

**NGO Climate Change Working Group (CCWG)
Core and Thematic Group Meeting**

**Thursday, 2nd April 2009
NGO Resource Centre**

Meeting Chaired by Steve Price-Thomas
Note taker: Phan Ha - NGORC

Meeting Minutes

1. Review minutes and action points from last meeting

- *Check with Adaptation Group and other Groups for a meeting to develop advocacy messages:* Adaptation subgroup had a meeting on 2 of April at 12.30 to 2 at NGORC as scheduled on Brainstorming and development of adaptation advocacy messages; Mitigation subgroup had a meeting on 19 March, Policy subgroup met on 23 March
- Capacity building proposal : SRD revised the proposal and sent to the Finnish Embassy. Finally, the proposal had been approved and the ceremony of receiving project fund will be held on the next Tuesday (7 of April).
- Peter had collected materials on CBDRM and mainstreaming and had sent the matrix on CBDRM and mainstreaming, related link to group email. Everyone can assess it now.
- East Meet West had not yet sent the invitation of workshop as well as the report of EMW survey through group email. Ha will follow with Rick about this issue.
- Follow up with WWF on its participation as core group member. This is still pending. Fiona should follow up with Trine.

2. Discussion on Climate change Policy directions for 2009 (Policy, adaptation and mitigation group)

Steve briefed summary on Policy group met on 23 February: after this meeting the group agreed to pick 5 areas of policy that CCWG should focus on, those were as bellow:

1. Policy dialogue to improve the effective mainstreaming of Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) through relevant Government Ministries
2. Provide input into government mainstreaming decisions and accompanying guidelines, advocating for DRM/CCA incorporation and the inclusion of practical measures/tools.

3.. Ensure major Government programs and initiatives are targeted at local levels, such as the proposed 10,000 communes on Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) program, build in DRM/CCA considerations and utilise appropriate tools.

4. Target key Government officials with coordinated efforts to display positive results of successful initiatives and to highlight basic steps that can be taken, leading to improved outcomes with minimal additional cost. Share good practices...

5. Advocate for training and capacity building programs, at provincial and lower level (and ministries at the central level), that promote DRM/CCA mainstreaming in planning to key Government planning officials.

Detail information about policy meeting please see the link for meeting minutes [http://www.ngocentre.org.vn/files/docs/Minutes CCWG Policy Group 23 02 09.doc](http://www.ngocentre.org.vn/files/docs/Minutes_CCWG_Policy_Group_23_02_09.doc)

Adaptation group:

- Josie from Care updated briefing information on Adaptation meeting which was held on 2 of April at 12 PM. She gave result of group discussion and brainstorming on adaptation advocacy messages:

There were 8 Key messages for adaptation which was agreed by all groups at the meeting:

1. do bottom up planning (based on sound science which informs real decision makers at every level
2. Utilise existing NGO knowledge resources to demonstrate successful/ effective models.
3. include local community level. indigenous knowledge + relevant experience from the region (eg: Bangladesh/ Nepal/Cambodia)
4. Adaptation measures should not be limited to “agriculture systems” but also include diverse livelihood options eg microfinance
5. Ensure adaptation measures reduce people’s vulnerability do not develop it
6. Ensure adaptation targets the most vulnerable.
7. Implement a range of measures not just infrastructure
8. CC adaptation should not be seen as a separate add on but a key part of all planning

These messages will be developed to suit the target gap (tone + languages format) => policy makers/ implementers.

Mitigation group:

Tan- new chairman of group stated that Mitigation subgroup has not yet discussed and given out the policy messages during the last meeting on 19 March. However Mitigation group had discussed and agreed to focus on REDD, in which the group will undertake 5 following issues:

- Policy and social aspects relating to REDD for COP 15 & National Target Program

- National REDD process (R – Plan under UN – REDD/ WB – FCPF) and potential funding
- Sharing of information on REDD
- Capacity building/training (REDD & others)
- Energy mitigation

The Mitigation subgroup will have more discussion on policy messages in the next meeting then will finalise it and send later on.

