

Ministry of Environment and Forest

National REDD+ Secretariat

Minute for SNNPR awareness creation workshop

Date: May14-15, 2014

Venue: Lewi Resort Hotel, Hawassa, Ethiopia

Agenda:

1. Preparations on REDD+ basics and the status of REDD+ Readiness Process in Ethiopia
2. Discuss on the formation of a Regional REDD+ management arrangements.

Workshop opening:

The SNNPR REDD+ focal person presented Overview of the Regional workshop objectives, schedule and expected outputs consequently he invited Ato Fekadeselasse Beza SNPR NREPA Manager to open the work shop.

The workshop was opened with remark delivered by the SNNPR NREPA Manager. In his key note remarks, Ato Fekadeselasse indicated Ethiopia is working to reach middle income country by developing climate resilient green economy strategy. In the strategy forest sector is one of the four major pillars. The forest sector emit about 37% of GHG hence working in the sector have implication to achieve goals of the CRGE strategy.

Ethiopia started implementing REDD+ readiness at federal level from January 2013 and the started activity will also be implemented from regional to kebele level. Capacity building activities at regional and local level particularly on creating awareness is the major activity to enable the forest dependent community know how to conserve the existing forest and restore the degraded forest area as well as how to get multiple benefits including carbon finance.

Starting from today for the next two consecutive days you acquire knowledge on REDD+ basics and in order to implement REDD+ in the region you will develop REDD+ management arrangement from regional to Kebele level. Finally, he stressed that the participants should

participate actively and contribute to make the workshop fruitful and I announce that the two days workshop on REDD+ is officially opened.

Day 1. Presentations, Questions, Discussions and Suggestions

Following his remark in the first day of the workshop papers on Climate change & the Role of Forests to Climate Change, History of REDD+, REDD+ Technical Elements and Social and Environmental Considerations in REDD+ were presented.

Presnetation1. Climate change & the Role of Forests to Climate Change

The first paper was presented by Dr Yemiru Tesfaye SESA task force member his presentation title was **Climate change & the Role of Forests to Climate Change**.

In his presentation he briefly presented signs of Climate Change, causes of climate change, how greenhouse gas emitted to the atmosphere and source of GHGs and the global challenges caused by climate change.

He also give further details about global forest resource and how forests play a dual role in climate change and how forests can be a source of greenhouse gases, emitting carbon dioxide to the atmosphere and how forests can also act as a “sink,” removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and storing it as carbon in their biomass as they grow. In addition the presenter give details on how forests and other terrestrial systems annually absorb carbon dioxide.

Presntation2. History of REDD+

The second presentation was made by National REDD+ secretariat safeguard specialist on concise history of REDD+. The presentation includes International and national REDD+ evolution. In the international evolution the presenter explained how REDD excluded from 1997 –Kyoto protocol and how the exclusion resulted in the formation of Coalition for Rainforest Nations-CRN (Papua New Guinea, Costa Rica and other forest nations) to include the issue on the next COP. In COP 11 Montreal Canada a fundamental millstone was achieved since CRN are supported by other eight countries. These countries proposed a mechanism for Reduction of Emissions from Deforestation in developing countries (RED). Finally, in COP-13 at the 2007 Bali UNFCCC meeting, an agreement was reached on “ the urgent need to take further action to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation(REDD). REDD+ has since expanded

to include role of forest conservation, sustainable forest management, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in forests (Reforestation, afforestation, agroforestry , forest rehabilitation etc) .

Concerning the national REDD+ process the presenter showed that how Ethiopia engaged in 2008 in REDD+ process by submitting letter of intent to participate in FCPF and the consequent participation steps of the country.

Presentation 3. REDD+ Technical Elements

National REDD+ Safeguard specialist Presented on REDD+ technical elements. The presentation focused and explained in detail on technical elements such as Measuring and Monitoring, Reference level, additionality, Leakage, Non-Permanence, reporting and verification.

Presentation 4. Social and Environmental Considerations in REDD+

REDD+ SESA taskforce member Ato Temesgen Yohannes presented social and environmental consideration in REDD+ . The presenter pin pointed REDD+ potential positive impacts on social, environmental and economy at global, national, regional and local level. Complementary benefits of REDD+ such as sustainable forest management and ecotourism, and Maintenance of traditional livelihoods/cultural values associated with forests and environment were explained. He also presented the potential environmental and social risks created while implementing REDD+. Moreover, his presentation emphasized on how to maximize the positive impacts of REDD+ .

SHORT SUMMARY OF THE ISSUES RAISED, DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS MADE UNDER AGENDA

After the presentations some ideas and views have been exchanged between the participants and presenters. Presenters have clarified on the issues. The questions and clarifications are organized based on their common intent of addressing similar issues and are summarized as under.

