

Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Myanmar National REDD+ Taskforce

Date:	31 January 2019
Venue:	Forest Department
Time:	09:00 – 12:00
Objective of the meeting:	To update the Taskforce on progress in REDD+ initiatives in Myanmar, and to discuss the way forward for the Taskforce
Chair:	U Kyaw Kyaw Lwin, Deputy Director General, Forest Department
Participants:	
Taskforce members	U Kan Shein, Director, Planning Department, MOPF, U Kyaw Lwin, Director, Agricultural Planning Department, MOALI, Daw Nu Nu Tin, Director, IWUMD, Daw Yi Yi Htwe, Deputy Director, DICA, MOIER Daw Myint Myint Aye, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture, MOALI U Kyaw Soe, Assistant Director, General Administered Department, MOUG Daw Ni Ni Thin, Assistant Director, ECD, MONREC U Kyaw Kyaw Myo, Programme Officer, MERN U Myo Ko, Programme Manager, POINT
Taskforce Secretary	Absent
Observers/Donors	Dr. Ingyin Khaing, Staff Officer, FRI, Mr. Franz Arnold, Chief Technical Advisor, FAO Myanmar, Ms. Cordula Epple, Senior Programme Officer, UN-Environment, Bangkok, Daw Thinn Thitsar Kyaw, Project Assistant, UN-REDD Programme, Myanmar, Mr. Timothy Boyle, Chief Technical Advisor, UN-REDD Programme, Myanmar, Daw Khin Hnin Myint, Programme Coordinator, UN-REDD Programme, Myanmar, U Min Soe, Stakeholder Engagement Officer, UN-REDD Programme, Myanmar, Daw Thit Thit Han, Communication Officer, UN-REDD Programme, Myanmar, Daw Phyo Pa Pa Han, REDD+ Office Assistant, REDD+ National Programme, Myanmar, Daw Sandar Min Wai, Programme Assistant, UN-REDD Programme, Myanmar

Agenda item 1: Opening

The meeting was opened by U Kyaw Kyaw Lwin, Chair of the TF, Deputy Director General of the Forest Department.

Agenda item 2: Action taken to follow up on Decisions reached at the 5th meeting of the Taskforce

On behalf of TF Secretary, Dr. Ingyin Khaing, Staff Officer of Forest Department reported on the implementation of decisions reached at the 5th meeting of the TF. Progress can be seen in the table below.

Actions taken to follow up on Decisions reached at the 5th meeting of the Taskforce

No.	Decision	Action Taken
5/1	National REDD+ Strategies will be submitted to Union Cabinet for approval, the FRL and NFMS will have approval of Minister of MONREC and the SIS system will be submitted to Minister of MONREC for taking comments from relevant Ministries and approval. Taking approval of Union Cabinet is subject to Minister's Decision.	No action required
5/2	The Taskforce requested UN-REDD to support the formulation of FPIC principles and enforcement of FPIC for the expansion of the PFE.	<p>UN-REDD will contract a team of consultants (or possibly a national NGO) in early 2019 to develop and pilot effective FPIC procedures.</p> <p>A workshop was convened in November 2018 to review the proposed PAM to expand the PFE. As a result of this workshop and recognizing that the term "PFE" is undefined, it has been recommended that the PAM be amended to be: <i>“Develop and implement processes to promote retention of current forest cover and recovery of forest cover to x%”</i> (x to be determined, but a larger number than the current percentage forest cover).</p> <p>The process of considering and adopting such recommendations is included as an agenda item at this meeting.</p>
5/3	TF instructed TF secretary to invite a representative of Social Welfare Department under MSWRR to be member of the TF.	A representative of the Social Welfare Department of the MSWRR has been invited to join the Taskforce
5/4	TF recommended that integrate a gender approach within competency framework & existing training plans rather than developing stand-alone training.	A gender approach has been incorporated into training plans
5/5	The Chair instructed the secretary to review the members list of TF as some TF members have already been promoted to Deputy Director General and to send request to respective departments for replacement.	The list has been reviewed and requests sent for replacements where needed.

