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Status of REDD+ Readiness and Expectations for JCM at REDD+ Symposium Towards Early Implementation of JCM-REDD

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Lao PDR: at the center of Southeast Asia
1. Status of REDD+ Readiness Preparation

Main Institutional Actors

- National Environmental Council (NEC)
- National REDD+ Task Force
- National REDD+ Office (Division), within Department of Forest Resource Management (DFRM) in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE)
- DOF REDD+ Office, within Department of Forestry (DOF) in the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
1. Status of REDD+ Readiness Preparation

- National Environmental Council (NEC)
  - Minister/Vice Minister Level
  - Director General Level
  - Multi-Stakeholder Representation
  - Coordination and Consultation
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- National REDD+ Office
  - Division Level
  - Coordination and Support Implementation

- Provincial Environmental Council (PEC)

- Provincial REDD+ Coordinators (Provincial Task Force?)

- Provincial REDD+ Office

- Technical Working Group
  - Enforcement and Implementation of Mitigation
  - REL
  - Benefit Sharing
  - Land-Use
  - Social and Environmental Safeguards
  - MRV
  - Legal Framework
1. Status of REDD+ Readiness Preparation

Institutional History

• In 2013 responsibility for REDD+ was officially transferred from DoF (MAF) to DFRM (MoNRE) (Decision 0052/MAF)

• Key 2015 Tasks
  1. Refined ToR of National REDD+ Task Force
  2. Authorization of new Organizational Structure
  3. ToR – National REDD+ Office
  4. Establishment and functioning of 7 Technical Working Groups
  5. Development Roadmap of Key REDD+ Elements: (National REDD+ Strategy, REL/RL, NFMS, SIS and BSS)
  6. Intended Nationally Determined Contribution to UNFCCC
1. Status of REDD+ Readiness Preparation

Policy History

- Forest Strategy 2020 (FS2020) adopted in 2005
- National Climate Change Strategy formulated in 2010
- R-PP Approved in 2010 and later updated to reflect major institutional changes (MoNRE)
- National Forest Law is currently under revision and will incorporate provisions for REDD+.
- Standing policies on Safeguards include:
  - Environmental Protection Law (No. 02-99/NA 3 April 1999)
  - Decree on Environmental Impact Assessments (112/PM February 2010)
  - Regulation on Environmental Assessments in the Lao PDR (No. 1770/STEA Vientiane, October 2000)
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Road Map for REDD+ (tentative)

- **Phase I (readiness)**
  - Institutional arrangement and capacity building
  - National REDD+ Strategy
  - Driver analysis and identify PaMs
  - Develop FREL/FRL (RS, NFI)
  - Develop and test NFMS
  - Develop and test SIS
  - Develop BSM
  - Provincial REDD+ capacity building in Luang Prabang and others

- **Phase II (demonstration)**
  - Sub-national/Project-level demonstrations
  - External financial resources for implementation (e.g. FIP, other donor supports)
  - Opportunities for result-based payment (e.g. FCPF-CF, GCF)

- **Phase III (full-scale)**
  - Post-2020 framework
  - Transition to full implementation at national scale
  - Result-based payment

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#### Main REDD+ Projects/Programs

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#### REDD+ Technical Systems and Policy

- **Subnational Piloting**
- **Mitigation And Enhancement**
2. Access to Result-Based Payment Scheme; FCPF Carbon Fund

1. Submission of Lao Early Idea at CF Meeting in Paris in Apr 2015

2. Preparation of Lao Emission Reduction Program Idea Note (ER-PIN)
   - Informal technical group consisting of both Lao staff and advisers including JICA
   - Transfer to TWGs under NRTF

3. Submission of ER-PIN by 11th Sep and consideration at CF meeting in Oct 2015

4. If selected, preparation of Lao Emission Reduction Program Document in about 2 years and possible payment for positive results
Proposed ER Program to cover 6 northern provinces, which have many poor, forest-dependent ethnic minority communities

2. Access to Result-Based Payment Scheme: FCPF Carbon Fund
3. Expectations for JCM-REDD+

1. Status of JCM

- 7th Aug 2013: Signing of “BILATERAL COOPERATION ON THE JOINT CREDITING MECHANISM FOR THE LOW CARBON GROWTH PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE LAO PEOPLE’S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC”

- 16th May 2014: 1st Meeting of Joint Committee of the Joint Crediting Mechanism between the Lao PDR and Japan adopted

  - "Rules of Implementation for the Joint Crediting Mechanism" and "Joint Crediting Mechanism Rules of Procedures for the Joint Committee"

  - “Joint Crediting Mechanism Project Cycle Procedure” and ten (10) forms related to the procedure

  - REDD+ included in the sectoral scope
2. Status of potential JCM-REDD+ Project in Laos

- Development Study by Japanese investors at Houayking Village Cluster in Luangprabang Province in 2014-15

(HK cluster has been a field site of JICA’s PAREDD Project and draft Project Description for VCS validation was prepared including biomass survey)

- The potential site is about 30,000 ha and the DS report concludes possible credits of 120,000 tCO2 per year
3. Expectations for JCM-REDD+

3. Expectations

1) Early transition to internationally or bilaterally tradable credits

2) Lessons of Public Private Partnership REDD+ project; only one REDD+ project with private investment under G-G scheme

3) Lessons from possible case of REDD+ project nested within a sub-national REDD+

3)-1; Harmonization options

   - Separation of JCM area from CF area (separate accounting and payment)

   - Use of CF methodology (REL/RL and MRV) for JCM area for less direct and transaction costs (single accounting and separate crediting/payment)

   - JCM integrated into CF; Allocation of payments from CF to investors based on prior agreement (May not be a JCM project any more)

3)-2; Benefit sharing mechanism for Lao side stakeholders; separate or integrated
4. Private project REDD+ in Lao PDR

- Dongphouvieng (DPV) and Xe Bang Nouan (XBN) National Protected Areas in Savannakhet and Salavan Provinces

Area DPV 205’000 hectares
Area XBN 130’000 hectares
## Technical Modules

- Project Information Note PIN and Pre-Feasibility Study with the result to focus on 2 National Protected Areas in Savannakhet and Saravan provinces
- Forest stratification and Inventory design
- Forest inventory analysis
- Ongoing: evaluation of project design options in order to define exact project boundaries with respect to VCS requirements
  - Historical forest change analysis
  - VCS methodology selection
  - Geographic boundaries of project accounting area, leakage area and reference area
  - Baseline emissions and ex-ante credit estimates
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