

National REDD+ Roadmap Taskforce in Mongolia

Terms of Reference

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Background

REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation) is a new international mechanism to reward developing countries for reducing their rate of deforestation and forest degradation, and for increasing carbon stocks. As defined under the *1992 United Nations Convention on Climate Change*, REDD+ will operate at the national level and will cover all forested areas in a country. Countries will be rewarded for reducing their rate of deforestation and forest degradation, and for increasing their forest carbon stocks. Any reductions in deforestation or forest degradation at the sector or sub-national level will not be rewarded unless overall national rates also decline. Similarly, increases in carbon stocks will not be rewarded unless the increase takes place at the national level.

It is therefore necessary to establish a national coordinating body which has broad cross-sectoral representation across government in order for REDD+ to be implemented on a national scale. The body should also include representatives from non-government stakeholders and should adopt a process to ensure engagement with all stakeholders.

Under the emerging UNFCCC framework for REDD+,¹ countries should adopt a three-phase approach to REDD+:

- Phase 1: Development of a national REDD+ strategy or action plan
- Phase 2: Implementation of the national REDD+ Strategy
- Phase 3: Operation of REDD+.

These Terms of Reference address the preliminary part of Phase 1 only, namely, the development of a national REDD+ Roadmap for Mongolia which will set out how Mongolia plans to design and implement a more comprehensive national REDD+ strategy: see the process below.



Decree to establish Taskforce

A National REDD+ Roadmap Taskforce in Mongolia is established under Decree No XX of September 2011, issued by the Minister for Nature, Environment and Tourism.

¹ Cancun Agreements, Dec. 1/CP 16, Chapter III C.

Taskforce objective

The National REDD+ Roadmap Taskforce is responsible for coordinating the preparation of a National REDD+ Readiness Roadmap for Mongolia (Phase 1 above). This will be achieved through the preparation of a document called a '*REDD+ Readiness Preparation Proposal*' (R-PP). Following the REDD+ Roadmap, it should be noted that further work will be required to develop a comprehensive REDD+ Strategy in Mongolia.

Membership and structure

The Members of the National REDD+ Taskforce are Annexed to the Decree establishing the Taskforce. The members are::

1. Forestry Agency, Director (Taskforce Chair)
2. Forestry Agency, Director of the Forestation Policy Division (Taskforce Secretary)
3. Cabinet Secretary of the Government of Mongolia
4. National Human Rights Commission, Director of the Division of Complaints, Monitoring and Evaluation
5. Special Envoy for Climate Change, Mongolia
6. Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry: Deputy Director of the Department of Livestock Policy Implementation
7. Ministry of Finance, Specialist of the Division of Budget Expenditure
8. Ministry for Nature, Environment and Tourism, Specialist of the Department of Environment and Natural Resource Management
9. Forestry Agency, Director of Forest Exploitation, Regulatory Division
10. Forestry Agency, Chair of the Forest Organization Service of the Forest Reserve and Forest Protection Division
11. Agency of Land Affairs, Geodesy and Cartography, Chair of the Urban Planning and Land Affairs Division
12. Agency of Mineral Resources, Specialist of the Mining Research Division
13. Mongolian Environment Civil Council
14. Mongolian National University, Head of the Department of Forest Study
15. Ministry for Nature, Environment and Tourism, Chair of the Division of CDM
16. Director of the 'Future of Forest' LLC
17. Head of Association of Forest Entrepreneurs

Chair and Secretariat

The Chair of the Taskforce is the Director of the Forestry Agency within the Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism. The Chair will be responsible for calling meetings of the Taskforce and Working Groups.

The Secretariat of the Taskforce is the Forestry Agency. The Secretariat will be responsible for arranging meetings of the Taskforce and Working Groups and for taking minutes of meetings.

Working Groups

The Taskforce may carry out its work through Working Groups. The Chair shall determine the membership and tasks of each Working Group. The Chair may appoint a Chair for each Working Group. UNDP will assist with providing facilitators for each Working Group.

Advisory Board

The Taskforce will be supported by an Advisory Board which will have the following members:

- Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism, Mr Ts. Banzragch
- UNDP Country Office, Mongolia
- UN-REDD Programme/UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre)
- FAO
- GIZ.

Work of Taskforce

- To collect and provide baseline information on the state of forestry, drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, forest inventory and land use, etc, for compilation in the REDD+ Roadmap
- To participate in and manage, either directly or through participation in a working group, of the process of drafting the REDD+ Readiness Roadmap
- To review drafts of the REDD+ Readiness Roadmap
- To request technical guidance and assistance from the Advisory Body as and when required during the preparation of the REDD+ Roadmap
- To guide the process of stakeholder consultation and awareness-raising about REDD+ and to ensure that all relevant stakeholders are consulted during the process of developing the REDD+ Readiness Roadmap.

Reporting

The Director of the Forestry Agency is responsible for reporting on the progress and decisions of the Taskforce to the Minister for Nature, Environment and Tourism. Each member of the Taskforce will be responsible for reporting to his or her own line agency or organization.

UNDP will be responsible for reporting to the UN-REDD Programme (FAO and UNEP).

Duration of Taskforce

Preparation of the REDD+ Roadmap will begin in September 2011 and is estimated to be completed by the end of January 2012.

Annex A: Diagram of Taskforce structure

