NOTIFICATION

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

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Cao Duc Phat, Chairman of National REDD+ Steering Committee (NRSC) had chaired the second meeting of NRSC on 24th June 2015 in Hanoi with the aim of keeping informed the progress and achieved results of National Action Program on REDD+ (Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Efforts to Reduce Deforestation and Forest Degradation, Sustainable Management of Forest Resources, and Conservation and Enhancement of Forest Carbon Stocks” in Vietnam, approving the Working Policy and 2015 Annual Working Plan of NRSC. 14/16 members of NRSC had participated. After the presentation of Director of Vietnam REDD+ Office (VRO) and the comments of NRSC’s members, Minister Cao Duc Phat had concluded the followings:

1. Results of National REDD+ Action Program (NRAP) 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), local agencies and governments have made great efforts in management, direction and implementation of NRAP’s tasks. Activities have been implemented, these being:

- Capacity building and raising awareness of national agencies, forest owners and people at piloting provinces: propagandize activities, training courses, raising awareness with the support from REDD+ projects.
- Website http://www.vietnam-redd.org on REDD+ in Vietnam had developed in 2011, and run into operation under the administration of Vietnam REDD+ Office (VRO). An email address, redd-network-vn@googlegroups.com was also established.
- 10 REDD+ Steering Committee and REDD+ working groups have been established in piloting REDD+ provinces in order to direct the implementation of Forest Protection and Development and REDD+ at local level.
Develop REL/FRL at national level: Forest Inventory and Planning Institute (FIPI) had accessed forest carbon stock, develop baseline emissions level to implement REDD+ in Vietnam. National REL/FRL will be expectedly finished and submitted for the endorsement of MARD leaders in October 2015 and submit to UNFCCC afterward.

Department of Science Technology and International Cooperation (DoSTIC) is the focal point responsible for the elaboration of the guidance on Provincial REDD+ Action Plan (PRAP) development, expectedly completed in December 2015.

Department of Planning and Finance – VNFOREST in collaboration with UN-REDD Vietnam Phase II synthesize, consider all the comments for the Draft Scheme of National REDD+ Fund (NRF) in order to complete the scheme prior to submission to MARD and Ministry of Finance (MoF) to consider and make decision, expectedly completed in Quarter III, 2015.

Develop PRAP: Dien Bien and Lam Dong province are the pioneers whose PRAP already approved by Provincial People Committee (PPC) and a number of provinces are in the process of developing PRAPs such as: Binh Thuan, Lao Cai, Ha Tinh, Bac Kan, Ca Mau, Quang Tri, etc.

REDD+ projects are being implemented in large scale and all their activities mainly focus on the following contents: connect relevant multi-stakeholders; rights and ownership; social and environmental safeguards; improve land use; actual payment and carbon compensation.

2. Key tasks in the coming time

– NRSC’s members consider, deliver comments to endorse the working policy of NRSC in July 2015;

– Consolidate and improve NRSC’s activities in order to ensure the regular and effective direction. Supplement the members from piloting REDD+ provinces into NRSC in July 2015;

– VRO develops the Report on NRAP implementation results up to 30th June 2015.

– VRO develops action plan to implement NRAP for the last 6 months in 2015 and for the next period 2016-2020, in which assigned clearly the functions of line ministries and agencies as well as implementation budget from July 2015. Then, the comments from international community will be uptaken and the meeting with donors will be convened in September 2015.

– Identify the approach to implement REDD+ (national and regional level); develop and complete technical requirements during REDD+ implementation: National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS); Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) at national level and REL/FRL; Benefit Distribution System (BDS); Safeguards Information System (SIS);

– Establish and run NRF in 2015 and develop payment system in 2016;

– Complete the guidance on PRAP development for piloting provinces in 2015. At least 06 provinces rapidly completed and approve PRAP in 2015.
– Implement the review of NRAP in 2015.
– Develop the framework to collect information on received funds and implement REDD+ projects in 2015;
– Improve working mechanism, coordination of VRO in terms of supervising, monitoring and advising for the NRAP implementation. REDD+ projects and programs will support in resources improvement, human resources and facilities for VRO in order to better complete the assigned tasks;
– Complete the research on REDD+ financial flow. Research on the issues which prevent the disbursement process of on-going REDD+ projects;
– Reconsolidate 6 STWG for better performance.

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

Receivers:
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