



CAMBODIA REDD+ PROGRAMME

Voluntary Facilitation Committee (VFC)

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Introduction (1)

In the establishment of the REDD+ Consultation Group, in order to ensure an independent process and to avoid any implication of government manipulation, it was decided that a “Voluntary Facilitation Committee” (VFC) would be established to oversee the CG selection process.



Introduction (2)

An announcement for interest was issued in December, 2012, through newspaper and online advertisements, dissemination through existing networks (email) and by verbal communications, specifying eligibility criteria for VFC members and requesting interested individuals to submit their CV, institutional profile and peer endorsements by 10 January 2013.



Selection of VFC Members

- A total of 31 submissions were received, some of which (mainly students) were considered not to meet eligibility criteria.
- A formation meeting was held in February, 2013, where it was decided that eligible 19 volunteers who had submitted an expression of interest should be invited to be members of the VFC, with the Communications Officer of the RTS serving as Secretary.
- Subsequently, this number was reduced to 9, as several of the volunteers proved unable to devote the time required to contribute to the work of the VFC.



Organizations were represented on the VFC:



- REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat (FiA)
- PACT
- NTFP-EP
- Winrock International
- USAID Cambodia
- Grandis Timer Limited (Commercial Reforestation)
- Cambodia Indigenous Youth Association (CIYA)
- Buddhism for Development
- NGO Forum on Cambodia

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The key stages to establish the REDD+ CG

The VFC undertook the following actions:

- Determined selection criteria
- Designed and implemented selection process
- Reviewed applications of candidates
- Monitored voting process



Meetings

The VFC met a total of 15 times between February and the mid of August, with members rotating the chair at each meeting, in order to decide on all aspects of the CG selection process.



The Key Outputs of the VFC (1)

- Agreement on criteria to be met by eligible candidates for membership of the CG. The criteria varied by stakeholder group.
- Design of the selection process. The process was similar for all groups except for Indigenous Peoples, for whom a provincial election process was undertaken.
- Agreement on the process for inviting candidates to submit an expression of interest. The process included a mixture of newspaper and online advertisements, dissemination through existing networks (email), and posting on the REDD+ Cambodia web-site.



The Key Outputs of the VFC (2)

- Review of submissions received to ensure candidates met the established criteria and that candidates were assigned to the correct stakeholder groups.
- Design and timing of the CG election workshop (held on August 30th, 2013)
- Design of multiple voting options: (i) in-person voting at the workshop, (ii) on-line voting, and (iii) postal voting before the workshop. Postal voting was intended to meet the needs of the community management groups who have limited internet access, but as there are only 2 candidates for each group, it was not required



The Key Outputs of the VFC (3)

- Identification of eligible voter lists for each stakeholder group. Each member took responsibility for a group with which he/she was familiar
- Drafting of CG operations guidelines
- Process of voting during the selection workshop
- Selection workshop arrangements
- Transition Meeting for CG to assist the newly elected group to understand their mandate



Thank You!

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