Agenda item 3: Progress on REDD+ in Myanmar

Daw Khin Hnin Myint, Programme Coordinator of the UN-REDD Programme described the progress on REDD+ in Myanmar in the context of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+. The consultation process on REDD+ strategy is continuously conducted. The focus is engagement with ethnic nationalities. It has been completed for Danu, Mon, Pa-O, Palaung and Wa and is on-going for 7 other ethnic nationalities. A series of consultation workshops on the most controversial or unclear PAMs has been initiated and two workshops have been held. The process of responding to the Technical Assessment (TA) of the FREL submission has been completed. The present official version of the FRL is the one re-submitted in May/June. Further response from the Myanmar side, following the recommendations and findings of the final TA report from August 2019, will be incorporated into a new FREL, to be submitted in 2019. The FREL currently includes

deforestation and enhancement through reforestation and afforestation. The major focus for work on the NFMS over the course of the year has been on planning issues of the NFI with discussions on proposal for general design and sampling approaches and a new field methodology. These discussions were finished in October with final draft proposals which have been presented to the executive level in the FD in November and been approved for discussion with a wider audience of stakeholders in December. Technical sessions for the use of open source forest monitoring and remote sensing tools have been carried out in March, May and September. The public consultation process for the draft national clarification of the Cancun safeguards has been completed. The design of indicators and identification of sources of information for indicators is underway. It is intended to complete the design of Myanmar's Safeguards Information System during 2019, and to prepare Myanmar's first "Summary of Information".

Agenda item 4: Process to consider and adopt recommendations emerging from PAM consultation workshops

Mr. Timothy Boyle, CTA, UN-REDD/Myanmar gave briefing on recommendations emerging from PaM Consultation Workshops. The PAMs consultation workshops are yielding different types of recommendations: recommendation on wording of PaMs, recommendations on substantive decisions relating to forest and forest management, recommendations on changes of procedures. The Taskforce was requested to provide advice to the REDD+ Office regarding how to process and adopt those recommendations.

Discussion

There was discussion among TF members on NDC set target: to have 30% of Performance Forest Estimate and to identify the specific emission target in the NDC. Forest Department discuss those issues with the Minister.

Agenda item 6: Progress on REDD+ Safeguards in Myanmar: National Clarification

Ms. Cordula Epple, Senior Programme Officer, UN-Environment presented the progress on implementation of safeguard roadmap. She highlighted the results of Safeguard Workshop on 29 Jan 2019 which identified potential sources of information for the SIS and SIS design Options. As the same time, she provided briefing on the function and process on National Safeguard Clarification. The national clarification is a key input for developing the Safeguards Information System (SIS) and the Summary of Information (SoI). In this session, the Taskforce was requested to identify any points in the clarification where an alternative option should be chosen, and to decide on the alternative option to include in the text. The Taskforce is asked to advise on the process required for making the final version of the clarification official and public, so that it can be used in the SIS and SoI development process

Discussion

There was discussion on the proposed changes on SIS clarifications and final approval process for the clarification.

Decision

Decision TF 6/1: TF agreed on proposed changes and decided TF's approval is fine for finalization. The clarification will be shared at EC meeting of FD for information sharing.

Agenda item 8: Progress on engagement with ethnic groups

Daw Khin Hnin Myint, Programme Coordinator, UN-REDD Myanmar shared the progress on engagement with ethnic group on development of National REDD+ Strategy. Twelve ethnic groups were prioritized

for individual engagement processes on the basis of one or more of the criteria: has a self-administered area and/or has an EAO which holds a significant amount of territory. For each engagement process, the 4 steps were proposed: Initial meeting(s), awareness raising event, further, more formal meetings, if requested (none requested yet), consultation event. In practice, for all ethnic groups to have progressed beyond step 2, no additional formal meetings (step 3) were requested. To facilitate progress on engagement processes that have made little progress to date, an experienced consultant has been recruited for 90 days, Dec. 2018 – April 2019.

