

Minutes of TWG-FR Development Partner meeting
5 June 2015
At the EU Delegation

The meeting began with a warm welcome of Ms. Elodie Maria-Sube, Attaché to the EU Delegation and the DP Lead Facilitator of the TWG-FR. She informed the participants that the 44th TWG-FR meeting will be held on 17 June 2015, afternoon.

She informed the meeting that EU consultants are developing EU program 2014-2018 for Agriculture and Natural Resource Management. The consultants would be in Cambodia for one more week and would be available meet colleagues for their inputs.

She updated the group about the road construction in Mondulkiri. The road is under construction but it does not cross the core zone of the Mondulkiri Protected Forest, it will cross the buffer zone. EU Ambassador may not have an opportunity to raise this matter again with the Deputy Prime Minister. He will finish his mandate in Cambodia end of June.

Agenda:

1. Progress on the implementation of NFP work plan 2015 and update NFP Work Plan 2015-2018

Mr. Sok Srun presented the progress of the implementation of the NFP work plan 2015. There are 29 partners with a total budget of 27,175,560 USD supporting the NFP WP 2015. It is more than the budget in 2014 of 22.82 million USD. Some partners have not reported such as NTFP-EP, WWF, CI and EU (some projects). The distribution of the budget support to the 6 programs of NFP and progress of expenditure are:

Programme	Budget	Budget/NFP	Expenditure	Expend/budget
P1: Forest Demarcation	111,451	0.4%	47,075	42%
P2: Conservation	15,063,823	55.4%	7,530,681	50%
P3: FLEG	958,929	3.5%	4,838	1%
P4: Community Forestry	2,730,697	10.0%	463,075	17%
P5: Capacity Building	1,630,748	6.0%	515,593	32%
P6: Forest Financing	6,679,913	24.6%	612,486	9%
Total	27,175,560	100%	9,173,749	34%

He emphasized the total RGC budget that supports the Forestry Administration. The 1st outstanding budget support is USAID, the 2nd is RGC and the 3rd is UNDP.

Mr. Sok Srun also updated the NFP Work Plan for 2015-2018. The update of annual budgets from 2015 to 2018 has increased because of new supported projects. In 2015= 27,175,560 USD; 2016= 18,764,928 USD; 2017 = 8,467,643 USD; 2018 = 7,735,480 USD. It is anticipated that the budget will increase every year. The budget will increase a lot from 2017 when EU program launches. The work plans are available in www.twgfr.org

Ms. Elodie updated the follow up of TWG-FR Strengthening Exercise to the meeting. The Chairman wrote letters to KOICA, tree plantation companies (Oji-Cambodia and Think Biotech) to invite them to become members of TWG-FR. The chairman also wrote letters to PACT-Cambodia to remind its membership, and PACT responded with its resignation. There have not been responses from KOICA and the private companies. When they respond we could invite them to the meeting.

Dr. Moeko asked if the work plan includes the fund support from the Embassy of Japan.

Mr. Sok Srun was not aware of the grant aid to the forestry sector because he has no contact of the people in the Embassy of Japan.

Ms. Siv Chheang/JICA will provide contact person of the Embassy of Japan.

2. Update Forest Financing Group-WCS

Mr. Jim Tolisano, Conservation Finance Specialist (WCS) updated progress of the sub-group on Forest Financing. The sub-group conducted dissemination workshop, yesterday, to discuss the report of the study on forest financing options to support the forest conservation and the implementation of NFP. The study report suggests the 7 possible forest financial options that could generate finance from the Cambodia forests such as:

1	Taxes, fees, and fines	Fees levied on nature-based goods, services, and charges for uses of lands and facilities
2	Concessions, direct payments or profit sharing public-private partnerships ventures	Leases, direct payments or profit sharing from the commercial sales of products or services.
3	Donor funding	Cash or in-kind contributions from Direct Foreign Investments (DFIs), banks, or corporations
4	Payment for Environment Services (PES)	Cash or in-kind fees collected from beneficiaries of ecosystem services
5	Debt for nature swap	An agreement to erase debt in exchange for financial commitments to conservation actions
6	Loans and Green Bonds	Debt securities with the proceeds committed to designated conservation actions
7	Offsets	Cash or in-kind payments from corporations to compensate for unavoidable impacts

Next steps (see the presentation slide5):

- Establish national protected forest finance working group
- Identify demonstration protected forests.

More information please see presentation in www.twgfr.org

Some suggested the options which could generate income from forest law enforcement/patrol.

An option was described such as pilot project of elephant conservation as eco-tourism in Seima protected forest in Mondulkiri, entrance fee is 5\$. Some suggestions if DPs could support CF in reforestation, setting up eco-tourism and management skill that they are enable to produce income.

