

Meeting Minutes
Provincial REDD+ Management Committee Meeting,
Azad Jammu and Kashmir
November 13, 2017

Agenda

- Introduction of Participants
- Overview of the REDD+ and different studies
- Presentation and group work facilitated by Indufor-CTC for National REDD+ Strategy
- Presentation by Arbonaut-WWF on NFMS, MRV and FRELs
- Presentation and Group work by CLP-HB on Safeguards, FGRM and SIS
- Discussion and inputs from Management Committee towards National Strategy, NFMS, MRV, Safeguards and SIS etc.

Proceedings

- The Secretary-Forests chaired the meeting. The Conservator of Forests greeted the participants and after Introduction of Participants, Deputy Team Leader of Indufor-CTC explained the objectives of the meeting with the Management committee and presented the studies undertaken by different firms.
- An overall presentation regarding REDD+ context was provided by Iqbal Muhammad, Deputy Team Leader of Arbonaut-WWF, explaining the REDD+ and its different aspects. He has then presented the work done by them on establishing NFMS, MRV and FRL/ FRELs.
- Focal person from Indufor-CTC presented the Development of National REDD+ Strategy and Implementation Framework for validating the existing work done by the team regarding drivers of deforestation and forest governance assessment, and Strategy options.
- The focal person of CLP-HB presented their work to the forum on safeguard systems, SIS and also on FGRM.
- A vision statement was shared at the end of presentation for their review and inputs of the participants. The vision statement was discussed with Conservator of Forests, before sharing with the participants. There was a general consensus over the statement. Group work was undertaken afterwards to discuss, review and prioritize the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, and to identify potential strategic options, positive and negative impacts and possible grievances and issues and their potential way out.
- The meeting then continued with brief discussion on the Benefit sharing mechanisms, Institutional capacity assessment, Barrier analysis, risks and other dimensions of the REDD+. This was also recorded.

- The Secretary-Forests kindly accepted the request of the firms working under National REDD+ Office to share the documents with the National Consultants for deliberation and to ensure that National Strategy and priorities of AJK are in line with each other and there are no contradictions and differences within the two.

The meeting ended with a note of thanks.

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