- Over 85% of Ethiopia's economy is depend on agriculture and also the main cause for deforestation is from this sector so how can we reduce deforestation and increase the carbon stock and benefit from the REDD+ mechanism?
- Do we know the forest cover of the country? how can we reduce deforestation and do the decision maker have strong commitment to alleviate the problem and work on this issue?

- REDD+ seems very complex and long process so is there any simple mechanism to attain the REDD+ objective and make the country benefit out of it?
- How do you include Oromia region as REDD+ pilot and is there a plan to include other regions in pilot program?

Clarification

- REDD+ is all about resolving the drivers of deforestation and degradation including caused by agriculture sector. To do this different strategic options will be developed and implemented. The strategic options will give solution to resolve problem caused by unsustainable agricultural practices.
- One of the major requirement of REDD+ is to quantify forest resource of the country to know carbon stock of the country so that the National REDD+ Secretariat in collaboration with National Forest Inventory are conducting national forest inventory hopefully we will have the data by next year. Concerning the commitment yes government have strong dedication to support the REDD+ implementation
- Generally, when considering REDD+ activities we have to comply with the processes that the international community has agreed about. REDD+ payments are made on the basis of the achievements made in terms of reducing emissions and these needs to be quantified, monitored and verified. But it is also possible to fasten the process by integrating our effort and making all stakeholders to work in collaboration. The secretariat is working to happen that by involving all relevant GO'S,NGO'S,CBOS' and private sectors in the process.
- Oromia selected as national pilot due to the fact that Oromia region is pioneer in introducing and implementing REDD+ and about 70% of the forest resource of the country is found in the region. To include other regions the national REDD+ is planning to identify three more pilot sites in three regions. Thus by next year we will have three more pilot sites.

Day 2 presentation, Questions, and clarification

In day two the main focus is management arrangement of regional REDD+ implementation. Before the participant discussed and develop their regional REDD+ implementation management arrangement presentation was made on experience of national REDD+ management arrangement. In the presentation it is recommended to develop regional management arrangement up to the local level and also to propose roles and responsibilities of the management arrangement.

After the presentation the participants divided into two groups to develop management arrangement structure and roles of each management structure. Then the two group proposed two management arrangement structure and discussion was made on the proposed structures. Finally the participants agreed to take the first management structure to be SNNPR REDD+ management structure.

Way forward

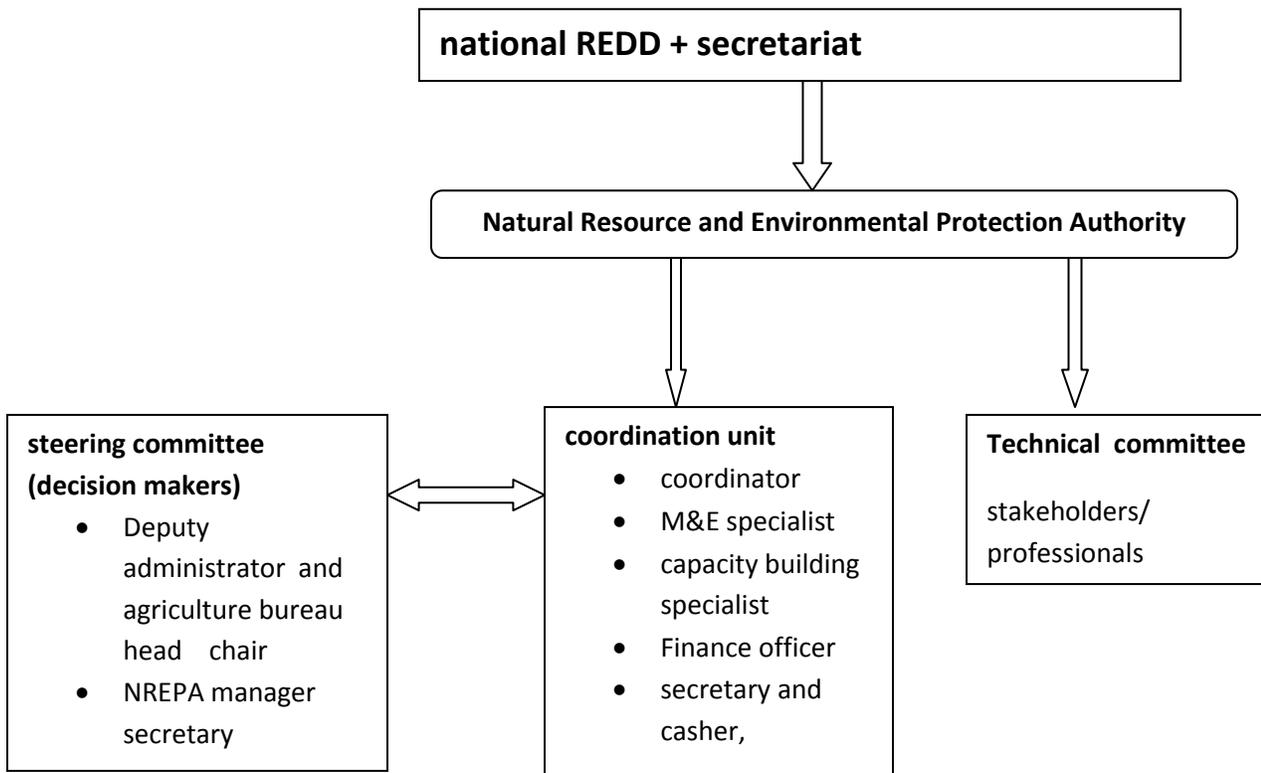
SNNPR NREPA manger Ato fikreselase Beza closed the workshop by forwarding the national REDD+ Secretariat to take the proposed management arrangement and speeded up implementation of R-PP in regions.

