



**Cambodia REDD+ National Programme**  
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**CONCEPT PAPER**  
**FCPF Inception workshop, March 14, 2014**

**1. Background**

**About Cambodia and REDD+**

Cambodia has been classified as a country with “high forest cover”, and “high deforestation rate”. According to FAO forest resource assessment (2010), Cambodia has approximately 10.1 million ha of forest, constituting 57% of the total land area. During recent decades, however, Cambodia has experienced high rates of deforestation, for instance, 1.2 % per year between 2005 and 2010 (FAO 2010).

The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) recognized REDD+ as a crucial strategy to tackle the alarming rates of deforestation and forest degradation in the country. Thus far, the Cambodia REDD+ national programme has been supported by numerous supporting frameworks including the UN-REDD programme (comprised of FAO, UNDP and UNEP).

**About the World Bank’s Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) and the proposed FCPF REDD+ readiness project in Cambodia**

World Bank’s Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) is a global partnership of governments, businesses, civil society, and Indigenous Peoples focused on REDD+ with 44 participant countries including Cambodia. In July, 2013, FCPF approved a revised Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) submitted by the Cambodian government. UNDP has been selected as a delivery partner for the project. On August 26th, 2013, the local project appraisal committee meeting was held at UNDP Cambodia and the meeting endorsed the project to be launched. On December 17th and 25h, 2013, the project document was signed by UNDP, Cambodia and Forestry Administration.

The proposed project duration is over a period of three and a half years from January, 2014 to June, 2017. It has been proposed that along with UNDP as a delivery partner, the project will be jointly implemented by Forestry Administration (FA) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery (MAFF) as an implementing partner and by General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection (GDANCP) of the Ministry of Environment (MoE) and Fishery Administration (FiA) of MAFF as responsible parties.

The project builds on existing supporting frameworks for REDD+ and aims to further assist the Cambodian government to be ready for REDD+ through its financial and technical support to attain the following four outcomes:

1. Establishment of effective National Management of the REDD+ Readiness process and stakeholder engagement in accordance with the consultation principles
2. Development of the National REDD+ Strategy and Implementation Framework

3. Improved capacity to manage REDD+ at subnational levels
4. Designing monitoring system for REDD+ with capacity for implementation.

In order to ensure the effective project implementation and successful attainments of the proposed activities and outcomes, there remains a further need to specify, refine, and coordinate project objectives, activities and work plans before and during the project inception phase.

## **2. Objective**

To main objectives of the FCPF inception workshop are to:

- Discuss the scope, the main objectives and the expected results of the FCPF project;
- Develop broad ownership of the project through validation of results framework;
- Receive inputs from relevant stakeholders during the workshop to develop a draft inception report of the FCPF project. The inception report may include:
  - Project structure and management arrangement and its alignment with national policy priorities
  - Annual Work Plan (AWP)
  - Revised log frame with more up-to-date baseline and measurable and achievable indicators
  - TORs of the staff and secretariat
- Prepare for an approval of the AWP by the PEB at the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Project Executive Board on 3 April, 2014.

A draft agenda is provided in the Annex.

## **3. Expectation**

Enhanced awareness and “ownership” of the FCPF project among key stakeholder groups in Cambodia.

## **4. Key outputs**

The key outputs of the launching workshop are:

- 1) Stakeholders, especially relevant government agencies, local authorities, NGOs and local communities are informed about FCPF projects and its intended results, implementation arrangement and work plan for 2014 and 2015.
- 2) Comments and inputs received from stakeholders on the approach of the project implementation and on benchmarks of work plan.
- 3) A final inception report incorporating stakeholders inputs.

## **5. Participants**

Around 116 people will be invited to attend the Inception workshop. They are from:

- National REDD+ Taskforce (10)
- FA (approx. 23)
- GDANCP (approx. 8)
- FiA (approx. 06)
- Other government agencies (approx. 11)
- Consultation Group (18)
- UNDP and other UN Agencies (approx. 17)
- Other development partners such as Cam-REDD/JICA, EU, USAID/LEAF, etc. and International and national NGOs such as WCS, FFI, PACT, NGOF, NTFP-EP (approx. 16)
- Secretariat Support staff (approx. 07)

**Annex: Draft Agenda**

MC: Thay Selatina

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
08:00-08:30	Registration	RTS
<b>Session 1: Setting the Context</b>		
08:30-08:35	National anthem	
08:35-08:50	Remarks by Representative from UN Cambodia	Ms. Claire Van der Vaeren UN Resident Coordinator
08:50-09:00	Opening speech by Representative from MAFF	H.E Representative of MAFF
09:00-09:10	Group Photo	Ms. Thy Heang
09:10-09:25	Presentation on FCPF	Dr. Timothy Boyle
09:25-09:45	Overview of progress on Cambodia National REDD+ Readiness	Dr. Chea Sam Ang
09:45-10:00	Q&A	
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break	
<b>Session 2: Cambodia FCPF Project outcomes, workplan, risks and assumptions</b>		
10:30-10:35	Objective of this session	Dr. Timothy Boyle
10:35-11:00	Presentation on Cambodia FCPF project outcomes and workplan	Dr. So Thea
11:00-11:15	Presentation on Cambodia FCPF project risks and assumptions	Dr. So Thea
11:15-12:00	Q&A	
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break	
<b>Session 3: Group Discussions</b>		<b>Moderator: Mr. Hiroshi Nakata</b>
13:30-15:00	Discussion Groups: 1. Outcome 1 2. Outcome 2 3. Outcome 3 4. Outcome 4	Sethaphal & Heang Koma & Moeko Pheakkdey & Peter Chivin & Seng Leang
15:00-15:30	Walk-around briefing by/for each group	Dr. Timothy Boyle
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break	
<b>Session 4: Wrap-up, Conclusions and Closing</b>		<b>Moderator: Mr. Hiroshi Nakata</b>
16:00-16:15	Summary of conclusions by each Group	Dr. Timothy Boyle
16:15-16:35	Summary of results of the workshop	Dr. So Thea
16:35-16:50	Next steps	Dr. Chea Sam Ang
16:50-17:00	Closing Remark	H.E Representative of MAFF