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1. Introduction

Forest-dependent people, particularly indigenous peoples and local communities, have a crucial role to play in climate change mitigation. This was a message echoed loudly and clearly at COP 15 and other international events last year. The latest developments in the proposed mechanism for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD-plus) highlight this role particularly strongly. To become an accepted part of international efforts to address damaging climate change, REDD-plus must not only reduce carbon emissions but must also promote sustainable management of forests and combat poverty.

In Cambodia, Indonesia, and Vietnam; a number of REDD-plus pilot projects are already planned or underway. Government and civil society have started to work together, through initiatives such as UN-REDD, to form national-level working groups and multi-stakeholder networks for the planning, and eventually the implementation, of REDD-plus.

REDD-plus has developed steadily from an innovative idea towards a practical reality, but there is still some way to go before it can be fully implemented. Both government institutions and civil society organizations, working closely together, are essential to realize the potential environmental, social, and economic benefits of REDD-plus.

Keeping up to date with the latest developments in REDD-plus is challenging. Within the contexts of each country, there are numerous links between REDD-plus, wider forestry issues and non-forest sectors. Coordination between all institutions and stakeholders with an interest in the forest sector is needed to develop the frame conditions, in terms of rights, benefits, and governance, necessary for REDD-plus to succeed.

To help meet these challenges, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and RECOFTC – The Center for People and Forests, are organizing three national-level workshops in Cambodia, Indonesia, and Vietnam, to be held in February and March 2010. The aim is to build government and civil society awareness on REDD-plus; to foster and strengthen national REDD-plus networks; and to identify and address critical capacity-building needs.

Each workshop will bring together key government and civil society participants for three days of learning, sharing, and planning. Regional and national capacity building experts will be available as facilitators and resource people to enhance plenary and group discussions. The workshops will be delivered in national languages and tailored to the national context.

2. Objectives

- Overall Objectives
 1. To establish a shared knowledge basis for participants and their organizations on REDD+, including backgrounds, key concepts, stakeholder analysis and the implementation process.
 2. To update participants on recent international and national REDD+ developments.
 3. To identify key competencies, and potential gaps, for REDD+ for different key stakeholders from government and civil society.
 4. To strengthen the existing and foster new, partnerships between Government and Civil Society.

- Key Questions
 1. What drives deforestation and forest degradation, and what are the potential responses?
 2. What is REDD+, how did it evolve, and what are its key concepts?
 3. How can REDD+ work on the ground?
 4. What is the national situation on REDD readiness, and what are the next steps?

3. Composition of participants

The workshops target a mixture of government officials and civil society organizations that have already, or are planning to, engage with REDD+. They represent different levels in society, including national level – provincial level and local level organizations and institutions.

However, this target was not fully achieved in the workshop in Indonesia. The participants of the workshop in Indonesia were mainly from civil society organizations with a couple of participants from private sector but no participation from government institutions. The complete list of participants and organizers is provided in the Annex. In total more than 40 people joined over the three days of the workshop.

4. Methods adopted for training

The methodologies selected attempt to provide a mixture of information sharing and exchange aiming to increase participants' understanding on REDD. They include:

- Presentations
- Case Studies
- Exercises
- Group Work
- Plenary Discussions

Approximately 20% of the workshop in Indonesia consisted of exercises in groups, one of which used a case study of deforestation and degradation of forest in Indonesia. Meanwhile most of the time the participants listened to presentation provided by 14 resource persons in 18 sessions spread in 3-days time. After presentations, the participants asked questions to the resource persons.

5. Workshop content

An overview of the main contents and issues addressed:

Climate change, deforestation, and forest degradation

- The relationship between forests and climate change
- Management of forests in the context of climate change
- Drivers and causes of deforestation and forest degradation
- National patterns of deforestation and degradation, and national responses

REDD+ Basics

- Climate change: science and politics

- History: from RED to REDD+
- Managing forests for carbon
- International actors in REDD+, who they are, what they do

Key REDD concepts

- Definitions: additionality, leakage, permanence
- Baselines and reference levels
- Safeguards: social and environmental
- Monitoring, reporting, and verification

REDD implementation and the role of local people

- Risk analysis
- Benefit sharing and distribution
- Stakeholder analysis
- Local people and forest management
- Local people and carbon monitoring

National context: REDD, local people, and next steps

- National developments
 - project/nested/national approaches
 - policies, programs and networks
 - achievements, issues, and challenges
- Roadmap: capacity building needs and action plans

6. Key Outputs and Findings

- The participants received the updated information on REDD+ in national and international context as mapped in the table below:

