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Status of REDD+ Readiness and Expectations for JCM at REDD+ Symposium
Towards Early Implementation of JCM-REDD



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Lao PDR: at the center of Southeast Asia

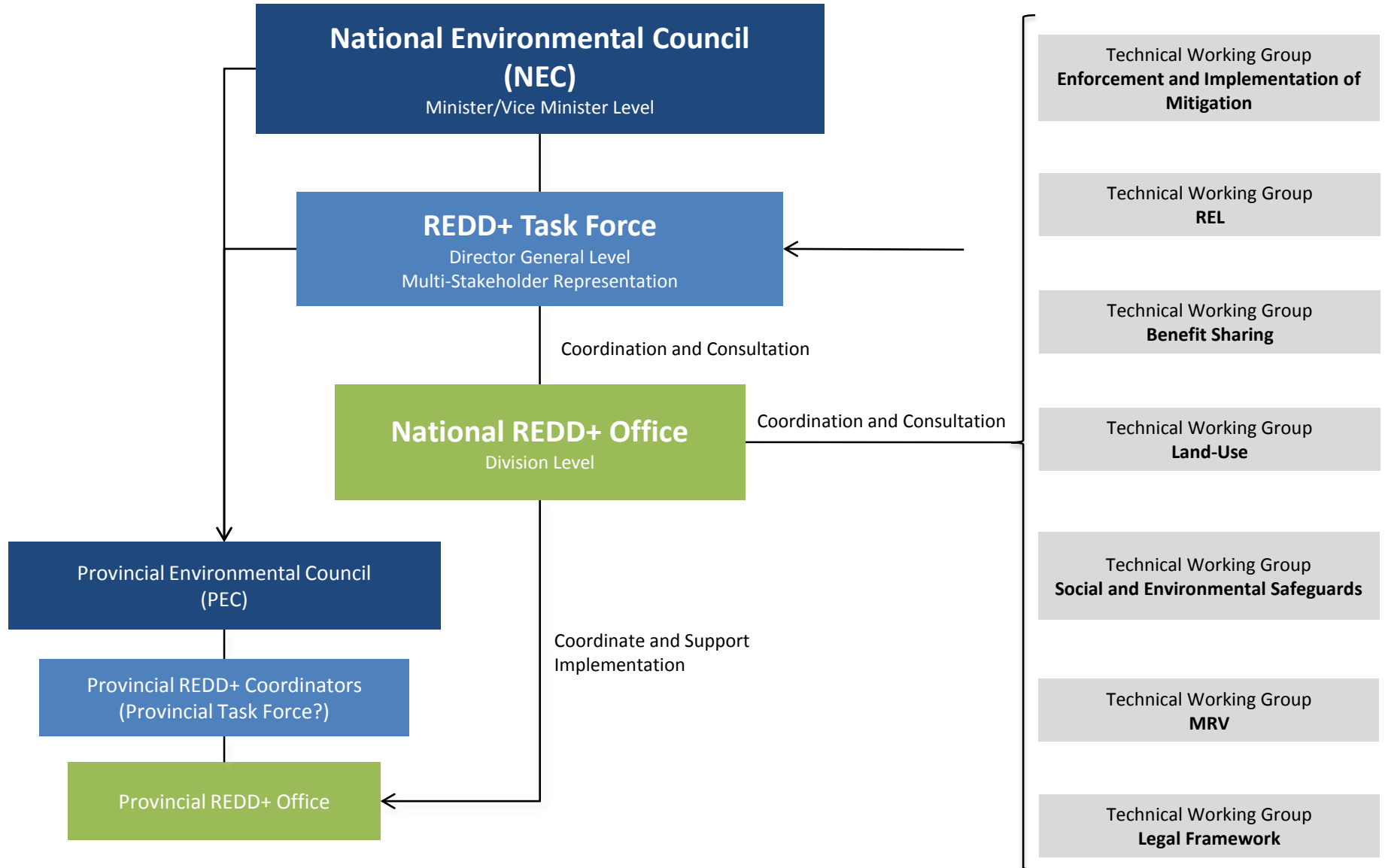


1. Status of REDD+ Readiness Preparation

Main Institutional Actors

- National Environmental Council (NEC)
- National REDD+ Task Force
- National REDD+ Office (Division), within Department of Forest Resource Management (DFRM) in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE)
- DOF REDD+ Office, within Department of Forestry (DOF) in the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)