It was informed that the environmental code will be developed by MoE and it is anticipated that inclusion of some finance options for sustainable development.

The meeting suggested endorsement of the study report in the 44th TWG-FR meeting.

3. Update Community Forestry Group

Mr. Heng Da, Deputy Country Program Coordinator of RECOFTC updated the Community Forestry Development. He presented the progress of the TWG-FR's JMI. He emphasized that there is little progress since the previous meeting in March 2015.

JMIs 2014-2015	Progress as Oct 2014	Remarks
62 new CFs potential area approved with Prakas by MAFF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 67 CFs, has been submitted to MAFF in the process to review • 19 CFs approved by MAFF on 10th Oct 2014 	
100 CFs agreements signed with FAC	48 CF signed agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 29 CFs in 2014 - 19 CF in 2015
150 CFMPs approved by FA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 CFMP approved May 2014 in Kg. Thom • 96 CFMPs in step 8 of development • 60 CFMPs out of the 96 CFMPs submitted to FA for review 	

- 7 proposed CF in Preah Vihear FA were submitted to FA since Dec. 2014 and they seem have no progress.
- 5 proposed CF in Stung Treng were submitted to FA in April 2015, however FA checked these CF are in Pheapimex ELC and FA could not propose them to MAFF if the local community had not agreement with the ELC Company.

He presented the next work plan:

- National Community Forestry Program Coordination Committee (NCFPCC) meeting (propose 23 June 2015)
- Workshop to review and finalize Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP) guideline
- Establish Provincial Community Forestry Program Coordination Committee (PCFPCC) in the provinces of Kratie and Stung Treng.

More information is available in www.twgfr.org

Ms. Elodie informed that EU Ambassador will meet MAFF Minister to say goodbye and would like to present a list of CF that supported by EU fund. She suggested NGOs which funded by EU to prepare a list of CF and their status.

It was discussed how to facilitate the negotiation between local community and the ELC Company for establishing CF.

It was suggested the Forestry Administration should play facilitation role for the negotiation.

"UNDP commented that creating a federation of community forestry groups may enable them to effectively communicate their concerns and advocate their rights as a collective voice"

CI suggested that it is time to enhance the CF quality rather than focus on establishment for more number of CFs that are not manageable. The argument: the first priority is to secure more forestland and the enhancement CF quality is later stage (longer time).

4. Forest cover report 1973-2014 by Open Development

Mr. Nhiep Seila, ODC Mapping Coordination presented the website of ODC that post map data of forest cover in Cambodia. Open Development Cambodia (ODC) is an 'open data' website, the first of its kind in Southeast Asia. The open data movement is based on the simple premise that data collected for public interest should be publicly available without restrictions. Information or data in the public domain should be freely available to everyone to use and republish as they wish. Open Development Cambodia does not promote any particular perspective, agenda or bias other than to provide objective information about Cambodia and its development.

The website was launched in 2013 and had been **reacted** by many organizations such as FA, conservation groups (local and international), grassroots groups, and media. FA in particular issued an official letter to reject the forest cover result due to many technical issues (a lot of clouds on the images, no ground-checking and no data validation) in producing the map. ODC is happy to get the critics from all and will improve their work. He described the ODC methodology in producing the forest cover change map of Landsat8-2014. ODC is working on forest cover map 2015 and is not yet published. He presented some ELCs on the map with forest cover change in 2015 and 2014 (hydro-power dam-Sesan-2). A one minute of video on the forest cover change from 1973 to 2014 was shown. For more information please see the website ODC.

5. The 1st NTFP Forum

Mr. Matthew Maltby/Fintrac presented the results of the 1st National Forum of Community Based NTFP Enterprises (CBNEs) that was conducted in May 19-20, 2015. The objective of the forum is to strengthen community NTFP enterprise partnerships and capacities towards a sustainable green economy in Cambodia. The participants were from provincial governments, community based enterprises and NGOs who are working on 4 value chains (bamboo, honey, rattan and resin). The forum discussed some restrictions in the existing policies and regulations on NTFP. The forum identified some gaps and challenges and drew recommendations for CBNEs, government institutions, private sector and NGOs. The forum proposed future actions that need supports. For more information looks at the presentation in www.twgfr.org. The meeting would like to bring the NTFP issues to the 44th TWG-FR meeting.

