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Title of Activity:

Preparing for Cambodia to enter the Warsaw Framework

Related Activities UN-REDD Workplan:

- 2.1 National REDD+ Strategy
- 2.6 Safeguards
- 4.6 REL/RL

Objectives of Activity:

To establish a target date for a submission by Cambodia to the UNFCCC as an entry into the Warsaw Framework to establish the basis for results-based payments for REDD+; and to identify the activities required to meet this target.

Brief Description:

Decisions made at COP-19, in Warsaw, in December 2013, collectively known as the “Warsaw Framework” (WF), opened the door for developing countries to start receiving results-based payments for actions designed to reduce emissions from their forests.

Brazil recently became the first country to make a submission to the UNFCCC. Their initial REL covered only deforestation, only the Amazon biome (about 50% of the country), only CO₂, and only above and below-ground biomass and litter. It is entirely feasible for Cambodia to prepare and submit a comparable REL during 2014.

Consequently, a one-day workshop will be held on Sept. 3rd or 5th 2014 (date tbc), in order to identify when such a submission by Cambodia is realistic and the activities required in order to finalize the submission. In the morning session, presentations will be made to senior decision makers and discussions held to identify the scope of the REL/RBA/SIS to be submitted. The afternoon session will consist of a writing session by technical advisors and resource personnel to identify and plan actions required in order to prepare a submission in line with decisions to be made in the morning session.

Participants should be all Taskforce members, DGs of FA, GDANCP and FiA, the Head of MoE/CCD, Taskforce and CG members, and staff of the RTS. Since the workshop can also contribute to the activity “*Further capacity building of RGC staff*”, other RGS staff members should be invited too

Key Outputs:

- Inter-agency agreement on the scope of an initial REL, initial RBA, and an initial SIS
- Plan of action for submission to the UNFCCC by a set target date

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CONCEPT PAPER

Preparing for Cambodia to enter the Warsaw Framework

1. Background

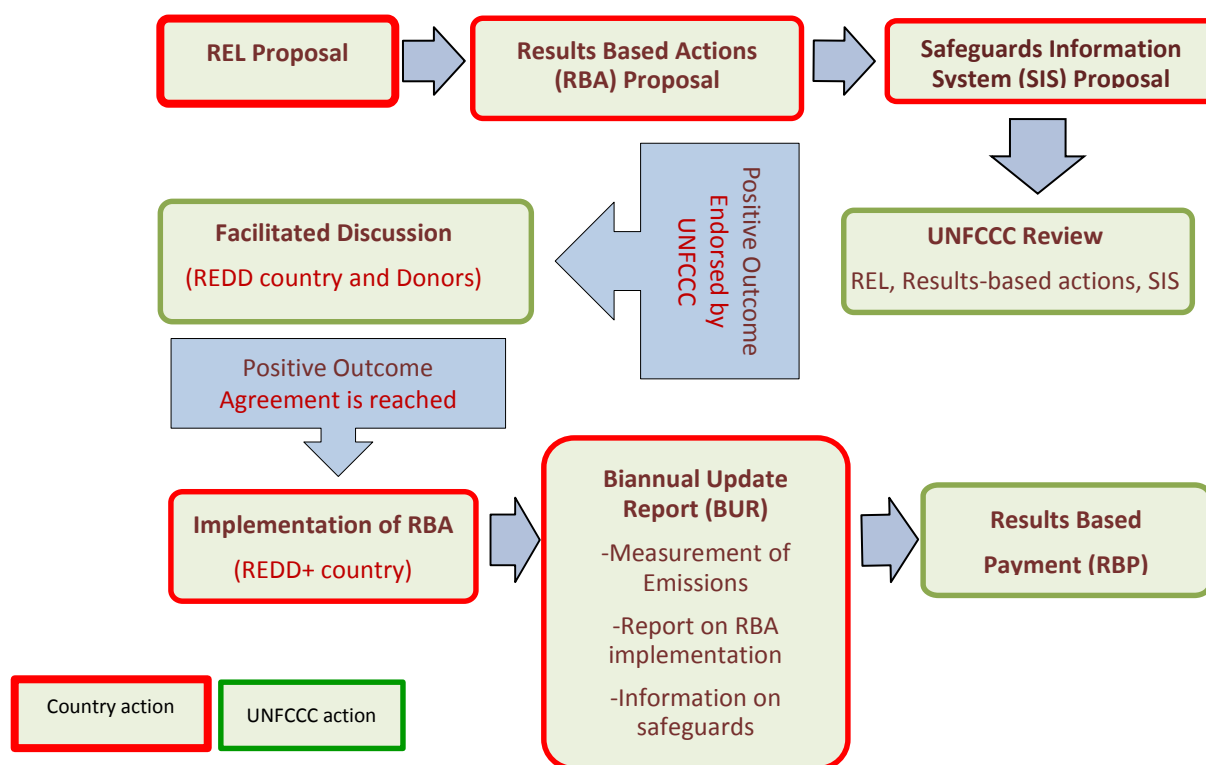
REDD+, is a new mechanism under the UNFCCC, through which developing countries can receive results-based payments from Annex I countries for successfully reducing emissions from their forests. Cambodia has been preparing to implement REDD+ for some years now, with support of numerous partners, including UN-REDD. Yet commitment to REDD+ depends on there being a realistic expectation of results-based payments within a reasonable time. Without such an expectation, policy makers and other stakeholders will quickly become disillusioned and commitment to REDD+ will wane.