Discussion

There was discussion on the question of the EAOs during the consultation, whether their forest policies or union government forest policy would be followed. The Chair mentioned that Forest Department learned KNU's Forest Laws and community forestry instruction and those two documents are almost the same with Union Forest Department Law (Forestry laws 1992 and CF Instruction 1995). If needed, the new CFI can be handover to KNU. UN-REDD is analyzing these documents to identify the degree to which they are already in harmony with each other.

Agenda item 10: Moving from Phase 1 into Phase 2: administration of REDD+ and potential priorities for implementation

Mr. Timothy Boyle, CTA, UN-REDD, Myanmar gave initial briefing on potential priorities for REDD+ implementation moving from Phase 1 into Phase 2. He highlighted two main issues those need to be considered: how will REDD+ be administered in Phase 2 and where will Phase 2 funding come from. He also shared the REDD+ financial management options and requested TF to have comments on how REDD+ financial management options be selected.

Discussion

TF members discussed on the current REDD+ management structure and how to move forwards for Phase 2. All existing TF and TWGs were only formed for Phase I (REDD+ Readiness Phase), if Myanmar moving to Phase 2, all the TF and TWGs members need to be updated.

Decision

- Decision TF 6/2:** Moving to Phase 2, the new TOR for new TF and TWGs need to be developed and the level of members must be requested base on the requirement of the activities. For central level, rather NE5C or Central Level Management Committee will be formed, and TF will have to report to the Central Level REDD+ Committee.
- Decision TF 6/3:** All TWGs must report their activities to TF in Phase II. REDD+ TF will oversee the REDD+ implementation in the country.
- Decision TF 6/4:** As per the requirement of REDD+ strategy implementation, TWGs should be formed at the States and Regions/Districts Level.
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Summary of Decisions and Action points

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Next meeting

The next Taskforce meeting will be scheduled for the end of March 2019.

Attachments

- Agenda of the meeting
- Attendance list

Minutes approved by



Kyaw Kyaw Lwin
Chair of National REDD+ Task Force
Deputy Director General, Forest Department

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Annex 1: Agenda

No.	Time	Items	Facilitation
1	09:00 - 09:10	Opening remarks	Chair: U Kyaw Kyaw Lwin, Deputy Director General, Forest Department
2	09:10 – 09:25	Action taken to follow up on Decisions reached at the 5 th meeting of the Taskforce (Document TF6/2)	Dr. Ingyin Khaing, Staff Officer, FRI, Forest Department
3	09:25 – 09:35	Progress on REDD+ in Myanmar and under the UN-REDD Programme in Myanmar: focus on MRV (Document TF 6/3)	Daw Khin Hnin Myint, National Programme Officer, UN-REDD
4	09:25 – 09:45	Process to consider and adopt recommendations emerging from PAM consultation workshops (Document TF6/4)	Mr. Timothy Boyle, CTA, UN-REDD Programme
5	09:45 – 10:00	Questions & Answers	Chair
6	10:00 – 10:15	Progress on REDD+ Safeguards in Myanmar: National Clarification (Document TF 6/5)	Ms. Cordula Epple, Safeguard Expert, UN-REDD Programme
7	10:15 – 10:30	Questions & Answers	Chair
8	10: 30 – 10:45	Progress on engagement with ethnic groups (Documents TF 6/6)	Daw Khin Hnin Myint, UN-REDD Programme Coordinator
9	10:45 – 11:15	Questions & Answers	Chair
10	11:15 – 11:25	Moving from Phase 1 into Phase 2: administration of REDD+ and potential priorities for implementation (Document TF 6/7)	Mr. Timothy Boyle, CTA, UN-REDD Programme
11	11:25 – 11:55	Questions & Answers	Chair
12	11:55 – 12:00	Closing remarks	Chair: U Kyaw Kyaw Lwin, Deputy Director General, Forest Department
13	12:00	Lunch	

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