

# CAMBODIA'S NATIONAL PRIORITIES ON FOREST SAFEGUARDS AND MULTIPLE BENEFITS

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## **Cambodia's Participation in REDD+ Process**

- Become a member of UN-REDD and Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) of the World Bank in 2009
- Established Interim National REDD+ Taskforce in 2010 and Taskforce Secretariat
- Developed REDD+ Roadmap and National Forest Program on REDD+ in 2010
- Cambodia joined the REDD+ Partnership in May 2010-2012 (1<sup>st</sup> mandate) and continue 2013-2014(2<sup>nd</sup> mandate).

## **Existing Forest Programs and Policies**

- Millennium Development Goal: maintaining good forest cover 60% by 2015, and reduce a level of fuel wood dependency from 97% to 52% of total population by 2015.
- Rectangle Strategy of RGC: ensure environmental sustainability through sustainable management of natural resources
- National Strategic Development Plan
- National Forest Policy
- Forestry Law and relevant regulations
- Sub-Decree on FA's Function and Structure
- Government Decision to support REDD project (2008)
- National Forest Program



## Objectives 2 and 9 of the National Forest Program

- **Objective 2** "Adapt to climate change and mitigate its effects on forest based livelihoods":
  - Reducing the impacts of climate change will be targeted through the financial mechanisms of **REDD**.
  - Forest is a renewable energy resource that presents a climate mitigation and adaptation potential to ensure contribute to overcoming the additional threats posed by a changing climate to attaining food security, enhancing livelihoods and improving environmental management.
- **Objective 9** "Develop sustainable financing systems": The NFP outlines methods of self-financing for the forestry sector, based initially on donor and government support whilst gradually introducing cautious low impact logging, certification and exports, and benefits from carbon markets.



## National REDD plus Strategy

- Now in the process of developing REDD+ Strategy
- Currently we have REDD+ Roadmap and <u>REDD+ Task</u>
   <u>Force</u>

## REDD+ Readiness Status/Overview of Roadmap

- Component 1: Organize and Consult.
  - National Coordination Arrangement
  - Consultation and Participation Process
- Component 2: Prepare the REDD+ Strategy.
  - 2 Mill. Hectares of CFs
  - 3 Mill. Hectares of Protection Forest
  - 2.6 Mill. Hectares of Production Forest
  - Maintaining 3 Mill. Hectares of Protected Areas.

## REDD+ Readiness Status/Overview of Roadmap

- > Component 3: Develop a Reference Level.
  - Understanding Cambodia's national circumstances.
  - Development of future trajectories of emission/ removals over difference time periods.
- Component 4: Design a Monitoring System.
  - Development of MRV System.
  - Development of Monitoring & Reporting System.
- Component 5: Schedule and Budget.
  - $\approx$  11 Mill. (From 2011-2014 of component 1 to 4).
- Component 6: Design a Program Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.



### UN-REDD Programme Coordination & Implementation Arrangements



 Main Government Coordination mechanism for climate change

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**Benefit-sharing Technical Team** 

FA, GDANCP, MEF, FiA, ...

**Technical Team** 

**REDD+ Demonstration** MRV/REL Technical Team FA, GDANCP, MLMUPC, FiA... FA, GDANCP, FiA, ...

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## Efforts to Safeguarding and Achieving Multiple Benefits

- Since 2009, Cambodia Organized many consultative workshops with various stakeholders (including monks) to discuss specifically the safeguards of environmental, biodiversity and benefits for local people
- IP and CSO representative has been selected within the Programme Executive Board (UN-REDD programme)-28 Sept 2012
- Cambodia worked with local, national and international partners to develop REDD+ projects to achieve maximum multiple benefits from forestry (Total 451 CF = 400,000 ha)
- Three pilot REDD+ projects were initiated (Oddar Meanchey, Seima, Southern Cardamom)
- One REDD+ project received dual GOLD Climate, Community and Biodiversity (CCB) and Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) validations in 2012

