

**Joint RGC/Donor Coordination Committee Meeting for
The Independent Forest Sector Review**
Royal Danish Embassy
Development Cooperation Section
12 March 2004

1. Opening: The meeting was starting on 2h 35

2. Welcome: Mogens Laumand Christensen, Resident Representative of DANIDA welcomed participants to the third Joint Coordinating Committee meeting for the Independent Forest Sector Review. The agenda of this meeting is the same to the previous one.

3. Adoption of Last Meeting Minute

The minutes of the last JCC meeting on 21st January 2004 was adopted without modification

4. Progress Report

Dermot Shields presented his reactions from the fact-findings workshops held on 3rd March.

(a) Livelihoods presentation (morning):

Feedback was generally positive, with little negative feedback from participants regarding the relationship between livelihoods and forest

(b) Economic presentation (afternoon):

There was considerable negative feedback after the economics workshop. Some people disagreed strongly on applying economic analysis to forestry

Dermot Shields presented his proposal for the final report.

He wanted to change the term “*Fact Finding*” to “*Current Situation*”

- Format of final report:
 - (a) The report consists of 4 sections
 - (b) The main report will be about 100 pages
 - (c) The current situation – covered by the list of working papers (see Dermot’s document distributed) - has been assigned to each consultant
- Deadlines for report completion:
 - (a) See the report distributed by Dermot

5. SFMP Review

See Dermot’s document distributed

6. Discussion:

This was mainly focused on the content of the Livelihoods and Economics workshop.

(a) Community forestry

- Total agreement that there are little economic benefits—
- We can see how forest can improve the poverty

- Some people were not happy about Dermot's model
- Problem of identifying community forestry areas.(10-15 km it does not imply that it is to be suitable for community forestry area but it is the distance that people have relationship with forests)
- Community people living 10-15 km can collect NTFPs.
- Livelihood workshop – presented a case study - not uniform for all.

(b) Swidden agriculture

The term is different from “slash and burn”-it related to customary use of forests.

(c) Poverty Reduction Strategy.

- There are reasons that forests are contributed poverty reduction
- MAFF has a paper on strategy for community forestry that reducing poverty consists of 11 pages.
- Millennium Goal of the UN has addressed on Environment that breaking down into Sustainable Forest Management.

6. Agreements

- (a) **Report deadline.** It was agreed that all the reports including main report and working papers would be available on 19th March
- (b) **SFMP review:** There was no disagreement about the recommendation for Dr. Alexander Hinrichs and Dr. Catherine MacKenzie for the SFMP review. At this stage, neither was available before June and if it was possible to start earlier, we would need to find alternative candidates. Danida funds have been exhausted and there was a request to JICA and GTZ he help with the SFMP review
- (c) **Scenario workshops.** The Independent Forest Sector Review Scenario workshop on the 17th was open to all participants – not just CSO and NGOs.

7. Closing:

The meeting was declared to close at 3h 40. The next meeting will be on 19th April (Friday).

Persons Present

Ty Sokhun,
 Mogens Laumand Christensen
 Eang Savet
 Menh Sam Oeun
 Ho Sivyong
 Bin Da
 Jürgen Fichthau
 Toshihiro Shima
 Dermot Shields
 Yves Thériaut
 Chan Danith