

**Joint RGC/Donor Coordination Committee Meeting for the
Independent Forest Sector Review**
Royal Danish Embassy
Development Cooperation Section
19th March 2004

1. Opening:

The meeting started at 2h30.

2. Welcome:

Mogens Laumand Christensen, Resident Representative of DANIDA welcomed to participants to the third Joint Coordinating Committee meeting for the Independent Forest Sector Review. The agenda of this meeting was not identified but it was mainly discussed on progress report of workshop presentation on Independent Sector Review by Dermot Shields and way forward.

3. Adoption of Last Meeting Minute

The minute on 12 March 2004 have not been produced yet.

4. Progress Report

Dermot Shields briefly presented the Scenario presentation workshop on Independent Forest Sector Review from 16th (government department), 17th (NGOs and civil societies), 18th (donors) & 19th (government minister). The following are some observations, reactions and useful points noted by Dermot:

- The findings of the overall report are not the recommendations but they are the discussion, suggestions for further development options;
- There was a problem of simultaneous Khmer translation on the 16th due to technical terminologies; it was solved at the moment;
- The workshop at 17th drawn more reactions from stakeholders on issues related to concession and logging;
- The 18th workshop, the discussion focused on the way of donor's consideration on their approaches with contextual things;
- The 19th the discussions were made on how the report will be put into National Poverty Policy as for national policy frameworks. The role of FA and its approach; decentralization and deconcentration of forestry issues; suggested responsibility changes of Dept that would be clear; and partnership issues of FA.

5. Discussion on how to proceed with the release of the report:

- It was decided that the report will be submit first to the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) for the Independent Forest Sector Review on the 19th of April. Once the JCC received the final report, it will officially be handed out to the Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), with a khmer version of the executive summary, before any other stakeholders.

- A pre-warning letter will be sent to H.E. Chan Sarun to announce that the report will be handed-over on the 23rd of April and the desire to have a meeting with him on the way forward for the forest sector of Cambodia.
- After the Minister received the report, it will be put on Internet with the 14 working papers to allow easy access to the public. The Khmer translation of the report and the executive summary will be handled by the Forestry Administration and coordinated by the Independent Forest Sector Review Secretariat.
- No revision of the working paper will be done and only mistakes may be modified in the final report. However, an e-mail address will be created to receive the comments and they will be compiled and made available.

6. Agreed dates

- Submission of final report to the JCC on April 19;
- Next meeting of the JCC on Tuesday April 20 at 2h30 at Danida;
- Translation of the Executive Summary in khmer and hand-over with the final report to MAFF by April 23;
- Report and working papers available on the Web on the 23rd of April.
- Translation of the report in Khmer as soon as possible.

7. Closing:

On behalf of the Joint Coordination Committee, Mogens expressed his great thanks and appreciations to Mr. Dermot Shields and his colleagues for their hard work during the mission. The meeting was declared closed at 4h.

Persons Present

Mogens Laumand Christensen, Co-chair
 Eang Savet
 Lord Reasmey
 Toshihiro Shima
 Jürgen Fichtenau
 Chris Price
 Dermot Shields
 Yves Thériault
 Chan Danith