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1. Practice Area: BPPS/SD

2. Service Line: REDD+

3. Mission Period (incl. of travel days): 19-21 April 2017

4. Type of Service/Mission

- Coordination, programming

5. Client(s)

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

6. Purpose of Mission

- FCPF-2 preparation support

7. Documents, Materials, Resources from Mission

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

- Joel Scriven

9. Annexes

- Mission agenda
- Proposed (revised) project organization structure

1. 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.

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) for the \$5m additional funding was developed in March-April 2016, and shared with government counterparts. The purpose of this mission was to participate in a government consultation meeting on the FCPF-2 project and support CO preparations for the project.

2. Key findings

- A consultation meeting with the government on FCPF-2 project lead to numerous inputs and revisions that will be reflected in revisions to the project document. Among the inputs received were: (from the National Council for Sustainable Development (NCSD), hosted in the Ministry of Environment (MOE)) support on the National Environment Strategic Action Plan (NESAP) and capacity building on monitoring and evaluation; (from the Forestry Administration (FA)) support on forest law enforcement and legal assurance, small-scale community plantations and wood processing, studies on wood supply, demand and consumption; (from the Fisheries Administration (FIA)) support for the development of a national action plan for the restoration of flooded forests and mangroves; (from the General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection (GDANCP)) support for the development of guidelines/manuals for implementing protected area management plans and associated capacity building. Changes to the project's institutional arrangements were also made, as shown in Annex 2.
- A discussion was also held on how to approach the delivery of Output 3, on building subnational

capacities for REDD+ implementation, which concluded with a decision to try to focus activities in the same geographical area and support the building of linkages between the various initiatives. In this way, the project could develop a model or framework for the development and implementation of subnational REDD+ initiatives.

- Discussion with the FCPF PMU led to the conclusion that the team to be recruited to support the development of Cambodia's NRS Action/Investment Plan would carry out an initial desk study on the mapping of financial flows to the land use and forestry sector.
- A progress update meeting on FCPF-1 with the National Project Advisor highlighted delivery of the project to date, including activities contracted to FAO, and activities planned until close of the project.

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Annex 1: Mission agenda

19 April	AM: Travel BKK-Phnom Penh PM: Preparatory meeting for government consultation
20 April	AM: Government consultation meeting PM: FCPF-2 preparation in CO; FCPF-1 progress discussion
21 April	AM: Travel Phnom Penh-BKK

Annex 2: Proposed (revised) project organization structure