6. Prey Long Protected Forest

Ms. Nop Navy, NGO Forum Program Manager reported about the National Workshop on Prey Lang which was conducted on 26th May 2015 at Imperial Garden Villa. It was very regretful that FA did not attend the workshop to update the progress on PL sub-degree. The results from the workshop:

- Growing public interest in this topic; there was a very strong media presence (TV, newspaper, magazines).
- Received great cooperation from Royal University of Agriculture, MoE & MLMUPC
- The WS was honored with the 3rd commission of National Assembly to close the event
- Joint statement of NGOs and communities will be submitted to relevant institutions.

The meeting proposed agenda on update the establishment of Prey Long Protected Forest in the 44th TWG-FR meeting.

Some suggested putting timeline for the establishment of the Prey Long Protected Forest.

7. Draft agenda of the 44th TWG-FR Meeting

Mr. Sok Srun presented the draft agenda of the 44th TWG-FR Meeting which is planned on 17 June 2015:

Time	Agenda	Purpose	Responsible
14:15 - 14:30	Registration of participants		
14:30 -14:40	Welcome and Open meeting		H.E. Chheng Kimsun
I.	Policy and Strategic Management dialogue		
14:40 - 14:50	1. Review and follow up action points and approval of the minutes of the 43rd TWG-FR meeting	For finalization and approval	All
14:50 - 15:10	2. The 1st NTFP Forum	Suggest policy	NTFP-EP
15:10 -15:30	3. Update membership of TWG-FR	Discussion	EU
II.	National Forest Program		
15:30 -15:50	4. Progress on the implementation of NFP Work Plan 2015, and Update of NFP Work Plan 2014-18	Sharing information	Mr. Sok Srun
15:50 -16:10	5. Update of Task Group 2 Community Forestry	Update progress	FA
16:10 -16:30	6. Update of Task Group 1 Forest Financing	Update progress	Mr. Chhun Delux FA
16:30 -16:40	7. Update Cambodia-Korea REDD+ Joint Project	For information	Mr. Bun Radar FA
16:40 -17:00	8. Update Establishment of Prey Long Protected Forest	Discussion	Dr. Keo Omaliss FA
III.	Protected Areas Management (GDANCP)		
17:00-17:20	9. Update REDD + demonstration sites under FCPF projects	For information	H.E Chuop Paris, MoE
IV.	Flooded Forest Management (FiA)		
	10. Non	For information	
V.	Any Other Business and Closing		
17:20-17:30	11. Any Other Business	For information	All
17:30-17:40	12. Wrap up and Closing		Ms. Elodie Maria-Sube
17:40	The 45th TWG-FR meeting 23 September 2015 (Wed)		H.E Chheng Kimsun

8. Any Other Business

- Non

Participants:

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| 1. Ms. Elodie Maria-Sube | DP Lead Facilitator of TWG-FR, Attaché, EU Delegation, |
| 2. Ms. Siv Cheang | Program Officer, JICA |
| 3. Ms. Sandra Stajka | Food Security and Environment Office Director, USAID |
| 4. Dr. Moeko Saito-Jensen | Policy Specialist, UNDP |
| 5. Mr. Moungh Sideth | Project Officer, AFD |
| 6. Ms. Laure Montchamp | Project Officer, AFD |
| 7. Mr. Hem Sovannarith | Program Manager, SDC |
| 8. Ms. Duong Saramany | Program Officer, SDC |
| 9. Ms. Stacy Crevello | Chief Technical Advisor, FAO |
| 10. Mr. Oum Kosal | Assistant FAO Representative, FAO |
| 11. Mr. Hiroshi Nakata | Technical Advisor to DG-FA |
| 12. Ms. Naomi Matsue | Administrative Coordinator, FA-JICA |
| 13. Mr. Y Chaly | Technical Assistant of Technical Advisor to DG-FA |
| 14. Mr. Shigeru Ono | JICA TechnicalAssistantTeam, CAM-REDD |
| 15. Dr. Ross Sinclair | Country Director, WCS |
| 16. Mr. Jim Tolisano | Conservation Finance Specialist, WCS |
| 17. Mr. Samuel Hamy | Program Development Manager, WWF |
| 18. Mr. Un Chakrey | Communication Manager, WWF |
| 19. Mr. Neth Vibol | Assistant to CEO, WA |
| 20. Mr. Curtis Hundley | Chief of Party, WINROCK |
| 21. Mr. Seng Bunra | Country Director, CI |
| 22. Mr. Matthew Maltby | Director NRM+ Biodiversity, Fintrac |
| 23. Mr. Tuy Sereivathana | Country Director, FFI |
| 24. Mr. Rob Harris | Project Manager, FFI |
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| 28. Mr. Colin Scott | Team Leader, WYG |
| 29. Mr. Patrick Hanmer | Forestry Expert, WYG |
| 30. Ms. Olga Moreva | Trade and Private Sector Development Expert, WYG |
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