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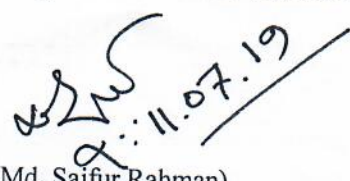
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Sub: Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Programme Executive Board (PEB) of UN-REDD Bangladesh National Programme.

The 4th meeting of Programme Executive Board (PEB) for the Project “UN-REDD Bangladesh National Programme” was held on 30 Jun 2019. The minutes of the meeting is attached here with for further nesesity action at your end.

Attachment: as stated above.


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Subject: Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Programme Executive Board (PEB) of UN-REDD Bangladesh National Programme

The 4th meeting of the Programme Executive Board (PEB) of UN-REDD Bangladesh National Programme was held on 30 June 2019 at 4.30 PM. The meeting was Co-Chaired by Mr. Abdullah Al Mohsin Chowdhury, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and Mr. Sudipto Mukerjee, Resident Representative, UNDP Bangladesh, on behalf of UN Resident Coordinator. A list of participants of the meeting is attached as Annex A.

Discussions and Decisions of the meeting

The Co-Chair of the meeting Mr. Abdullah Al Mohsin Chowdhury, Secretary, MoEFCC welcomed all to the meeting. He expressed his satisfaction that the project has been implemented successfully within the stipulated timeframe and appreciated the implementing partners for their contribution to the project. On behalf of UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP and FAO, Mr. Sudipto Mukerjee emphasized to maintain the momentum of the project mission and vision with continued partnership of UN System with their on-going initiatives. With the permission of the Co-chairs Md. Rakibul Hasan Mukul, National Project Director (NPD) presented agenda with a detailed presentation, which was followed by detailed discussion and then decisions were taken by the meeting:

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| 1 | Compliance with last PEB meeting | <p>Discussion: Decisions taken in the previous PEB meeting held on 27th February 2019 were reviewed and National Project Director updated accordingly on : (1) remaining project activities should be accomplished within project period; (2) REDD+ management structure should follow existing government mechanism and as such, separate financing committee will not be required; (3) reallocate expenditure on capital goods to capacity building programme; (4) complete National Strategy Finalization by May 2019; (5) End of Project Final Evaluation TOR to be evaluated by the Forest Department;</p> <p>The NPD informed that overall, the project complied with all decisions. He further added that, the REDD+ Strategy Validation Workshop held in 29 June. A revised version of the Strategy document incorporating workshop comments will be drafted soon and submitted to MOEFCC by Forest Department on or before 15 July 2019.</p> |

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| | | <p>Decisions: Forest Department will submit the revised version of the REDD+ Strategy document to MoEFCC incorporating workshop comments soon.</p> |
| 2 | Review of technical and financial progress of the project | <p>Discussion: The NPD presented that the UN-REDD Bangladesh National Programme started its operation since 30th June 2016, with a budget of US\$2.30 Million targeting to support implementation of REDD+ by achieving mainly four targets, i.e., establish REDD+ management structure, develop National REDD+ strategy, develop FREL/FRL and establish National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS). He further mentioned that by June 2019, the project has made an expenditure of US\$2.30 Million (100%). Of the targets, FAO supported components i.e., formulation/establishment of FREL/FRL and NFMS were achieved beforehand. The UNDP supported targets, i.e., REDD+ management structure is being reviewed by the MOEFCC and validation workshop on National REDD+ Strategy held on 30th June 2019.</p> <p>FAO Country Representative stressed the need for endorsement of the documents by the MoEFCC, which currently are in the review process and formulated through this project. Co-Chair, Secretary, MoEFCC opined that the Project Completion Report (PCR) should be finalized before concluding the project operation. He further advised to update the REDD+ Management Structure and National REDD+ Strategy incorporating the comments made in the Validation Workshop held on 29 June 2019.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The BFD/NPD will update the REDD+ Management Structure and National REDD+ Strategy incorporating the comments made in the Validation Workshop held on 29 June 2019 and send the same to the MoEFCC soon. 2. The BFD will submit the Project Completion Report to the MoEFCC soon. |
| 3 | End of project evaluation, recommendations and management response. | <p>Discussion: The NPD informed the meeting that the UN-REDD Bangladesh Programme scored <i>Moderately Satisfactory</i> done by the Independent Evaluation Team reflected in the Project Evaluation document. The evaluation team provided a set of recommendations for the government and implementing UN Agencies. The issue was discussed in details and the meeting directed that in order to prepare the response against the recommendations, the document should be sent to the MoEFCC beforehand.</p> |