REDD+ is being designed through decisions made at CoP of the UNFCCC. A series of decisions over the past 6 years (summarised in an RTS publication, *“The Road from Bali to Warsaw”*, available at:) have gradually clarified the design of the REDD+ mechanism. Decisions at COP-19, Warsaw, December 2013, collectively known as the “Warsaw Framework” (WF) have opened the door for developing countries to start receiving results-based payments.

The Warsaw Framework involves a number of steps – see Figure 1. As an initial step in the WF, a country needs to prepare an initial REL, design results-based actions (RBA) to reduce emissions against that initial REL, and put in place an initial safeguards information systems (SIS). A submission of these elements is reviewed by the UNFCCC, and if endorsed, triggers the negotiation of an agreement with one or more donors for results-based payments. Implementation of the agreed results-based actions, reported in a “biennial update report” (BUR) then results in payments being made (assuming the results reported are positive).

As the WF represents the best opportunity for Cambodia to access results-based payments in the near future, it is logical that Cambodia’s REDD+ readiness efforts be aligned with the requirements to enter the Warsaw Framework as soon as possible. Current and on-going REDD+ activities are contributing to delivering the elements required for entry into the Warsaw Framework, but it is likely that some re-organization of priorities or re-design of some activities in order to accelerate preparation of a submission. Consequently, a workshop is proposed in order to clarify the scope of such a submission by Cambodia and the actions required to finalize the submission. Participants should be all Taskforce members, DGs of FA, GDANCP and FiA, the Head of MoE/CCD, and staff of the RTS.

Figure 1: Warsaw Framework



2. Objective

To establish a target date for a submission by Cambodia to the UNFCCC as an entry into the Warsaw Framework to establish the basis for results-based payments for REDD+; and to identify the activities required to meet this target

3. Expectation

Cambodia will be able to make a submission to the UNFCCC in 2015, in order to establish conditions to start receiving results-based payments for REDD+.

4. Activities

- 1) A workshop, to agree on the scope of Cambodia's initial REL, RBA and SIS, and to plan and budget for activities required in order to prepare the submission as soon as possible.
- 2) Implementation of actions required to finalize the submission.
- 3) Review and endorsement of the submission.
- 4) Submission of the initial REL, RBA and SIS through MoE to the UNFCCC.

5. Outputs:

- Plan of action for completing submission
- Initial REL, RBA and SIS

6. Roles and Responsibilities

- RTS to organize workshop
- RTS to recruit international advisor and organize his participation in the workshop
- Technical advisor and UN Agency staff to assist in preparing materials to be presented at the workshop.
- RTS to ensure implementation of actions identified as a result of the workshop.
- RTS to liaise with MoE regarding submission to the UNFCCC