



**1. Practice Area:** BPPS/SD

**2. Service Line:** REDD+

**3. Mission Period (incl. of travel days):** 29-30 June 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

**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; 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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).

**1.b. Mission Objective**

The objective of this mission was to participate in a national progress update meeting on Cambodia's MRV system and forest reference emission level (FREL) submission to the UNFCCC (and its technical assessment). A secondary objective was to participate in an internal FCPF-2 planning meeting, to map out priorities, timelines and working arrangements.

**2. Key findings**

- Cambodia's FREL: has undergone technical assessment and an updated version will shortly be posted on the UNFCCC Information Hub (<http://redd.unfccc.int/submissions.html?country=khm>).
- MRV system: Cambodia has made significant improvements in its capacity to generate national data, and further work is needed to continue and accelerate the progress made, while working towards compilation of a greenhouse gas inventory for the land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) sector.
- National REDD+ Strategy (NRS) Action Plan: is a major priority for FCPF-2 in 2017. While individual government action plans have been developed for management of the forest estate, covered by protected areas under the General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and

Protection (GDANCP), production forests under the Forest Administration (FA), and managed and production forests under the Fisheries Administration and FA, there is a need to address the drivers from outside of the forestry sector, particularly from agriculture. Land tenure insecurity is thought to be another significant indirect driver of forest cover loss. A collective NRS Action Plan is therefore needed to bring together the endorsement of existing plans for the management of the forest estate together with actions to reduce pressures from outside of the forest sector. FCFP-2 work on Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) with the National Council for Sustainable Development (NCSD) in MOE will be a key entry point for working outside of the forest estate.

- Safeguards and safeguards information system (SIS): a government-led workshop is being held 3-4 July to discuss and map out next steps on Cambodia’s SIS, attended by the FCFP-2 start-up advisor; next steps on this work area will thereafter be clearer.

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**Annex 1: Mission agenda**

29 June	AM: Travel BKK-Phnom Penh AM-PM: MRV/FRL Progress meeting
30 June	AM: FCPF internal planning discussion PM: Travel Phnom Penh-BKK