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1. Practice area: Environment & Energy

2. Mission period (incl. of travel days)

From: 10-11 March 2016

3. Type of mission: FCPF Readiness Project backstopping

4. Clients:

FCPF PMU, REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat, Forest Administration, Ministry of Environment

5. Purpose of mission:

- Attendance of 10th Policy Board of FCPF and UN-REDD

6. Documents, materials, resources:

Mission agenda

7. Mission members:

Joel Scriven

8. Costs:

UNDP/UN-REDD Global Budget

9. Brief summary of the mission:

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; a 3-year \$3.8m FCPF readiness grant began implementation in March 2014, with UNDP as delivery partner. A project management unit (PMU), with staff including an international technical specialist and national project manager, was established in the Forest Administration to support FCPF implementation.

9.a Findings

- 10th meeting of the joint UN-REDD/FCPF PEB conducted.
- The meeting marks the end of the UN-REDD National Programme in Cambodia; subsequent meetings will be for the FCPF project only and be co-chaired by UNDP Country Director.

9.b Results achieved (key outputs)

- FCPF 2016 AWP and budget approved by the board.
- Discussions held with FAO on implementation of FCPF Outcome 4; revised project document expected within one week for UNDP review.

10. Key counterparts:

- FCPF PMU – Anupam Bhatia (TS), Sovanna Nhem (National Project Advisor), Lun Kimhy (Coordinator)
- REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat
- Forest Administration, Fisheries Administration, Ministry of Environment
- UNDP CO – Chhum Sovanny (Programme Analyst) and Moeko Saito-Jensen (Policy Analyst)

12. Distribution list:

- PMU (Anupam Bhatia, Sovanna Nhem, Kimhy Lun)
- UNDP Country Office (Setsuko Yamazaki, Napoleon Navarro, Chhum Sovanny, Moeko Saito-Jensen)
- UNDP REDD+ Team
- UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub (Gordon Johnson – Environment and Energy Regional Practice Leader, Sharad Neupane – Desk Officer, COSQA)

Annex: Mission agenda

10 March	
PM	Travel BKK – Phnom Penh
11 March	
AM	Attendance of PEB meeting
PM	Travel Phnom Penh – BKK

Annex 2: PEB meeting agenda

Time	Description	Speaker	Facilitator
08:45 - 09:00	Registration		Secretariat
09:00 - 09:10	Welcome Remarks	▪ Ms. Claire Van der Vaeren	
09:10 - 09:20	Opening Remarks	▪ H.E. Dr. Chheng Kimsun	
09:20 - 10:00	1. <u>Follow up from PEB 9 meeting:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Progress Against PEB 9 Decisions▪ Closure of UN-REDD Programme▪ UN-REDD Final Evaluation▪ FA grievance resolution mechanism	▪ Dr. Khorn Saret	Secretariat
10:00- 10:40	2. <u>Progress update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Key achievements 2015; Plans 2016▪ Financial delivery 2015 and AWPB 2016▪ Update on CBR+	▪ Dr. So Thea ▪ Mr. Nhem Sovanna ▪ Ms. Ngin Navirak	Secretariat
10:40- 11:00	3. <u>Request for comments/decisions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ AOB – Any Other Business	▪	Secretariat
11:00 -11:50	Open discussion	▪ H.E. Dr. Chheng Kimsun	
11:50 -12:00	Closing Remarks	▪ H.E. Dr. Chheng Kimsun ▪ Ms. Claire Van der Vaeren	
12:00 -12:30	Group Photo and Lunch		Secretariat