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Concept note and agenda
Public hearing/Final Workshop on FRL and MMR

Dates: 21-23 September 2020

Venue: [Aksorn Hotel], Rayong

BACKGROUND

FCPF Thailand - The Kingdom of Thailand has signed a Grant Agreement (GA) with the World Bank, under the Readiness Fund of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), with the aim of supporting the efforts of the Government of Thailand (GoT) in improving the ability to measure and monitor forest and forest change, estimate GHGs from forests, and account for, as part of the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the Paris Agreement.

As part of the GA, FAO has been providing technical assistance to the GoT for the development of REDD+ Forest Reference (Emission) Levels (FRL/FREL) and National Forest Measurement, Monitoring and Reporting system (NFMS/MMR), compliant with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) decisions and guidance and guidelines of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

The FRL/FREL and NFMS/MMR forms the basis to track and report on emission and removals achieved by implementing REDD+, which is a framework collectively agreed by Parties to the UNFCCC with the aim to slow, halt and reverse forest cover and carbon loss, in accordance with national circumstances, consistent with the objective of the UNFCCC to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system.

FREL/FRL - In Thailand a Forest Reference Emission Level and Forest Reference Level document for the period 2006 to 2016 was drafted and subsequently suggested for submission to the UNFCCC by the Technical Working Group (TWG) chaired by Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP). The submission of the FREL/FRL is expected in early January 2021, after which it will go through UNFCCC technical assessment.

NFMS/MMR - Under the Grant Agreement support has been provided to establish different components of Thailand’s National Forest Measurement, Monitoring and Reporting system (NFMS/MMR). In a recent consultation meeting inputs have been gathered on the way forward on the NFMS/MMR, and subsequently a NFMS/MMR document has been drafted.

To improve general understanding and apprehend the details of the NFMS/MMR and FREL/FRL a public hearing is organized.

SPECIFIC WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The workshop/public hearing objectives are to build capacity and revisit the NFMS/MMR and FREL/FRL, specifically to highlight progress made under the GA, seek feedback to the NFMS/MMR and to discuss plan for FRL submission.

The workshop will run for three days (21-23 September 2020), starting on 21st afternoon, and with a final session in the morning of the 23th. The 21st September session will highlight the general context of the development of the NFMS/MMR and FREL/FRL and activities implemented under the Grant Agreement (GA). The 22nd September session will focus on discussing and reviewing the NFMS/MMR, and the 23rd September session will be reserved for a feedback session and to discuss the plan for FRL submission and expected technical assessment.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS AND ARRANGEMENTS

The main target participants are technical government officers and wider audience who are involved or have basic understanding in REDD+ readiness processes, especially on FRL/FREL and NFMS/MMR. The number of participant and resources persons is limited to 50 persons, and Covid-19 protection and safety guidance will be followed during the time of the meeting.

Resource persons:

Mathieu van Rijn (Forestry Officer REDD+, FAO);

Naila Yasmin (GIS and Remote Sensing Expert, FAO)

Gael Sola (Forest Inventory & Biomass Assessment Expert, FAO) – remotely connected for some sessions

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Programme for the Public hearing/Final Workshop on FRL and MMR

Day One: (Monday) 21 September 2020			
Time	Event	Organization	Speaker
12:00-13:00	Arrival and registration		
Day 1 – NFMS/MMR and FREL/FRL and activities implemented under the Grant Agreement (GA)			
13:00-13:30	- Opening remarks - Group Photo	DNP FAO	TBC
13:30-14:00	- Introduction to Warsaw Framework, NFMS and FRL elements	FAO	Mr Mathieu van Rijn
14:00-14:15	- Question & Answer session	All	
14:15-14:45	Break		
14:45-15:30	- Overview of activities implemented under the Grant Agreement	FAO	Mr Mathieu van Rijn
15:30-16:00	- Question & Answer session		
16:00-17:00	- (Launch) Presentation of Thailand’s FREL/FRL and NFMS/MMR	DNP	TBC
18:30-20:00	Welcome reception/dinner		
Day Two: (Tuesday) 22 September 2020			
Day 2 – NFMS/MMR validation consultation			
8:30-10:00	Institutionalization and overall design and functions of the NFMS/MMR - Presentation - Group work (design and improvement plan)	All	All (facilitation by FAO advisers)
10:00-10:30	Break		
10:30-12:00	Measurement - Presentation - Group work (design and improvement plan)	All	All
12:00-13:00	Lunch		
13:00-14:30	Monitoring - Presentation - Group work (design and improvement plan)	All	All
14:30-15:00	Break		
15:00-16:30	Reporting and Communication - Presentation - Group work (design and improvement plan)	All	All
18:30-20:00	Group Dinner	18:30-20:00	

Day Three: (Wednesday) 23 September 2020***Day 3 – Feedback session, FRL submission and technical assessment***

8:30-9:30	- Open feedback session	All	All
9:30-10:00	Break		
10:00-10:30	- FREL/FRL, Planned schedule of UNFCCC submission and technical assessment	FAO	Mr Mathieu van Rijn
10:30-11:00	- Question & Answer session	All	
11:00-12:00	- Closing session	DNP	TBC
12:00-13:00	Lunch and departure		