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Institutional History

- In 2013 responsibility for REDD+ was officially transferred from DoF (MAF) to DFRM (MoNRE) (Decision 0052/MAF)
- Key 2015 Tasks
 1. Refined ToR of National REDD+ Task Force
 2. Authorization of new Organizational Structure
 3. ToR – National REDD+ Office
 4. Establishment and functioning of 7 Technical Working Groups
 5. Development Roadmap of Key REDD+ Elements: (National REDD+ Strategy, REL/RL, NFMS, SIS and BSS)
 6. Intended Nationally Determined Contribution to UNFCCC

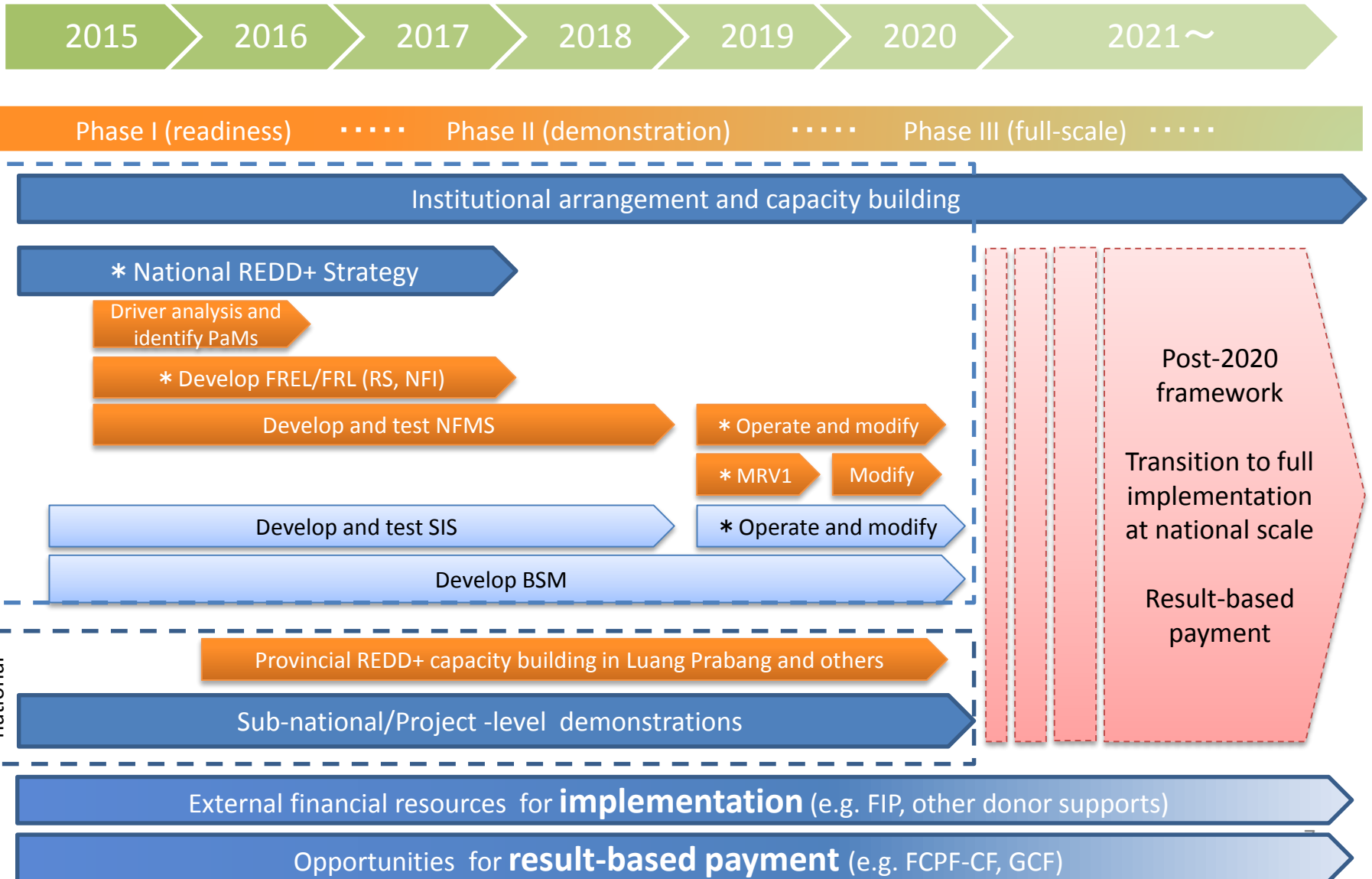
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Policy History

