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1. Practice area : Environment & Energy

2. Mission period (incl. of travel days)

From : 3-5 February 2015

3. Type of mission : Attendance of Regional Event on FREL/FRL Development in A-P

4. Clients:
UN-REDD/FAO

5. Purpose of mission:
- To participate in the workshop

6. Documents, materials, resources
Agenda of the Event

7. Mission members:
Joel Scriven & Heang Thy

8. Costs:
UNDP/UN-REDD Global Budget

9. Brief summary of the mission:

A Regional Expert Consultation Event on FREL/FRL Development in A-P was organized through a UN-REDD Targeted Support request from the government of Cambodia. Participating countries were Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, and Viet Nam.

The objectives of the event were to:

- Provide information on international guidance for the development of REDD+ FREL/FRLs under the UNFCCC;
- Exchange information on country approaches to FREL/FRL development;
- Discuss and explore possible approaches to resolve technical FREL/FRL issues encountered by countries;
- Discuss emerging lessons from the FREL/FRL review process under the UNFCCC; and
- Provide an informal setting for countries to discuss and consult with experts and other colleagues in countries on their approach to FREL/FRLs prior to submission to the UNFCCC.

For those partner countries that could not participate in the event, the UN-REDD Programme would provide support through documenting a FREL/FRL lessons learned note for Asia-Pacific as means of knowledge exchange as well as video capturing lessons learned from participated countries, which will be posted on the A/P E-Knowledge platform.

9.a Findings

- Countries received expert methodological information / guidance;
- Countries shared information on their approaches and experiences;
- Countries learned about the technical assessment (TA) process and went through a mock TA.

9.b Results achieved (key outputs)

- Enhanced knowledge among countries of the FREL development and assessment process;
- Enhanced knowledge among UN-REDD staff of the status of FREL development in countries and common challenges.

10. Key counterparts:

- UN-REDD/FAO

12. Distribution list:

UN-REDD (Tim Clairs and Tim Boyle)

Agenda

“Expert Consultation Event: FREL/FRL development in Asia/Pacific”
Siem Reap Province, Cambodia 4-5 May, 2015
(Participating Countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal and Viet Nam)

Day One: 4th (Monday) May 2015			
Time	Event	Organization	Speaker
8:30-9:00	Arrival and registration		
9:00-9:10	Opening remarks from host	Cambodia REDD+ Unit	Cambodia REDD+ National Coordinator
9:10-10:00	Introduction to FAO’s role in assisting countries with FREL/FRLs Refresher on FREL/FRL development under the UNFCCC	UN-REDD	Ms Maria Sanz Sanchez
10:00-10:30	Presentation of Cambodia’s progress toward REDD+ FREL/FRL Issues and obstacles encountered by Cambodia	Cambodia REDD+ Unit	Cambodia REDD+
10:30-11:00	Presentation of Malaysia’s progress toward REDD+ FREL/FRL Issues and obstacles encountered by Malaysia	Malaysia REDD+ Unit	Malaysia REDD+
11:00-11:30	Break		
11:30-12:00	Presentation of Vietnam’s progress toward REDD+ FREL/FRL Issues and obstacles encountered by Vietnam	Vietnam REDD+ Unit	Vietnam REDD+
12:00-12:30	Presentation of Nepal’s progress toward REDD+ FREL/FRL Issues and obstacles encountered by Nepal	Nepal REDD+ Unit	Nepal REDD+
12:30-13:00	Presentation of Indonesia’s progress toward REDD+ FREL/FRL Issues and obstacles encountered by Indonesia	Indonesia REDD+ Unit	Indonesia REDD+
13:00-14:00	Lunch		
14:00-14:30	Open discussion of issues and options encountered by countries, and formulation of four groups based on important issues and options	UN-REDD	Facilitated by Maria Sanz Sanchez
14:30-15:30	4 groups discuss FREL/FRL issues and options	All	All
15:30-16:00	Break		

16:00-17:00	Groups report back their discussions	All	All
17:00-17:30	General discussion of emerging themes and review of day 1	UN-REDD	Mr Ben Vickers

Day Two: 5th (Tuesday) May 2015			
Time	Event	Organization	Speaker
8:30-9:00	Arrival and registration		
9:00-9:15	Recap of discussions from first day and introduction to second day		Mr Mathieu Van Rijn
9:15-11:00	The UNFCCC FREL/FRL review process Emerging lessons from FREL/FRL review under the UNFCCC Discussions and experiences from Malaysia	UN-REDD	Ms Maria Sanz Sanchez Malaysia
11:00-14:00 (including lunch)	Cambodia, Vietnam, Nepal and Indonesia present an outline (10 slides; 20 minutes) of their planned FREL/FRL submission (Scope, Scale, Methodology) After each presentation, the group provides informal technical feedback (10 minutes; simulation of the UNFCCC review process)	All	All
14:00-15:30	Group discussion of emerging lessons, and expectations for the UNFCCC review process	All	Facilitated by Ms Maria Sanz Sanchez
15:30-16:00	Break		
16:00-16:30	Outstanding issues and discussions	All	Facilitated by Mr Ben Vickers
16:30-17:30	Summing up		