

**NGO Resource Centre La Thanh Hotel, 218 Doi Can, Hanoi**  
**NGO Climate Change Working Group**

**CCWG Core Group Meeting**  
**7 May 2009**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Updates from the thematic groups and planned meetings**

ABC sub-group update and linking with the media: ABC had meeting on 6 of May at Oxfam, Giang - Action for the City is now chairperson of ABC subgroup replacing Andrew from CRS. It's suggested that Ms. Giang from Action for the City should join the monthly CCWG meeting for updating on ABC subgroup and to share/exchange information with core group member about linking with the media and communication strategies for whole group.

Mitigation sub-group: the next meeting will be on 22 of May to discuss more in detail about policy message on REDD, new mechanism for carbon finance, energy mitigation. The group currently came up with messages on REDD, social issue, land use, good environment ...

Adaptation sub-group: Meeting on advocacy messages was conducted on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**The CC capacity building project on start-up**: PSC meeting will be held on 8 of May in this meeting we will discuss about start up and planning workshop by the end of May. It is open to every NGOs staff who interested in and have human resource to involve to the implementation process. Mainstreaming CC Adaptation: The work is now going on with Govnt.

**Action points:**

⇒ Fiona to contact Giang about joining Core group and regularly reporting to CCWG.

**Other updates/discussion**

- Colin updated on several events with participation of energy sector stakeholders mainly large scale private sector. There will be a Mekong Power Summit in Saigon on 4/5<sup>th</sup> June and Eurocham will be organising a forum on renewable energy in September which he will provide more information on. Colin noted that government are changing their policy on setting energy prices and tariffs.

- Mr. Mike Parsons shared briefing information on Poverty and Environment Project, which is executed by MONRE/UNDP. The title of project is " Harmonizing Poverty Reduction and Environmental Goals in Policy for Sustainable Development 2005 – 2009. The goal of project is Strengthen Gov capacity to integrate P& E goals into policy frameworks for sustainable development. This program is now accessing MONRE's climate change models and will disseminate them in Ha Tinh and Thue Tinh Hue provinces and test if current coping strategies for livelihood and protection of livelihoods will still be relevant in the context of the predicted scenarios over time. The program will look at methods including incorporating CC into SEAs

- Peter/NDMP updated on CC advocacy opportunities relating to DRR and CC at high level for a where there could be opportunities for NGOs to provide suggestions to government:

- UNISDR Global Platform for disaster risk reduction. It will be held on 16 -19 in June in Geneva. Vietnamese Prime-minister had been invited to join this Platform. The VN delegation's going to join the Platform and delivering a speech on "Reducing Disaster Risk in a Changing Climate".

- 1) A high level national policy forum on CCA and DRR in Vietnam will be held in September (hopefully prior to the COP). NDMP may organize a workshop to generate agenda points and content at which NGOs could participate.
  - 2) Potential to meet with delegates to COP15 in their preparatory sessions
- Carbon finance and NGOs. Fiona led a discussion on NGO positions and access relating to carbon finance for AFOLU (Agriculture, forestry and other land use), REDD and energy projects. CARE International has agreed to apply social and environmental standards in any project that aims to access CDM or voluntary market carbon credits. Generally this would be CCB standards for forest/land use and Gold Standard for energy projects. Green Building Council proposed LEED or Lotus as a standard they use for green buildings. The challenges for NGOs to be able to manage risks and pre-finance the investment required in project design to meet CDM/VCS requirements and also meet social, development and environmental standards in line with NGO poverty reduction and sustainable development goals remain very high. It is also unclear to what extent the costs of a poverty focused mitigation project would be covered by sales of emissions reductions
  - The mid year Consultative Group meeting will be held in June and as before has an agenda item on CC
  - The CCWG brochure is now printed in Vietnamese

### **Other meetings attended by members in the last month**

- REDD meeting under FSSP and Department of Forestry of MARD on 16<sup>th</sup> April. They shared a donor mapping and agreed to set up a REDD working group, which include of UNDP, WB, SNV, ADB.. Other NGOs (CARE, RECOFTC, FFI) were invited but could not attend. They are drafting a group TOR and will circulate to FSSP members. Mr Cuong from MARD also join this WG.
- Mrs. Hop has just attended the workshop on “strategy planning on REDD” in Nepal hosted by RECOFTC, FECOFUN and CARE. At this workshop Hop gave introduction about VN REDD. She presented the approach from civil society and updated what's going on on REDD.
- One member has visited a Climate Monitoring Centre in Sapa and would be interested to know more about these centres.

### **Action points:**

- Finalise CCWG policy messages and action plan – agree on what is required with different audiences and how to engage with COP15 delegates.
- Prepare input for CC statement from NGOs to the CG meeting utilizing policy messages and inputs from thematic groups.
- Disseminate CCWG brochure printed in Vietnamese and bring to NGO RC
- Fiona will contact Chairman of DMWG Mr. Ugo Blanco to discuss joint submission to Vice Minister speech at the Global Platform for DRR and how CCWG and DMWG can cooperate and work together on these issues.
- Adaptation subgroup/ DMWG may call a join meeting to discuss where we are on ACC mainstreaming and review what are key messages we had already sent to MARD and now what are recommendation should be sent more.
- Colin will send the announcements or information to mailing list on Eurocham workshops

### **Upcoming events**

- Mitigation subgroup meeting on 22 of May
- The adaptation sub-group meeting on sharing VCA field tests on 29<sup>th</sup> May (need further confirmation)

- Start-up workshop of the Capacity Building on Climate Change for Civil Society on 10th June
- The planning workshop of the CB project on 26<sup>th</sup> June
- The Next CCWG core group meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> of June