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| | | <p>Decision: The BFD will send the Project Evaluation report to MoEFCC to prepare government response against indicated recommendations presented in the report.</p> |
| 4 | Exit strategy | <p>Discussion: The meeting discussed briefly about the future strategy and plan of action after completion of the project. The meeting focused on some issues, especially on financing for future activity and utilization of the outputs of the project. Secretary, Co-Chairs emphasized on mobilization of funding for development of safeguard and safeguard information system, for organizing management committee meeting, and for implementing development policy tasks based on strategic actions. Secretary, MoEFCC further advised to incorporate the outputs of the project in the upcoming 8th Five Year Plan document. Also, he invited the development partner to invest funds for performing the said activities in the near future.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MoEFCC/BFD will explore/mobilize funds for development of safeguard and safeguard information system, for organizing management committee meeting, and for implementing development policy tasks based on strategic actions and so on. 2. The outputs of the project should be incorporated/reflected, where appropriate, in the upcoming 8th Five Year Plan document. |
| 5 | Project assets hand over | <p>Discussion: The NPD informed the meeting that since the project has been ended on 30 June 2019, the assets of the project should be handed over to the appropriate agencies as per provision of project document.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UNDP will hand over all equipment/furniture to Forest Department. 2. 2 FAO will continue to use the items for their on-going projects for an interim period; FAO will subsequently hand over the items to Forest Department. |
| 6 | Final remarks from PEB Co-Chairs and members | <p>Mr. Sudipto Mukerjee, Resident Representative, UNDP opined that UN agencies will continue partnership and their commitments remain with the government would be carry forward towards achieving SDG targets. In this context, UNDP emphasized to integrate REDD+ Strategy with upcoming 8th Five Year Plan as a part of SDG Localization initiatives.</p> <p>Mr. Robert Simpson recognized that the project increased capacity and delivered quality products. He echoed that FAO stands by to support the ministry and the department in areas of priority. He stressed that the dialogue should continue on priority activities, GHG reporting and how to develop second stage of implementation.</p> |

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| | | <p>Mr. Ishtiaq Uddin Ahmad former CCF, Forest Department mentioned that the project has delivered its outputs in time and created opportunities but the challenge remains ahead. The government needs to take strategic interventions under programmatic approach to deal especially with forest encroachment as one of the top priority issues.</p> <p>Dr. S. M. Munjurul Hannan Khan, Additional Secretary, MoEFCC requested UN Agencies to work with bilateral development partners to explore opportunities for funding the strategy. Dr. Khan especially mentioned that the 'Sal' and Hill forest restoration, which have significantly degraded, needs special attention. He gave importance to ensure community participation and their ownership in project design and emphasized on creating enabling environment for ecosystem services. He also stressed that consultation and cooperation of the local people will be crucial in implementing the Bangladesh National REDD+ Strategy.</p> <p>Mr. Abdullah Al Mohsin Chowdhury, Secretary, MoEFCC thanked UNDP and FAO for their support to the project. He emphasized to maintain and use consistent and reliable forest coverage data in various documents. He further put stressed on planning for big development projects except paying too much attention only on SUFAL project and as such invited potential development partners to invest more resources in the forest and environment sector.</p> |







As no further issue remaining to be discussed, the meeting was ended with a vote of thanks from the Co-Chairs to all the attendees for their active participation in the meeting.


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