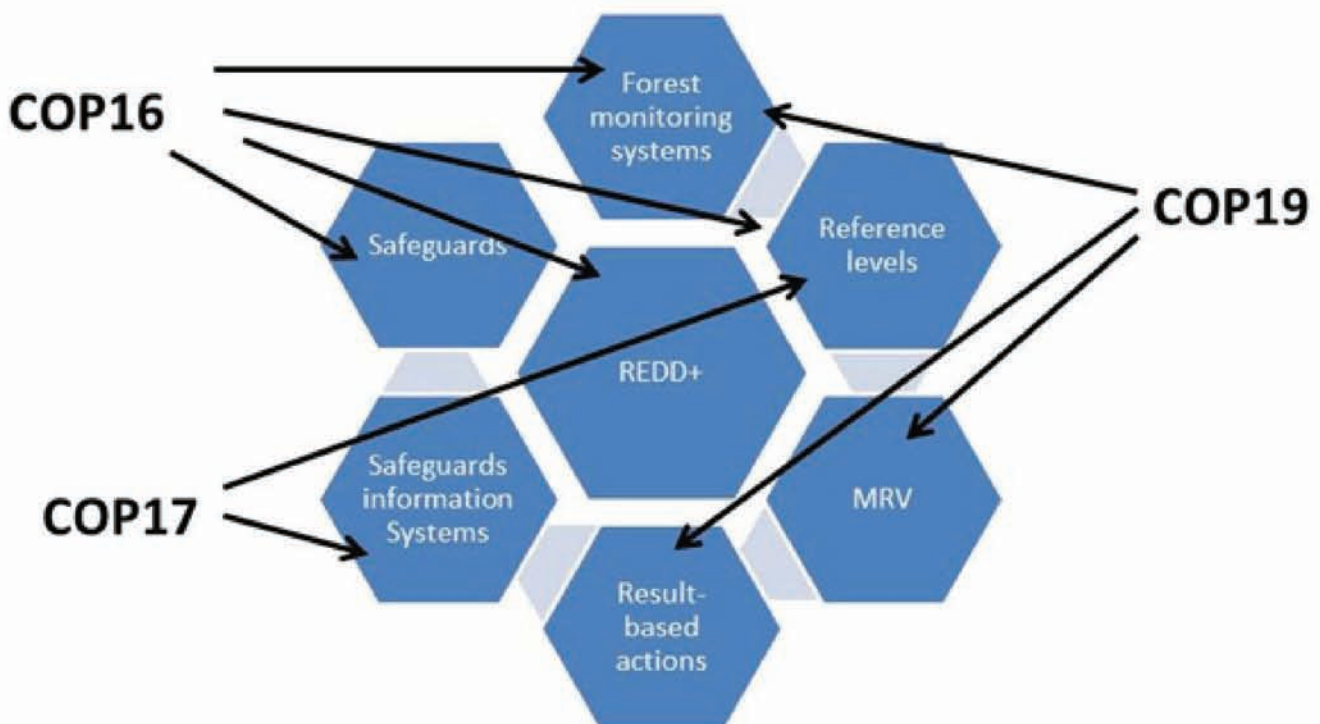
Nine years after REDD+ was introduced to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at the Conference of Parties 11 (COP11) in Montreal in 2005, countries were finally able to agree to a comprehensive set of decisions on REDD+ at the recent COP19 held in Warsaw, Poland. Decisions covering aspects such as safeguards, forest monitoring, drivers of deforestation, Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) and reference levels (RLs) as well as coordination of support and result-based actions are now known as the Warsaw Framework on REDD+. With these and previous UNFCCC decisions, countries are now able to move forward with REDD+.

Before COP19, some countries were in the process of getting ready for REDD+, but when it came to receiving re-

sult-based funding, the only option was the project-based voluntary carbon market plus a few bilateral agreements. COP19 outcome is therefore a major step forward, since all the necessary elements for REDD+ are now in place (see diagram below).

Countries can now move on with national implementation, or subnational implementation as an interim measure, and seek both verification and support, including performance-based payments through the UNFCCC system.

Countries can have their proposed RLs reviewed and submit information on, for example, results, safeguards, and their national REDD+ strategy to a new information hub created on the UNFCCC website (<http://unfccc.int/2860.php>).



Study Tour to Cambodia by Countries Implement REDD+



- Community forest group and study tour participants at Kraing Serey community forest, Kompong Speu province
(Photo Credit: RTS)

From 30 October to 1 November, 2013, three country teams, from Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Vietnam, visited Cambodia to learn about experiences on stakeholder engagement and communications and to exchange information on their own experiences. Other participants came from Nepal, Pakistan and Papua New Guinea.

In addition to presentations by various stakeholders engaged in the Cambodia REDD+ Programme, the participants visited Kraing Serey Community Forest and Chambok Community Protected Area and Ecotourism in Kompong Speu Province.

The field visit created a relaxed environment for the participants, to learn from community groups practicing natural resource management. It also enabled the participants to reflect on the first day's discussions. The participants found that the process of establishing the Consultation Group had

been extremely impressive, as was the initiative to establish a common set of communications materials. They reported that they intended to replicate such processes in their own countries, including the translation of the REDD+ Glossary developed in Cambodia into their national languages. There was also active discussion during a "fishbowl" session about how to ensure that contacts continue among the countries so as to allow further exchanges.

H.E. Cheng Kimsun Director General of the Forestry Administration said, "It is not the end of learning from each other and I sincerely hope that we can use each other as resource base for information on REDD+. We need to continue sharing information since this is truly an area where we are testing new solutions and we will make some mistakes on the way but hopefully we will step by step make progress towards REDD+ implementation."

Latest from the REDD+ Cambodia web-site

For more information on REDD+ in Cambodia, don't forget to visit the REDD+ Cambodia web-site: www.cambodia-redd.org. Recent updates on the site include:

- Communications materials of REDD+ Programme
- The first technical teams meeting
- REDD+ Fund mechanisms and Revenue sharing meeting
- Cambodia REDD+ readiness Eeforts and ways forward meeting

Detail info, please follow the link below:

<http://www.cambodia-redd.org/category/document-centre>

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