- Forest Strategy 2020 (FS2020) adopted in 2005
- National Climate Change Strategy formulated in 2010
- R-PP Approved in 2010 and later updated to reflect major institutional changes (MoNRE)
- National Forest Law is currently under revision and will incorporate provisions for REDD+.
- Standing policies on Safeguards include:
 - Environmental Protection Law (No. 02-99/NA 3 April 1999)
 - Decree on Environmental Impact Assessments (112/PM February 2010)
 - Regulation on Environmental Assessments in the Lao PDR (No. 1770/STEA Vientiane, October 2000)

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Road Map for REDD+ (tentative)



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Main REDD+ Projects/Programs

Project	Donor	Focus	Scope
CLIPAD	KfW/GIZ	Sub National Piloting	Houaphan Province
PAREDD	JICA	Sub National Piloting	Luang Prabang Province
SUFORD-SU	WB/FIP Finland	Sustainable Forest Management in Production Forests, Forest Landscapes, Village Forestry, monitoring	13 of 17 rural Provinces
Lao Forest Investment Plan (FIP Laos)	FIP/WB/ADB/IFC	3 projects: SUFORD-SU (WB); smallholder plantations (IFC); ecosystem services (ADB)	Multiple provinces
FLEGT	European Union/GIZ	Law Enforcement	Multiple Provinces
LEAF	USAID/SNV	REDD+ Technical Inputs	Multiple Provinces
ENRICH	SNV	Carbon Stock Enhancements	Faculty of Forestry
FPREP	JICA	Forestry Policies and Capacities	National Level
NFIS	JICA	Mapping and Biomass Assessment at National Level	Country-wide
FIM/FPP	JICA	Capacity building ; facilities, equipment	Country-wide
Project Level Activities	RECOFTC, WWF, SNV,WCS	Various activities, NGO and private.	Multiple Locations

Subnational Piloting

Mitigation And Enhancement

REDD+ Technical Systems and Policy

2. Access to Result-Based Payment Scheme; FCPF Carbon Fund

1. Submission of Lao Early Idea at CF Meeting in Paris in Apr 2015

2. Preparation of Lao Emission Reduction Program Idea Note (ER-PIN)
 - Informal technical group consisting of both Lao staff and advisers including JICA
 - Transfer to TWGs under NRTF

3. Submission of ER-PIN by 11th Sep and consideration at CF meeting in Oct 2015

4. If selected, preparation of Lao Emission Reduction Program Document in about 2 years and possible payment for positive results

2. Access to Result-Based Payment Scheme: FCPF Carbon Fund

Forest Landscape provinces
(SUFORD-SU: World Bank, FIP, Finland)

Luang Prabang
Sub-National Pilot
(JICA)

Luang Namtha

Bokeo

Oudomxay

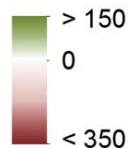
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*Proposed
additional FIP
funding*

Houaphan
Sub-National Pilot
(KfW/GIZ;
also FCPF)

*Proposed ER Program
to cover 6 northern
provinces, which have
many poor, forest-
dependent ethnic
minority communities*

Score by pixel
(11-year pixel slope x carbon stock pixel value)



3. Expectations for JCM-REDD+

1. Status of JCM

- 7th Aug 2013: Signing of “BILATERAL COOPERATION ON THE JOINT CREDITING MECHANISM FOR THE LOW CARBON GROWTH PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC”
- 16th May 2014: 1st Meeting of Joint Committee of the Joint Crediting Mechanism between the Lao PDR and Japan adopted
 - "Rules of Implementation for the Joint Crediting Mechanism" and "Joint Crediting Mechanism Rules of Procedures for the Joint Committee“
 - “Joint Crediting Mechanism Project Cycle Procedure” and ten (10) forms related to the procedure
 - REDD+ included in the sectoral scope

3. Expectations for JCM-REDD+

2. Status of potential JCM-REDD+ Project in Laos

- Development Study by Japanese investors at Houayking Village Cluster in Luangprabang Province in 2014-15

(HK cluster has been a field site of JICA's PAREDD Project and draft Project Description for VCS validation was prepared including biomass survey)

- The potential site is about 30,000 ha and the DS report concludes possible credits of 120,000 tCO₂ per year