SESSION	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION
Introduction to REDD, International context and impact of Climate change	The speaker gave a presentation of the basic of climate change and the chronology of REDD entrance to the picture. During the discussion session, a participant is focused on discussing whether REDD is a form of burden imposition to the developing countries, while the developed countries does not address the issue of energy, fossil fuel use and the demand of forest products. The speaker noted this concern but explained that the objectives of the workshop is to build capacity and understanding on REDD – because it is happening anyway. There is also a discussion on grievance mechanism and benefit distribution that will be discussed at length later.
Drivers of Deforestation and Degradation	The group discussion demonstrated that the participants had a good understanding of the climate change within local context. The plenary discussion, however, then acknowledged that there is a limitation in knowing the difference between climate change and general environmental changes. The participants also discussed how this exercise can be a framework for attitude changes within the people.
Forest and Carbon: Mitigating and Adapting REDD Concepts: Additionality, Leakage, Permanence	The speaker gave a presentation on the role of forest on mitigation and adaptation. The discussion revolved around what was the government strategy to use emission reduction through LULUCF in the overall country's 26% emission reduction target
REDD Concepts: Practical Application by TNC in Berau	The speaker explained about the TNC Berau project and focuses more on the project management strategy it employs. During the discussion process, the participants consistently trying to understand how TNC managed to work with the government.
Baselines	The speaker explained about the concept of baselines, various baseline scenarios and what capacity were needed by the multi-stakeholders on this in order for Indonesia to be able to implement REDD+. During the discussion, there was a general sense of pessimism on whether Indonesia could achieve this level of expertise.
REDD strategies: Addressing the drivers of deforestation and degradation of forest	In this exercise, the participants were designing the multi-stakeholders approach on how to address the drivers of deforestation and degradation of forest using the case study provided. The participants were very critical towards the government during the exercises and the plenary.
Understanding REDD Benefits	The speaker explained the benefits of REDD and how it will trickle down to the community level. The

SESSION	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION
	participants were asking a number of more technical questions on the finance mechanism which the speaker responded by reminding them that there will be another session on financing the day after.
Measuring and Monitoring: the extra work required for REDD+, what is MRV	The speaker explained about the science of MRV, the National GHG Accounting model and the general national architecture needed to have the MRV system. Due to the time constraints, not much discussion took place afterwards.
Managing risks to People and Forests	In this exercise, the participants assessed the risks of REDD implementation in Indonesia
Governance and Equity: FPIC, gender and decision-making process	The speaker explained about the gender issues in REDD decision – the stereotypes and discrimination that women were subjected to. The discussion then took a more general turn into how to deal with cultural context of the community in implementing REDD.
Stakeholder Analysis	In this exercise the participants assessed the level of severity and probability of risks identified in the previous exercise.
Capacity Building needs Assessment	In this session the facilitator provided a presentation on the concept of competency, skill, etc. Afterwards, the participants listed the set of personal competencies owned and needed for individuals and then in group to discuss the competencies needed for institutions.
Indonesia National REDD+ Strategies and Progress	The speaker explained a general overview of REDD and the position in the negotiation process. The discussion was mainly around the possibility of having a true coordination among multi-stakeholders in Indonesia.
Good Forest Governance for REDD+	The speaker and panel explained the work that WRI, ICEL and HUMA been doing on developing the indicators and per-conditions needed to have a good forest governance. There were two main discussions in this session. First is on whether good forest governance is possible in developing countries where food security was still an issue. Second is on how to then utilize these indicators as a mean of advocacy and move beyond discourse level.
Revenue Distribution on REDD	The speaker explained in detail how REDD is a mechanism where the market is yet to be there and the product is still in the development. The speaker paints a clear picture that REDD is a work in progress

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	and there should be more caution in how civil society disseminate information on REDD so that it does not come across as “overpromising”
Understanding Costs and Benefits	The speaker explained the work that OSIRIS was doing on the modeling of how to assess various REDD policy scenarios
REDD Financing: fund or market question	The speaker explained various market mechanisms and the requirements to take part in it.
Corporate View of REDD Opportunities	The speaker explained the role of corporate in REDD context in Indonesia and how to work closer with the private sectors.

- CBNA: Based on the presentations of the group work and the outcomes of the discussions, below is the overview of the competencies for REDD+ and the CBN identified for a number of stakeholders
 - Government (regulator/implementor): participatory planning, budgeting, good governance
 - Community (implementer/beneficiary): understanding, participation, contribution
 - NGO (facilitator, implementer, supervisor): knowledge, networking, communication and transfer knowledge
 - Private sector (implementer/facilitator): forest management, REDD regulation, best practice

7. Major gaps or issues identified

- Throughout the workshop, the participants seemed to feel frustrated that for REDD to be fairly implemented the government needs to have the right capacity and policy in place. There was general pessimism towards that condition being met. One way to deal with that, as recommended by one of the facilitators, is to have a session on conflict resolution. Therefore people are not only learning about the pre-conditions required to have good REDD implementation, but also how to resolve conflict when REDD is implemented anyway without
- Based on the CBNA, the participants agreed that they need more capacity on advocacy, not only the knowledge, but also the tools to engage community more in REDD discussion.