ABC group: Media source:

ABC group had meeting last month at Caritas discussed about good IEC

The mtng minutes will be circulated soon

Action point:

- *ABC and Mitigation subgroup will follow up with their own discussion on policy messages then the final message should be sent to Policy group for compilation.*
- *Policy group will collect all policy messages from different subgroup and compile in one document then send around to big group for further comments.*

3. Updates from the thematic groups

- *Update on Vulnerability Capacity Assessment tools and methodology (Adaptation group)*

The Adaptation group now focusing on VCA tools and methodology. Some orgs already had plan such as Oxfam, Red Cross, Care, Challenge to Change...Care, Red Cross also had their own VCA program plan and will provide VCA Training. Adaptation group now is in process of renew incorporating the social aspect and make plan for sharing VCA training with other organisations.

Care International has their own mainstreaming guidelines, VCA guidelines. Care agreed after the training, they will share these guidelines to the group and late of April group will meet and discuss again about whether group should develop join guidelines or not, Possibility of developing comment for the guidelines.

- Preparation for the Launching of Capacity Building Project (Adaptation group)
SRD revised the proposal and sent to Finish Embassy and it had approved by 1 of April. The Finnish Embassy will organise launching ceremony for 2 projects in which includes of CCWG capacity project on 7 of April. Currently SRD is doing preparation for this event. The launching invitation had been sent to CCwg mailing list. MARD, MONRE representatives are also invited. The Finnish Ambassador will attend and make the opening speech . A planning workshop will be held afterwards.

- Mrs. Yen from SRD stressed that the success was a joint effort of all CCWG members and SRD really keen to receive continue support from group members during the project life in the near future.

ABC group meeting update and linking with the media

It was suggested that ABC should do the Media strategy which presents for all CCWG.

Action point:

- SRD should consult the ability from core group member and will have detail plan for project implementation ASAP after the ceremony event.

Mitigation group:

- Mr. Tan from RECOFTC gave briefing information on the last meeting of Mitigation subgroup: Mitigation subgroup met again on 19 March. The group reviewed last year activities, group TOR, discussed and agreed on issues and priorities for mitigation sub-theme in 2009, Plans/ activities on mitigation in 2009 of participating individuals/ organizations, Organizational issues/workplan for mitigation sub-theme in 2009, to add new things in REDD. Tan had circulated the meeting minutes, revised TOR to group email.
- Group members also shared what they have done or what they are doing in term of mitigation. The group agreed to schedule monthly meeting on the second Thursday of the month after core group meeting and in the next meeting group will develop policy message and detail working plan for 5 focus areas as mentioned.

Detail information about the last Mitigation meeting please visit the link:

http://www.ngocentre.org.vn/files/docs/Mitigation_theme_-_meeting_minutes_190309.doc

- Carbon Market Orientation Session (Mitigation group):

Yen gave briefing on carbon Market orientation session was held on 20 March. There were only 10 participants attended the meeting. During the meeting Colin provided basic information on economic analysis of the air pollution, basic information about the carbon market, He gave good reference projects under the development of the concept notes , 18 projects were approved, most of them are hydro power. The link should be post on CCWG subgroup.

Action point:

- John will find the link on the mentioned project and send to Ha at NGORC
- Yen will ask for Colin presentation then send to Ha for posting to Group website.

- Consider the possibility to use the fund in Capacity building - component on adaptation and Mitigation for more design on Carbon market.

Participation by CCWG members and representatives in national and international events:

- Briefing of Donor Technical Working Group: a meeting will be held on 3 of April, Josie and Steve will be joining. Yen and Steve also attended the meeting of high level Donor group they was talking about financial of NTP on CC, JICA presented their program on Climate Change, and another discussion on how to support to NTP. There were some disagreement about the best way to fund the NTP. Some more ad hoc discussion on that, however no solution for this issue at the moment. They agreed that in the next meeting they will invite Mr. Hieu from MONRE to discuss the funding needs in the NTP.
- Mr. Gia –SCA informed that Disaster Management Working Group will organise national event on disaster reduction day on 21 of May. DMWG welcomes CCWG members to join this event. During this, people can meet the Media, and this is also a good chance for raising awareness of Climate Change DMWG expected that CCWG should have a speech in the event. This come from JANI project. Anyone interested in the event can Contact directly Mr. Gia at gianv@savechildren.org.vn

Action Point:

- Mr. Gia will circulate the Invitation to CCWG email when it available

Other business and upcoming events

- CCWG Brochure –Vietnamese version is now available and it will be circulate to whole group in shortly.

- Launching of capacity building project on 7 of April:

- Next meeting: first Thursday of next month – 7 of May

- Next meeting of Mitigation subgroup on the second Thursday of the next month : 14 of May.

The meeting finish at 3.30 PM

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