NOTIFICATION

On conclusion of Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Chairman of National REDD+ Steering Committee (NRSC) on National REDD+ Action Program at the third meeting of NRSC

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Cao Duc Phat, Chairman of NRSC had chaired the third meeting of NRSC on 12th May 2016 in Ha Noi with the aim of keeping informed the progress and achieved results of National REDD+ Action Program (NRAP); approving NRAP review report, the proposal of NRAP update and revision; and 2016 annual working plan of NRSC. The participants include 15 out of 18 NRSC’s members as well as representatives of international donors such as: United Nations, World Bank, Norway Embassy, JICA, KOICA and GIZ. After the presentation of Director of Vietnam REDD+ Office (VRO), consultant team report and the comments of NRSC’s members, Minister Cao Duc Phat had concluded the followings:

1. Results of National REDD+ Action Program implementation

The Prime Minister had approved the NRAP for the period 2011-2020 at Decision No 799/QD-TTg dated 27th June 2012. For the time being, MARD, Vietnam Administration of Forestry (VNFOREST), VRO, local agencies and governments have made great efforts in management, direction and implementation of NRAP’s tasks. A number of outstanding achieved results are relating to capacity building and institutional development for REDD+ management, issuance of various technical guidance to facilitate REDD+ implementation at site level. However, the progress in overall is still tardy, and in lack of coordination with national and provincial programs.

2. Key tasks in the coming time

Accelerate the implementation of activities which are planned and recommended by VRO in 2016, take into consideration the following key tasks:
- Continue to collaborate with UN-REDD Viet Nam Program Phase II in terms of NRAP update and revision for the period 2016-2020 on the basis of accepting the feedback from participants at the meeting, with special attention to integrate and align with on-going national programs on climate change, forest protection and development, green growth, and sustainable development goals. Inherit and promote the international and national experiences in recent times.

- Ensure the progress of NRAP update and revision assignment which will serve as a basis to propose to Prime Minister for the endorsement of new decision, thereby creating a legal basis for the implementation of up-coming activities.

- In addition to the completion of technical guidance documents, it is necessary to focus on supporting provinces which Provincial REDD+ Action Plan (PRAP) had been approved to develop practical models, support and incentivize for local people to participate in forest protection and development.

- Accelerate the transition process to REDD+ implementation phase in reality to accomplish the proposed tasks with specific output indicators and contribute to the fulfilment of country commitment in reducing greenhouse gas emissions through REDD+.

MARD office inform Ministries, relevant agencies and local authorities to be aware of and actively implement./.

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**ON BEHALF OF MINISTER**  
**DIRECTOR OF MARD OFFICE**  
(Signed)

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