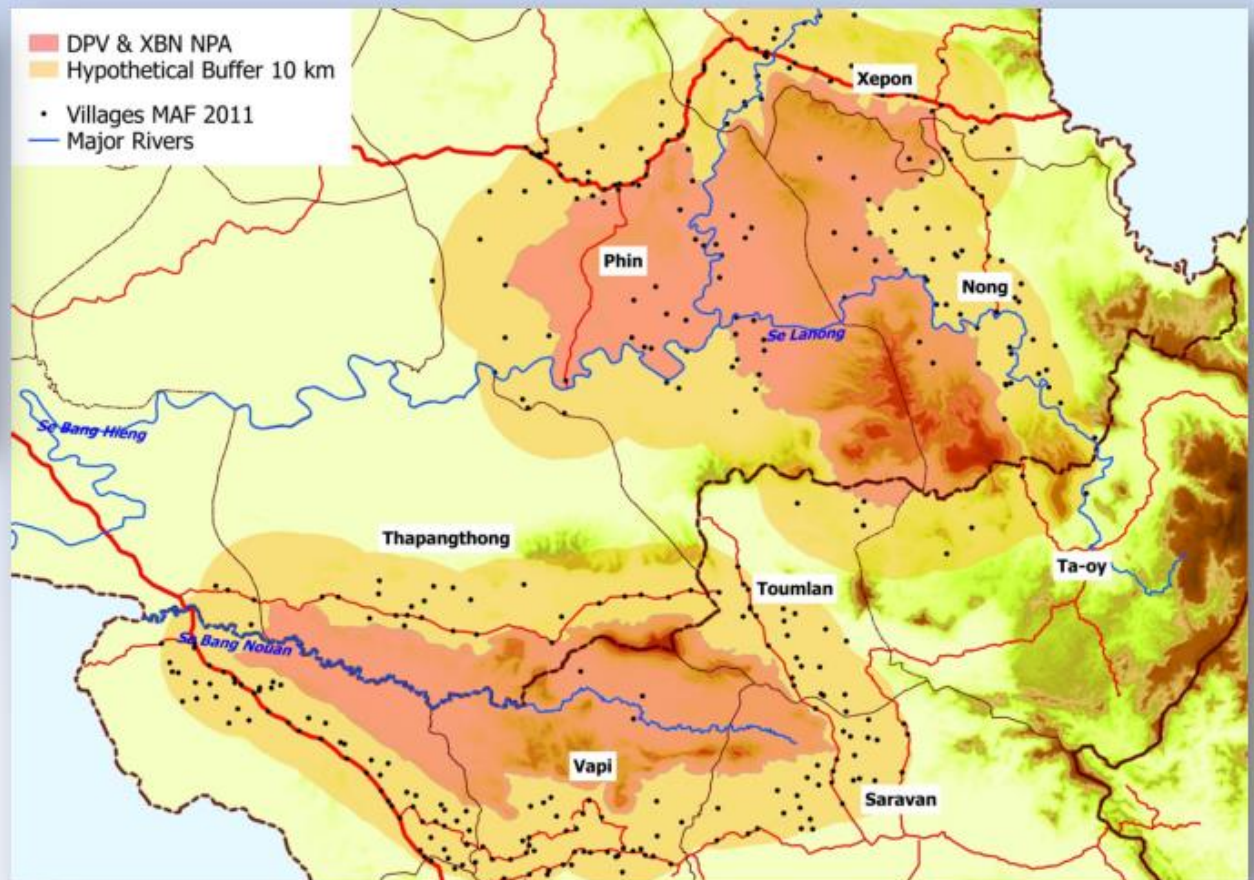
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- 1) Early transition to internationally or bilaterally tradable credits
- 2) Lessons of Public Private Partnership REDD+ project; only one REDD+ project with private investment under G-G scheme
- 3) Lessons from possible case of REDD+ project nested within a sub-national REDD+
 - 3)-1; Harmonization options
 - Separation of JCM area from CF area (separate accounting and payment)
 - Use of CF methodology (REL/RL and MRV) for JCM area for less direct and transaction costs (single accounting and separate crediting/payment)
 - JCM integrated into CF; Allocation of payments from CF to investors based on prior agreement (May not be a JCM project any more)
 - 3)-2; Benefit sharing mechanism for Lao side stakeholders; separate or integrated

4. Private project REDD+ in Lao PDR

- Dongphouvieng (DPV) and Xe Bang Nouan (XBN) National Protected Areas in Savannakhet and Salavan Provinces



Area DPV 205'000 hectares
Area XBN 130'000 hectares

4. Private project REDD+ in Lao PDR

Technical Modules

- Project Information Note PIN and Pre-Feasibility Study with the result to focus on 2 National Protected Areas in Savannakhet and Saravan provinces
- Forest stratification and Inventory design
- Forest inventory analysis
- Ongoing: evaluation of project design options in order to define exact project boundaries with respect to VCS requirements
 - Historical forest change analysis
 - VCS methodology selection
 - Geographic boundaries of project accounting area, leakage area and reference area
 - Baseline emissions and ex-ante credit estimates

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