

SIXTH NFMS WG MEETING/ WORKSHOP FOR DRAFTING THE NFMS ACTION PLAN (MARCH 17-18, 2015, ISLAMABAD)

Introduction

Presently a project titled “Preparation of Action Plan and Capacity Building for a National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) for REDD+” is being implemented by WWF-Pakistan under the overall supervision and guidance of the OIGF to take the REDD+ preparation further and help Pakistan to develop his NFMS.

The NFMS Working group met for the sixth time on March 17-18, 2015 in Islamabad. Names of the Working Groups members, who attended the meeting, are given in the ANNEX 1 at the end. The participants discussed the following agenda and made decisions.

- To present and review the Draft 1.0 of the NFMS AP
- To improve the Draft 1.0 based on specific comments
- To described the planned activities (objectives, expected results, estimated cost)
- To budget the activities
- To develop the logical framework of the AP (indicators, means of verification, risks/mitigation)

Proceedings

The meeting started with recitation of the Holy Quran. Mr. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan welcomed the participants and briefed about the status of the drafting process of the NFMS AP and the progress in the finalization of the Institutional arrangements for the NFMS for Pakistan. He informed the participants that PFI had principally agreed to take the lead role in the NFMS as suggested by the NFMS WG.

COMMENTS BY QUENTIN RENARD (UNREDD) ON THE DRAFT 1.0 NFMS AP

Mr. Quentin Renard congratulated the NFMS working Group for the completion of the Draft 1.0 NFMS AP and praised Muhammad Afrasiyab for compilation of the work of each thematic sub-group. He emphasized on the improvement of the monitoring function’s section with required clarity and inclusion of monitoring aspects other than REDD+.

The detailed comments (general & specific) are available as Annex II.

REVIEW OF THE DRAFT 1.0 BY THE NFMS WG

The NFMS Working Group Split into thematic sub-groups each for NFI, SLMS and monitoring function (Annex III) and reviewed and improved Draft 1.0 NFMS AP according to Quentin’s comments. The day ended with feedback from focal persons of each sub-group.

Susanne Wallenoeffer praised the efforts of the NFMS WG in drafting of the NFMS AP for Pakistan.

ACTIVITIES, BUDGET AND LOGICAL FRAMEWORK

On Day 2 Quentin Renard provided some recommendations to describe the activities and also presented the budget template and logical framework to each thematic subgroup.

Each thematic sub-group started working on the activities and worked to furnish the budget in line with the activities and the timeline.

Recommendations

1. It was decided that each of the thematic sub-group would submit the remaining work until 27th March 2015 to WWF-Pakistan and Muhammad Afrasiyab would compile all the works to submit the improved and complete version of NFMS AP (Draft 2.0) to UNREDD on 3rd March 2015.
2. As this was the last meeting of the NFMS WG during the on-going project it was also decided that the NFMS WG would work and coordinate through emails on the reviewed version of the Draft 2.0 NFMS AP once received from UNREDD to submit the final Draft of the NFMS AP.
3. The WG members unanimously suggested that the final Validation workshop of the NFMS AP should be held in Pakistan Forest Institute (PFI) on May 26th 2015. This would enable the PFI to start leading the NFMS AP validation and then implementation.

Timeline for the remaining activities and deliverables

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
Review of the comments; Description of activities (objectives, expected results, estimated costs); Completion of budget and logical framework	Focal points	26 th March
Compiling of Draft 2.0 (Full document)	WWF	2 rd April
Feedback on Draft 2.0	FAO	16 th April
Stakeholders inputs and comments	WWF/PFI	29 th April
Compiling of Draft 3.0 (stakeholders inputs)	WWF	7 th May
Final version	WWF/UN-REDD	21 nd May
Validation workshop	GoP/WWF/FAO	28 th May



ANNEX- I: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Day-1

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ANNEX- II: Comments on Draft 1.0 NFMS AP

National Forest Monitoring System of Pakistan Action Plan


Comments on the Draft 1.0

Islamabad, 17-18 March 2015




General comments

- A lot of work had been done... **Congratulations!!** Now is the homestretch...
- Some sections are still empty
- Action Plan = Operational document
 - No space for bla bla bla
 - Essential content only
 - Still possible to reduce the size of the document (60-70 pages max without annexes)
- Objectives of the Action Plan?
 - Implementation of the NFMS
 - Funding? → Form matters! The document must be pleasant to read...




Specific comments

- **Intro**
 - 1-2 pages max.
 - No sub-sections
 - Focus on NFMS for Pakistan and objectives of the AP
- **Objectives**
 - Scope of the NFMS?
 - Highlight Objective N. 5 – Importance of NFMS for Pakistan and for sustainable forests management in Pakistan (not only Carbon, REDD+ and UNFCCC)
 - *“Though the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) for REDD+ has the major objectives to estimate forest-related GHG emissions and removals, it will also provide information on other parameters such as forest health, biodiversity, socio-economic and environmental functions of forests and legal frameworks related to forests”.*




Specific comments

- **National context – Drivers of DD**
 - A lot of info → A synthesis is needed
- **National context – REDD+ PaMs**
 - This what the NFMS is supposed to monitor
 - No national REDD+ strategy yet?
 - Mention R-PP (that foresees the development of a national strategy)
- **National context – NFMS Institutional Arrangements**
 - Mention the process used to develop that proposal
 - Mention that the proposal still needs to be officially adopted



Specific comments

- **Capacity assessment – Who are we talking about?**
 - The intro needs to differentiate national and provincial levels
 - In the intro, clarification is needed on what and who's capacities are assessed
 - National level in the core text and provincial levels in annexes?
 - National level:
 - SLIMS – PFI & SUPARCO
 - NFI – PFI
 - GHG-I – PFI & GCISC



Specific comments

- **Capacity assessment**
 - **Data availability – Data sharing agreements???**
 - **Logical sequence not clear:**

Capacity assessment (section 5)

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Gap analysis (synthesis)

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Activities (section 6)
 - **Summary (section 5.1.4) to be developed**

Specific comments

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➤ **Implementation**

- Intro:
 - **Scope:** identification of information needs
 - **Design:** data collection and analyses
 - **Data:** data generation, reporting and dissemination
- Activities have to be **described**. Objectives? Expected results? Estimated budget? Timeline? Sub-activities...
- In principle, better to identify sub-activities for each activity
- Links with the capacity assessment and annexes!

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Specific comments

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➤ **Monitoring function**

- **Who? What? How?**
- **Scope principles:** identification of information needs
- **Design principles:** data collection and analyses
- **Data principles:** data generation, reporting and dissemination
- **Links with NFI and SIS**

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Specific comments

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➤ **On the form...**

- Acronyms!
- Hyperlinks to annexes
- Work on the format of tables to reduce the size of annexes
- Form matters!

➤ **Budget lines**

- Expendable Procurement (EP)
- Honorarium Participants (HP)
- Non-Expendable Procurement (NEP)
- Personnel (P)
- Travels (T)

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Annex III Pictures of the Meeting

