TERMS OF REFERENCES
REDD Sub-technical Working Group on Governance
(Draft v.2 for 3rd meeting)

Background
The Sub-technical Working Group on Governance (STWG on Governance) is one of the six Sub-technical Working Groups providing support to the National REDD Working Group (NRWG) in particular and to National REDD Programme of Vietnam in general.

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Objectives
To consolidate the tested and proved management mechanisms, technical approaches/methods, law enforcement practices related to natural forest management and REDD so as to recommend and shape governance structure for the implementation of the National REDD+ Programme while ensuring transparency, participatory and efficiency

Tasks
✓ Develop an annual work plan for the STWG on Governance
✓ Identify priorities, responsibilities and resources for operation
✓ Develop a road map for the operation of the STWG on Governance based on approved National REDD+ Programme
✓ Have consensus on governance concept and elements with special regards to the national REDD+ program implementation process;
✓ Share information and cooperate with other five STWGs (MVR, Local Implementation, BDS, Safeguards and Private sector engagement), FSSP, FLEGT and other stakeholders on REDD+ initiatives, development progress, outputs and regulatory framework;
✓ Coordinate and consolidate management and technical outputs/approaches/instruments introduced by different STWGs, FSSP, and FLEGT for wider consultations and recommendations of the appropriate outputs/policy issues for application;
✓ Look for convergence of governance issues amongst REDD, FLEGT and CITES
✓ Initiate a collaboration platform for REDD+ and other governance related initiatives such as Forest Governance Monitoring (FGM), Participatory Governance Assessment (PGA) and partnership with relevant international and national partners, including private sector;
✓ Identify international good governance practices and propose these to government policy makers to adjust and adapt it in the context of Vietnam;
✓ Provide technical inputs on governance and good governance to REDD+ policy formulation, implementation and advocacy processes.
Build capacity for national and local agencies on good governance during the implementation of National REDD+ Programme.

Composition:
Forest Protection Department (FPD) under the VNFOREST will take lead the STWG on Governance. Director or Vice Director of FPD will be assigned as chairman. A co-chairman from a non-government organization will be appointed or nominated by the FPD chairman. Membership to the STWG on Governance is open to all members of the Vietnam REDD+ Network and interested people of relevant stakeholders.

Operation
The meeting of STWG on Governance is scheduled one every quarter on basis. However, the chairman and co-chairman can call for meetings in between if there is an up-coming important event relating to governance issues or there are many things that need to be discussed to support the strengthening of REDD implementation progress.

In each meeting, topics discussed, ideas and opinions are recorded in a minutes that will be circulated to the Vietnam REDD Network and uploaded on the website of VRO later. Topics for the next meeting are generated in each meeting of STWG on Governance.

Coordination and Administrative support:
Vietnam REDD+ Office (VRO) is in charge of coordinating and mobilizing stakeholders for each meeting. VRO will assign an officer who is capable for liaising with key government agencies and NGOs organizations to arrange the agenda and content of the meeting and get involvement of stakeholders.

In addition, VRO will provide logistics and administrative support for each meeting of STWG on Governance.

Deliverables
To be discussed

Duration
To be discussed

Resources
To be discussed