

**Minutes of the CCWG Meeting
Thursday 4 June 2009 NGO Resource Centre**

Chair: Fiona Percy (CARE International)

Note-taker: Josie Huxtable (CARE International)

1. UPDATES FROM THE THEMATIC GROUPS AND PLANNED MEETINGS

Adaptation Group

- The adaptation group met earlier in the day to share experiences from piloting different CVCA methodologies in a number of provinces
- Challenge to Change; SRD; Oxfam; Red Cross and CARE International have all been piloting various CVCA assessments in southern and central Vietnam
- The tools are adaptations of HVCAs and PRAs – so far the organisations have found that the tools relate quite well to climate change issues but that success is heavily reliant on the skills of the facilitation team.
- It is also difficult to assess whether the impacts identified by the community are actually impacts of climate change or other unsustainable practices
- NDMP is currently developing mainstreaming guidelines and the adaptation group is making a date to meet with the NDMP consultants to provide input to these.

Mitigation Group

- The mitigation group has been focused on developing REDD policy messages further
- Currently Ms. Hop is attending the meetings in Bonn and will also be attending COP 15 as the spokesperson on REDD issues from Vietnam. She will be speaking on the importance of ensuring indigenous peoples rights are protected and that benefits from REDD reach the grassroots.
- The group has also been looking at how they can support the capacity building program that is currently in the planning stage. There will be an event where NGOs working on carbon finance projects can come together to share experiences and develop opportunities for other NGOs to become involved
- SNV has shared some documents with the group on how REDD may be coordinated at the national level – there is a need to get into the technical detail and ensure that social standards are developed which ensure indigenous participation.
- The next meeting will be on June 11th at 3.30. Mr. Cuong from MARD will be presenting an update on REDD to attendees.

ABC Group

- The ABC group has been focused on develop a clear direction, role and identity.
- They have identified two areas needing improvement: 1) outreach to an audience outside the NGO network and 2) the working relationship between ABC and CCWG
- Caritas is going to fund a person to assist with the administration and logistics of the ABC group

- Currently the ABC group is developing way to impact national level policy through joint actions between ABC and CCWG and interested media
- Have been promoting tree planting events; green office initiatives and green transport.

2. POLICY ISSUES AND ACTIONS

NGO Statement to the CG Meeting

- This is the fourth time that climate change has been on the CG agenda.
- CARE International, Oxfam GB, ActionAid and the Asia Foundation have been invited to attend.
- Peter Newsum from CARE International will be speaking climate change for about two minutes
- A copy of the input on climate change has been circulated for comment.
- There are three main points:
 - 1) the importance of community based adaptation approaches
 - 2) the linkages between disaster risk reduction and community based adaptation
 - 3) the importance of integrating climate change adaptation into socio-economic development plans

Comments included:

- there is a need to be more specific e.g. we should link the importance of participatory approaches to specific government strategies and policies we think it should be included in and strengthened using CBA.
- There should be mention of the CBDRM initiative which is great vehicle for incorporating CBA right now
- We should focus not just on what government should do but also what they should not do
- Should mention a point on mitigation: there is a need for social and environmental standards to be included in the REDD process.

Inputs to Vice Minister Hoc's Speech on Reducing Disaster Risk in a Changing Climate

- The speech needs to be finalised by Tuesday of next week
- Any comments to be sent to Peter Grzic at NDMP

CSO Representation in Bonn and COP15

- Ms. Hop is attending both and she will report back to CCWG at the next monthly meeting.
- Ms. Hop may also potentially be a participant on the training schedule for the Vietnam Delegation for COP15.

CCWG Advocacy plan for 2009 including media links

- The messages from the CG input represent a good starting point however the messages need to be tailored to a specific opportunity.

- COP15 would be a global event around which we could organise our media messages – should organise a press conference where NGOs can talk to the government about what they hope for COP15.
- There will also be trainings for the Vietnamese delegation and NGOs have been invited to provide a training session – during this we could present an alternative viewpoint and focus on climate justice and social and environmental safeguards and standards.
- **ACTION:** please send ideas on potential resource people and trainers to Fiona. These people should be qualified to speak on their chosen field (e.g. adaptation, DRR) in great detail with significant experience,

FEEDBACK ON START-UP WORKSHOP OF THE CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOLLOW-UP

- The start-up workshop will be held on the June 10
- There is a detailed survey that is being sent out to all members of the CCWG – this is your opportunity to provide input on what you would like to see as part of the program and what you can contribute. Please make the time to fill out this survey.

Due to running overtime – the following will be discussed at the next meeting:

- Updates on participation by CCWG members in national and international events

NEXT MEETING: JULY 2ND AT 2PM