



1. Practice Area: BPPS/SD

2. Service Line: REDD+

3. Mission Period (incl. of travel days): 29-31 October 2017

4. Type of Service/Mission

- Coordination, backstopping

5. Client(s)

- FCPF PMU, UNDP-CO, MAFF-FA, MOE

6. Purpose of Mission

- FCPF-2 inception support

7. Documents, Materials, Resources from Mission

8. Mission Member(s) (include Consultants, if any)

- Joel Scriven

9. Annexes

- Mission agenda

1. Brief Summary of the Mission:

1.a. Background

Cambodia is in the readiness phase of REDD+ implementation. Key milestones in REDD+ readiness include the development of a national REDD+ strategy (NRS) and policies and measures (PAMs) for REDD+ implementation. Cambodia developed its NRS in 2015 and presented a draft version at the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Paris, December 2015. REDD+ readiness in Cambodia has received various lines of bilateral and multilateral support, including through the UN-REDD Programme and the World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF). A UN-REDD National Programme ran from 2011 to 2015; and a 3-year \$3.8m FCPF readiness grant began implementation in March 2014, with UNDP as delivery partner. In mid-2016, Cambodia applied for additional funding from the FCPF Readiness Fund, and presented its application with UNDP support to the 21st meeting of the FCPF Participants Committee (PC). A funding allocation of \$5m was approved by the PC for a second phase of FCPF readiness funding in Cambodia (so-called 'FCPF-2' project). Following this allocation, a draft project document (prodoc) and assessment note for the \$5m additional funding was developed in March-April 2017, consulted with government counterparts and cleared by UNDP HQ. Under FCPF-2 UNDP will support the completion of Cambodia's REDD+ readiness process.

1.b. Mission Objective

The objective of this mission was to participate in the FCPF-2 project inception meeting and undertake internal coordination with the new PMU staff.

2. Key findings

- The inception workshop for the FCPF-2 project was conducted successfully, with chairmanship by H.E. Chea Sam Ang and co-chairmanship by UNDP Country Director, Nick Beresford. In addition to presentations on project components and activities, overviews were provided on the achievements and future activities of the Community-Based REDD+ initiative, and on the links between FCPF-2 and Cambodia's expected participation in the Green Climate Fund's (GCF) Results-Based Payments (RBP) pilot programme request for proposals (RfP). The need for transparency, collaboration and clear institutional arrangements were highlighted as important issues for the successful delivery of the project.

- UNDP’s support as Accredited Entity (AE) to Cambodia’s application to the GCF RBP RfP pilot programme was discussed with government counterparts, highlighting the scope of UNDP’s accreditation (particularly in relation to project management).
- A meeting was held with government counterparts from the Forest Administration (FA), the Fisheries Administration (FiA) and the General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection (GDANCP) to discuss FCPF Output 3 on support to the building of capacities at the subnational level for REDD+ implementation. It was decided that this work will focus on spatial planning at the landscape level in the two provinces: Siem Reap and Kampong Thom. The creation of enabling conditions for private sector investments is targeted as the ultimate outcome of this work, through which a spatial land use planning process involving the three agencies will promote the establishment of collaborative management practices. It was agreed that activities will be closely coordinated with provincial governors’ offices and as a first step land use maps will be developed. The second step will be to clarify the management regime for each land area including identifying land potentially available for afforestation. For protected areas and flooded forests the second step will include identifying land where reforestation is required followed by the development of investments plans and capacity building for reforestation.
- A meeting was held with the FCPF-2 PMU to discuss available regional and global UNDP REDD+ team support. Technical priority areas requiring support were identified as safeguards and biennial update report (BUR) development.

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Annex 1: Mission agenda

29 October	Travel BKK-Phnom Penh
30 October	FCPF-2 inception meeting
31 October	AM: Discussion on Output 3 (subnational implementation) with government and meeting with UNDP Country Director PM: Coordination meeting with PMU PM: Travel Phnom Penh-BKK