8. Conclusions and recommendations

- The expectation of the participants was met to a certain extent. The table below indicates what are the participants expectation:

EXPECTATION	CONCERN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To obtain information about REDD+ - To gain the ability to train back people in own institution - To understand how and in what areas capacity building on REDD+ can be done - To establish network to do consultation and share best practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The schedule seems to be too condensed, the volume of the materials may not be proportionate to the time available – this might cause the participants to feel overload - There is a concern that REDD+ is only beneficial for private sectors and provincial governments and not for local community - The participants may have different starting level of understanding of REDD+ - The discussions may be too general and not applicable to people on the field; but

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	<p>at the same time not too high level and complicated that it can not be brought back to community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The participants might be too quiet and to polite to be fully involved in heated debates - After knowing more about REDD+, the participants are still left blank on what can be done with the information

- Feedback from the participants indicated that the participants found the workshop informative and that they receive updated information about REDD+.
- While a number of the exercises are useful and the participants believe they can be used as tools to engage the community, there were not many of these exercises. The workshop focused more on seminar-style presentation from resource persons.
- The capacity building and needs assessment, while it helps structure the needs for further capacity building on REDD, did not go the depth necessary to design future training programs.
- The participants felt that the workshop also enriched them with a network among the civil society. Although it is important to note that the level of attendance from participating NGOs was not to the level expected (13 people from civil society). Furthermore, there is no participant from government sector.

Annexes

Agenda:

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Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
08.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ben Vickers (RECOFTC) ○ Dr. Doddy S. Sukadri (DNPI) • Introduction to Training prog, Expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of first day • REDD strategies: Addressing the drivers of deforestation and degradation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of second day • Indonesia National REDD+ strategies and progress with Dr. Doddy S. Sukadri
09.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to REDD, International context & Impact of Climate Change <i>with Ben Vickers (RECOFTC)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding REDD benefits <i>with Agus Sari</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Forest Governance for REDD+ <i>with Crystal Davis (WRI)</i>
10.00	Coffee break		
10.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest and Carbon: Mitigating and Adapting <i>with Ridwan Mas (CER)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measuring and Monitoring: the extra work required for REDD+, what is MRV <i>with Sonya Dewi</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous peoples' concerns: report from AMAN conference. <i>with Mina Setra (AMAN)</i> • Revenue Distribution on REDD <i>with Krystof Obidzinsky</i>
11.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drivers of Deforestation and Degradation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting and Validating: existing and future standards <i>with Agus Sari</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding costs and benefits in different REDD Scenarios <i>With OSIRIS</i>
12.00	Lunch		
13.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REDD concepts: Additionality, Leakage, Permanence <i>with Ridwan Mas (CER)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Risks to People and Forests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visioning REDD In Indonesia <i>With Wahjudi Wardojo (TNC)</i> • REDD Financing within National Climate change strategy <i>with Fabby Tumiwa (IESR)</i>
14.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REDD concepts: practical application <i>with Adi S (TNC)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance and Equity: FPIC, gender and decision-making processes <i>with Mia Siskawati (RMI)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REDD financing: fund the market question <i>with Agus Sari</i>
15.00	Coffee break		
15.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baselines <i>With Saipul Rahman (Baplan)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate view of REDD Opportunities <i>With Niel Franklin (April)</i>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Building Needs Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop assessment and closing

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List of Abbreviations Used

ANR	Assisted Natural Regeneration
AGRA	Agrarian Reform Movement
AMAN	The Muslim Action Network
APRIL	Asia Pacific Resources International Limited
ASFN	Asian Social Forestry Network
CAD	Children Action for Development
CB	Capacity Building
CBNA	Capacity Building Needs Assessment
CBNRM LI	Community Based Natural Resource Management Learning Institute
CC	Climate Change
CCWG	Climate Change Working Group
CDD	Community Driven Development
CF	Community Forestry
CFM	Community Forestry Management
CFUG	Community Forestry User Groups
CIFOR	Center for International Forestry Research
COP	Conference of Parties
CSF	Civil Society Forum
DNPI	National Board on Climate Change - Indonesia
ERPA	Emission Reductions Purchase Agreement
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization
FKKM	Communication Forum on Community Forestry
FPIC	Free, Prior and Informed Consent
GD	Government Decision
GERES	Groupe Energies Renouvelables, Environnement et Solidarités
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GTZ	German Technical Cooperation
HUMA	Association for Community and Ecology-Based Legal Reform
ICEL	Indonesian Center for Environmental Law
ICRAF	World Agroforestry Center
IGES	Institute for Global Environmental Sciences
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
LATIN	Lembaga Alam Tropika Indonesia
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MAFF/FA	Forestry Administration
MOE	Ministry of Environment
MRV	Monitoring, Reporting and Verification
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
NTFP	Non-Timber Forestry Products
PDD	Project Design and Development
PEACE	PT. Pelangi Energi Abadi Citra Enviro
PES	Payment for Environmental Services
PILI	Green Network - Pusat Informasi Lingkungan Indonesia
PUSDIKLAT	Center for Forestry Education and Training
RECOFTC	The Center for People and Forests
REDD	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation
RMI	Organization of Women Foresters
R-PIN	Readiness Plan Idea Note
RPP	Readiness Preparation Proposal
SAWIT	Indonesian network against oil palm plantations

WATCH	
SFM	Sustainable Forestry Management
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
WALHI	Indonesian Forum for the Environment
WARSI	Indonesian Conservation Community
WCS	World Conservation Society
WRI	World Resources Institution