

आज 1 मिति शुद्ध १०२१ गते बिहवार बिहान ९:०० बजे श्री वन तथा भू-संरक्षण मन्त्रालयको सचिव श्री युवराज भुसाल ज्यूको अध्यक्षतामा वनेको REDD Working Group को बैठकमा तपलिका महानुभावहरुको उपस्थितिमा तपलिक अनुसारको प्रस्तावमाथि छलफल गरि निर्णय गरियो ।

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प्रस्तावित Agenda हरु :-

- Agenda No.1: Progress Review on Previous RWG Meeting
- Agenda No.2: Sharing of Proposals submitted by REDD-cell
- Agenda No.3: R-PP Progress update
- Agenda No.4: Gaps on FRA output and REDD data needs (MRV, Reference scenario)
- Agenda No.5: Apex Body meeting (agenda, venue & date)
- Agenda No.6: Any other Business
 - Briefing on REDD Plus Social Environmental Indicators Initiatives
 - RWG field visits
 - RWG extensions application received

Decisions

The agenda wise decisions are presented below.

1) Sharing of Implementation of decision of last RWG Meeting

The REDD cell presented following status on the decisions.

Progress Review		
Decision Points	Status	Remarks
REDD Cell shall prepare a proposal to extend members of RWG	Proposed as a separate agenda in 6	
Completion of remaining ToRs	ToRs of all components have already been finalized except 5 & 6	
Capacity development of REDD Cell	- A Proposal was submitted to local donors of NRS 3.5 million (Proposed in separate agenda 2) - One room is available from DFRS and we expect other rooms for development of resource centre and staff accommodation in REDD Cell	
Enhanced extension and communication activities	Website has already been launched for public access (address: www.mofsc-redd.gov.np) & leaflets are under preparation	
PES proposal	REDD Cell was consulted by ADB consultant regarding the proposal on "Capturing Economic benefits from PES". REDD-Cell has expressed its interest to involve in such pilot study, If opportunity provided in the future.	

The RWG is satisfied with the implementation of previous RWG meeting's decisions.

2) REDD Cell informed the members that two separate proposals were developed and submitted by the Cell to the local donors and the World Bank. The first one is about the capacity development of REDD-Cell and second one is about the expression of Nepal's interest to participate in Forest Investment Fund. RWG endorsed both proposals..

3) Progresses status of RPP components are as follows.

Readiness Preparation Proposal Progress			
R-PP Components	ToRs	Work Status	Work to be completed
1.a National Readiness Management Arrangements		⚡	
1.b Stakeholder Consultation and Participation		⚡	22-Feb, 2010
2.a Assessment of Land Use, Forest Policy and Governance		⚡	Under, review
2.b REDD Strategy Options		⚡	14 Feb, 2010
2.c REDD Implementation Framework		⚡	Draft ready
2.d Social and Environmental Impacts		⚡	Draft ready
3.1 Review historical data available		⚡	10 April, 2010

3.2 Forecasts of future emission		⌈	10 April, 2010
4. Design Monitoring System		⌈	10 April, 2010
5. Schedule and Budget	—	—	10 April, 2010
6. Design a Program Monitoring and Evaluation Framework	—	—	10 April, 2010

Note: ⌈ symbol represent, ongoing work & — yet to start

The RWG was satisfied with R-PP progress to date.

4) After reviewing the Forest Resource Assessment (FRA) project document, REDD Cell is convinced in the fact that the provisions mentioned in the project document is not technically appropriate and adequate to furnish the forestry data /information required to develop reference scenario and MRV system for REDD+ implementation in Nepal. Other important points about FRA discussed in the RWG includes - sub-national level forest inventory data, end users, data access and data ownership, inventory of trees outside forests, low sampling intensity, historical baseline, use of medium resolution image (SPOT and Land sat TM 10-30m), and LiDAR technology. It was decided by RWG meeting that the REDD Cell will raise this concern in forthcoming FRA data need assessment meeting.

5) RWG members discussed about the need of Apex body meeting. Meeting concluded that the Apex body meeting is important so the date and venue of this meeting will be fixed soon after consultation with the Honorable minister to MoFSC.

6) Discussion on any other business (AOB)

- a) The REDD Cell informed the RWG members about the Nepal's membership in REDD+, Social and Environmental Standards initiatives and also reminded about the due date of submitting the comments on provided documents..
- b) Regarding the REDD Pilot field visits, the meeting concluded that the field visit be postponed for the moment and dates will be discussed and decided later.

Regarding extension of RWG membership, the meeting concluded that the current institutional set-up will be continued till R-PP submission to the Bank. However, representatives from institutions like HIMAWANTI, NFA, YOUTH, ACOFUN, DANAR, IOF, SDC, WWF, DNPWC, MoE, and DSCWM shall be invited in the RWG meeting as an invitee. It was further agreed that REDD stakeholders forum can be formed in future- including but not limited to interested organizations/institutions / parties / individuals, to engage in the R-PP sharing process. In addition, it was also decided that the roles and responsibilities of each members of RWG members and the Forum be well defined. The meeting also agreed that two RWG meetings will be held before submission of R-PP to the World Bank.

- c) Regarding the concern about the PES piloting and participation to the Volunteer carbon market ; the RWG meeting decided to form a sub-committee to develop an interim framework. The sub-committee will identify major strategic issues at macro level and propose a workable interim framework in next RWG meeting. The committee members include- Bhola Bhattarai (FECOFUN), Peter Branny (LFP), Dr Hemant Ojha (Forest Action), and Resham Dangi (REDD-Cell).

