

VIET NAM REDD NETWORK

Minute of: 6th Sub-Technical Working Group Meeting on Governance

1. General Information

Date and time: 7th April 2015 from 8:00 am to 12:00 am

Venue: Delight Hotel, 93 Doi Can Street, Ba Dinh District, Ha Noi city

Chairman: Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Thanh – Forest Protection Development

2. Main contents

- Presentation on working plan of National REDD+ Steering Committee and VRO in 2015
- Report on progress and results of PGA implementation
- Piloting on social development – environmental indicators for REDD +
- Establishing the transparent mechanism on forest management.

3. Participants

Representatives from Government Agencies, NGOs, CSO, projects/programs, and Vietnam REDD+ Network members

4. The main discussion of the meeting

4.1. Working plan of National REDD+ Steering Committee and VRO in 2015

a) Several questions and comments

- NGOs and CSOs' coordination in implementation of REDD+ activities, coordination mechanisms, feedbacks, VRO's goals as well as the way to transmit feedbacks to decision-making levels?
- Resolving issues on reducing emission amongst Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia which are not shown in VRO's plan in 2015 as well as connecting this activity with FLEGT/VPA?
- VRO's plan in 2015 mention to Safeguards, REL,.. so can we complete this plan in 2015?
- Necessary to release operating mechanisms of National REDD+ Steering Committee, assign the tasks to specific members.

– Considering the necessity of adjusting Decision 799/QĐ-TTg on 27th June 2012 or not and additional assessment and supervision issues.

– The state management agencies should be the chairman of sub-technical working groups, VRO has dispatch or advice to VNFOREST to issue an official document to relevant parties to nominate competent officers joining sub-technical working group. How many members do sub-technical group need?

b) Feedbacks

– In present, sub-technical working group in governance still operates independently. The next meeting will focus on discussing the detail technical issues.

– The network is open and mainly focuses on transmitting information and giving the feedback to managers. MARD management board and the donors are chair and co-chair of the Vietnam REDD+ Network. This is the only mechanism for network's member to give feedback directly to managers and donors.

– Decision No 799/QĐ-TTg on 27th June 2015, NRAP divides 2 periods: until 2015 and from 2016 to 2010, so according to this Decision, the REDD's implementation in Vietnam harmonizes the current period.

– According to plan in 2015, it is necessary to launch M&E framework for the NRAP, in order to assess NRAP's consistent and definite the adjustment direction. This activity will have completed in 2015, research NRAP's adjustment and changing based on the assessment results.

– VRO is looking forward to getting support on technical, manpower, finance also from other organisations. VRO will uptake all the comments, feedbacks and suggestions from all stakeholders seriously. VRO needs the other organisation's cooperation to help their coordination goals become better.

– VRO will collect the information from meeting of sub-technical working groups to report to manager through NRSC meeting.

– In working plan of 2015, VRO coordinate with Mekong river sub-region countries and carbon leakage and FLEGT/VPA issues are the contents to be implemented in this plan.

– Related to REL, NRAP, SIS, results-based payment in Vietnam:

- ✓ It will come true if COP 21 is successful, SESA framework is not enforced to do immediately in 2015, it can complete in 2016.
- ✓ Vietnam is going to submit REL in 2015, to be verified in 2016.
- ✓ NRAP enacted in 2012, but not yet had M&E framework and it will be completed as a goal in 2015.
- ✓ Currently, the results-based payment in Vietnam, only 6 North Central provinces apply with the support from Carbon Fund. The pact will be signed in 2016 and Vietnam will be implementing it from 2017 – 2020 to prove that Vietnam has been successful in reducing emission or enhancing carbon removals and therefore can get the payment in 2020. Besides UN-REDD program phase 2 is piloting the payment based on sharing benefits.

4.2. Discussion on participatory governance assessment.

a) Comments and questions

– How is the grievance redress mechanism in PGA? How is feedback mechanism implemented in operating levels?

b) Feedback

– About grievance redress and feedbacks mechanism, PGA has specific indicators set when implementing in Lam Dong province. Will focus on solving conflicts and transparency in forest use when extend this indicator in other provinces.

4.3. Discussion on environment and social index in implementing REDD+ at provincial level.

a) Comments and questions

– Dividing 3 readiness levels in performing REDD+ is very few and assessment framework of readiness levels is not consistent and need to do more clear data in methodology.

– Need to refer other indicators.

– Assessment primarily focus on state agencies, why don't include private sector and NGOs? When appraising equity index, it is necessary to have internal control 3 party.

- How is participating level? Do questions capture? How are indicators interpreted?
- Gender issue: the questions don't really persuade and have overlap.
- The reason of choosing toolkit? This is environment and social indicators in provincial level, so how are they interpreted at commune levels?
- Impact assessment of social and environment for REDD+ or forestry activities? Need to coordinate with other tools to give more detail suggestion when developing REDD+ project.
- Who implements RESI?

b) Feedback

- Agree with comments about rating scale need more detailed, measures of interpreting index are the research group's entirely subjective.
- The reference of other indicators is very sensible; however choosing indicator is very difficult.
- The indicators assessment process is not involved the participation of private sectors; mainly scientists, NGOs, forestry experts. But during piloting in Lam Dong province, the participation of private sector is including: rubber company, Forestry Company.
- National policies cover province's policies, province's critical policies include: land plan, environment plan, biodiversity conservation plan...
- Assessment gender issue in the report is still weak. Assessing practice at local level is not available.
- RESI index established basing on reference other indicators under scientific perspective more than focusing on its criterion.
- There are much more related to forestry activities.
- During the development of RESI, consultation with related parties were conducted, but when implementing there are only three agencies: PanNature, CRES, TROPENBOS. Currently, just running test results in Kontum province, continue data analysis in the other provinces. The report will be completed when finishing project in September, 2015.

– Through RESI index, we can understand the potential level of provinces when taking part in REDD+. We can add some indicators into assessment formwork and supervision of UN-REDD phase 2.

- How to use these indicators effectively at least in applying provinces
- Developing widely indicators to access the practical implementation of forestry related policies at provincial level and give the full picture of the risks and benefits of those provinces.

4.4. Discussion on establishing transparent forest governance mechanism

a) Comments and questions

– There are many activities which are difficult to complete. Finishing the index in this year is big successful. In activity 6, it needs to consider tools to collect data and conducting time.

b) Feedback

- Forest Protection Department will research to revise plan consistently with reality requirement.

5. Conclusion

The meeting receives much success and collects much suggestion from participants. On behalf of Chairman – Nguyen Viet Dzung – PanNature gives some ideas to maintain sub-technical working group’s activities and orientates group’s activities in the next time: sub-technical working group’s still maintain to operate independently and chaired by Forest Protection Department. RECOFTC and PanNature are co-chairs. From 2015 onwards, governance assessment activities and specific framework and working activities are available. Forest Protection Department will have demand about information and participation of other organizations, individuals and scientists. This is a forum for group to discuss.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS



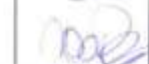

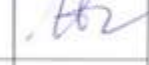


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