



*A group photo of the Safeguards and Demonstration Technical Teams
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Field Visit and Meeting of the Safeguards and Demonstration Technical Teams, Mondulakiri Province

The Cambodia REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat organized a field visit and third meeting of the safeguards and demonstration technical teams in Mondulakiri Province from 28 to 31 May 2014.

The field visit was led by Mr. Chhun Delux (Forestry Administration) and Mr. Nguon Pheakkdey (Clark University/Royal University of Phnom Penh). The Forestry Administration, Mondulakiri FA Cantonment, FA officers stationed at Seima Protection Forest Headquarters, Technical Advisor to Director General of FA Office, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), and villagers from Andoung Kraloeung lend their support. There were 25 participants, including representatives from the ministries that are members of the Cambodia REDD+ Taskforce and staff from UNDP.

The objectives for the safeguards technical team were to: 1) discuss the framing, structure and findings of the draft assessment report of safeguards international requirements and existing policies, laws and regulations in Cambodia; 2) prepare and assign responsibilities amongst the team members for upcoming activities on developing a national

safeguards approach, which will be part of the national REDD+ strategy; and 3) visit activities currently conducted by local authorities and project proponents, in particular WCS.

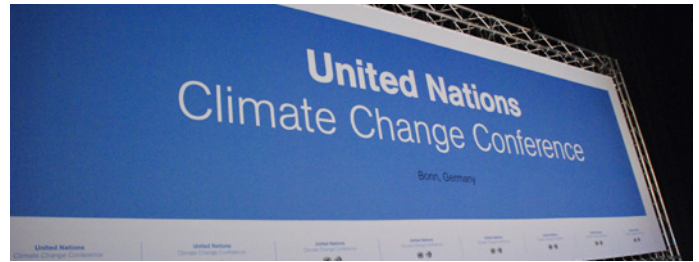
The main objective for the demonstration technical team was to familiarize the team members with one of the established REDD+ demonstration sites in Cambodia for their future deliberations. The field visit consisted of three main elements: 1) a meeting with WCS to learn about pilot activities at the Seima REDD+ pilot site; 2) a field visit to REDD+ demonstration site, Andoung Kraloeung; and 3) a meeting on demonstration to plan for future activities.

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Up Coming Events

Workshop on Entry into the Warsaw Framework (1st week of September, 2014)

This workshop will consider when Cambodia will be ready for results-based payments through the UNFCCC.

CSO Study Tour to Oddar Meanchey (Late of August, 2014)

The study tour will build capacity for civil society to participate fully and effectively in the development and future implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy.

Further Development of a National REDD+ Fund Mechanism (1st 2 weeks of September, 2014)

A team of consultants will further develop proposals for a National REDD+ Fund to receive results-based payments.

National Workshop on Safeguards (3rd week of September, 2014)

This workshop will consider what a nationally appropriate system of safeguards for Cambodia will look like.

Further Development of a REDD+ Grievance Mechanism (October 2014)

A team of consultants will consider how grievances related to REDD+ can be effectively managed in Cambodia.

Non-Timber Forest Products – Extension Programme (NTFP-EP)

The NTFP-EP (Non-Timber Forest Products - Extension Programme) is a collaborative network of over 60 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and community-based organisations (CBOs) in South and Southeast Asia working with forest-based communities to strengthen their capacity in the sustainable management of natural and forestry resources. The NTFP-EP was formally established in 13 January 2004, in Manila, the Philippines.

Active in Cambodia since June 2008, NTFP-EP is duly registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as an international NGO. NTFP-EP Cambodia has been working on REDD+ issues in partnership with the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) and the NGO Forum on Cambodia since 2011.

NTFP-EP is playing a significant role in promoting multi-stakeholder processes in social forestry and REDD+, and the engagement and representation of civil society and Indigenous Peoples in REDD+. Furthermore, NTFP-EP facilitates opportunities for awareness raising and capacity building of civil society organizations and indigenous peoples on REDD+, through briefing papers, training manuals and info posters in local and indigenous languages. It also co-organizes and co-facilitates trainings, workshops and seminars with network partners at national and local levels.