## Safeguards of GOLD-validated Project

- Project: Oddar Meanchey province, 67,853 ha (8.3million mtCO<sub>2</sub>)
- Partners: Forestry Administration (FA), PACT, Children's Development Association (CDA), Terra Global Capital (TGC), Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI), Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, Community Forestry International (CFI), TWG-F&E, Buddhist Monk Association, Communities of Oddar Meanchey
- Benefit sharing (2012-2016):
  - Project Monitoring: 31%
  - Controlling Drivers of Deforestation: 31%
  - Community Capacity Building & Technical Support: 20%
  - Community Development: 9%
  - ANR and Enrichment Planting: 9%



## Constraints regarding to IP

- Safeguard Technical Team is not yet set up
- Lack of communication and information sharing
- In the process of develop planning
- IP Representative Team at the national level is not clear composition of who are the member committee, ToR, Time of IP Team Leader, Structure at the provincial level, Plan, IP network, Lack of information sharing ...



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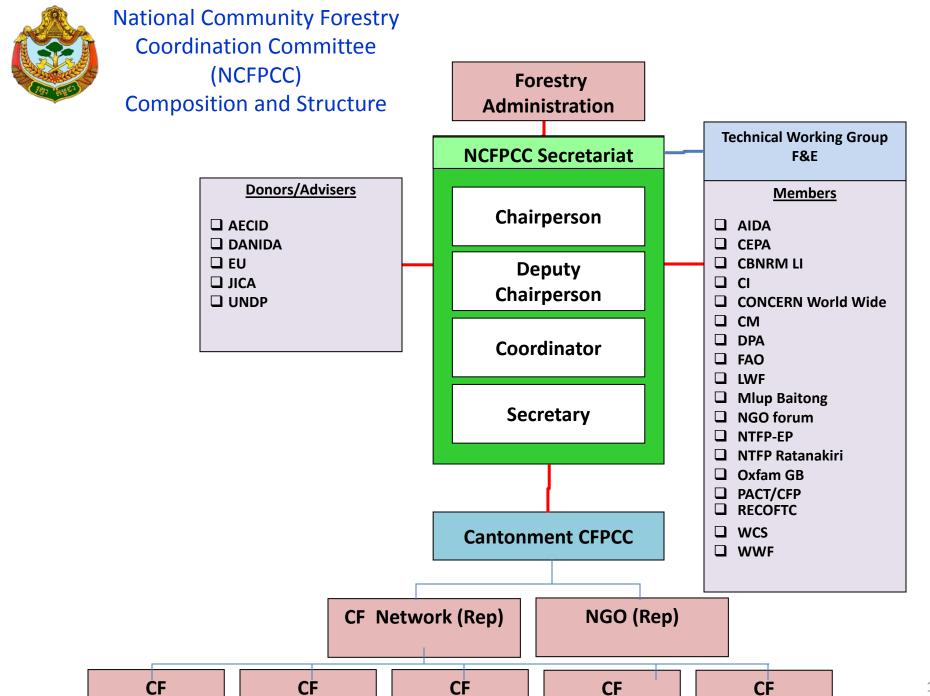
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### **General Constraints**

- Institutional arrangements
- Not yet combine common nesting approach
- Market for forest carbon credit selling
- Not yet have REDD+ strategy, plan, and benefit sharing
- Lack of human resource and financial resources especially at the sub-national level
- Limited awareness raising at all levels



## **Concluding Remarks**

- Royal Government of Cambodia has made efforts and committed to managing forests for multiple benefits
- In the forestry sector, Cambodia has worked with various stakeholders and partners to ensure maximum safeguards of biodiversity and local benefits from any forestry project
- One REDD+ project has achieved dual-gold validations from CCB and VCS, a few more will come
- Sustained technical and financial support for capacity building on REDD+ and safeguards could result in smooth implementation of Cambodia National REDD+ Roadmap.



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