For more information, please see:

<http://www.ntfp.org/>

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Understanding REDD+



Update from the UNFCCC Negotiations in Bonn (5 to 11 June 2014)

COP19 in Warsaw, last year, delivered a major breakthrough on REDD+, with seven decisions which made it possible for countries participating in REDD+ to know what exactly is expected of them in implementing results-based REDD+.

This however did not finalize the UNFCCC negotiations on REDD+. There is still a need to have clarity on the financing of REDD+ results. Several options are still on the table, including financing through the Green Climate Fund and/or through a carbon market or other approaches. Through earlier decisions, countries have also decided to work on methodological issues related to non-carbon benefits resulting from the implementation of REDD+ activities, and to consider how non-market-based approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches could be developed. These two topics were the focus of this year's meeting of the UNFCCC in Bonn, Germany.

Despite many meetings countries were not able to agree on any substantial outcome.

Non-market based approaches: Most countries consider that the current modalities also work for non-market based approaches. The only difference is where the financing is coming from. At the same time there is a specific proposal from Bolivia for an integrated adaptation/mitigation approach which is not result-based. Bolivia calls it an alternative to REDD+. Most countries think this is fine if countries will have a specific focus on adaptation, but do not consider that there is any need to develop interna-

tional rules for this. This topic will be back on the agenda for Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) 41 in Lima this year.

Non-carbon benefits: Generally all countries found that non-carbon benefits are important. Some view it more as a national issue and that they should not add extra burdens on countries implementing REDD+. In particular, there should be no added burden for Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV). Non-carbon benefits should be defined and promoted at the national level, and there is no need for international rules. At the same time, another group of countries want the UNFCCC to introduce international financial support specifically for non-carbon benefits. This agenda item will be discussed at SBSTA42 in Bonn next year.

Between now and SBSTA41 in Lima:

Countries were also invited to submit by 24 September 2014 their views on experiences and lessons learned from the development of systems for providing information on how safeguards are being addressed and respected. This will then be considered at SBSTA41.

Following the decisions from COP19 in Warsaw, the UNFCCC Secretariat will organize an expert meeting on the information hub of the web platform on the UNFCCC website which countries have decided to establish. This will most likely focus on questions related to how information will be presented, how it will be submitted etc. The meeting is expected to take place in Bonn in September 2014.

Workshop Series on Climate Change, Forest Governance, and REDD+ in Cambodia



Students participated in one of the workshop series on Climate Change, Forest Governance, and REDD+ in Cambodia. (Photo: CSO-REDD+)

To contribute to REDD+ awareness raising efforts in Cambodia, the Department of International Studies of the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP) and the Cambodia CSO-REDD+ Network organized ten workshops on REDD+, forest governance and climate change between 15 February and 21 June 2014. Each workshop attracted about 35 students from various departments of the RUPP and the Royal University of Agriculture. The NGO Forum on Cambodia provided financial support.

The goals of the workshops were to: (1) introduce students to the development and implementation of REDD+ in Cambodia; (2) encourage students to explore forest governance, REDD+, and climate change issues as potential topics for their theses; (3) introduce students to different institutions that have been involved in realizing REDD+ in Cambodia; (4) establish a network between the two leading universities and institutions involved in realizing REDD+ in Cambodia; and (5) prepare students for potential internships or careers with institutions working on REDD+ in Cambodia.

Guest speakers included representatives from the following government and non-government institutions: Forestry

Administration, Cambodia REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat, UNDP, RUPP, Wildlife Conservation Society, NGO Forum on Cambodia, Fauna & Flora International, Non-Timber Forest Products-Exchange Programme, and East-West Management Institute.

The workshops were successful according to the evaluation conducted at the end of the last workshop. One student wrote: "After the workshops, I have learnt so much about the REDD+ programme and activities, and how the international community has been working on this topic. Importantly, these workshops illustrated how stakeholders have been involved in forest governance in Cambodia. I also appreciate the opportunities to interact with guest speakers."

When asked if they would be interested in a part two of the workshop series, all students supported the idea. They also suggested that the next workshop series should potentially focus on topics that are related to climate compatible development in Cambodia.

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- Technical Reports from Related Technical Groups
- Documents of the 8th PEB Meeting

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