Finally, the manger has extended his thanks to participants, facilitators and the secretariat effort, and the workshop was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

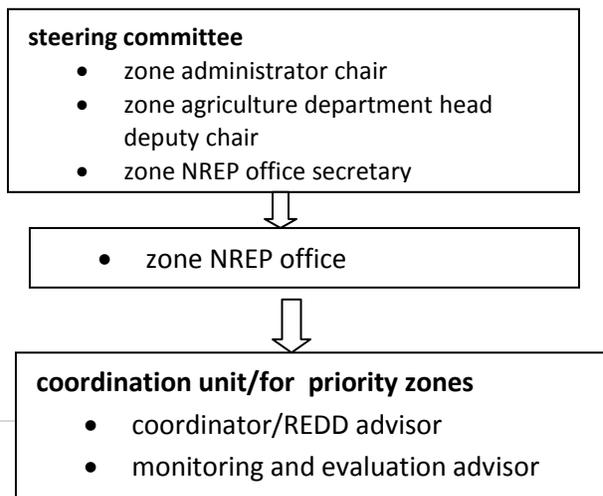
I. Proposed management structure of SNNPR

The assumption is the structure and responsibility consider both readiness and implementation phase.

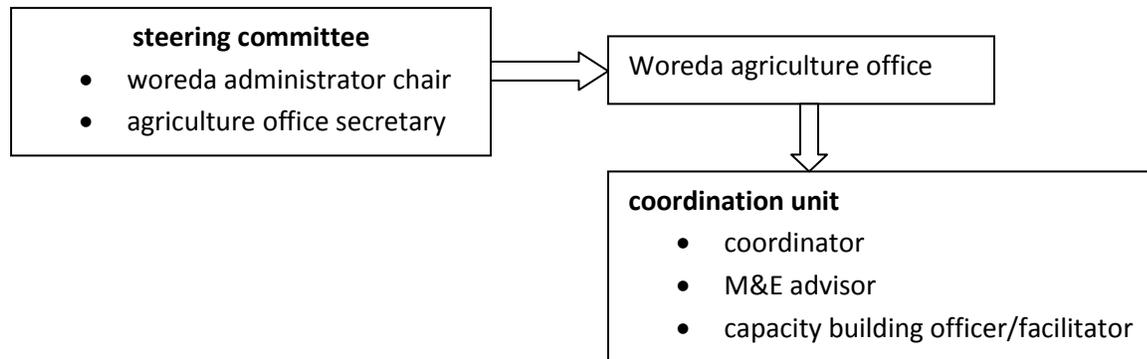
SNNPR REDD + structure :-



Zonal REDD structure



Woreda REDD+ structure



Kebele level structure

REDD + committee

- Kebele administrator chair
- agriculture office head secretary
- PFM cooperative member
- Natural resource D.A member
- elders member

Responsibilities of each stake holders

1.NREPA

- Assesses, coordinate, plan and lead the overall physical and financial REDD activities in the region

2. Regional Tourism and Culture Bureau

- contribute for forest conservation sustainability through collaborative management

3. Bureau of Mine and Energy

- promote alternative energy
- giving due attention during mining activity

4. Trade and industry Bureau

- giving due attention during investment land allocation and licensing

5. women and youth Bureau

- assure the participation and benefiting of women and youths in REDD + program

6. Marketing and cooperative Bureau

organize PFM cooperatives and provide all needed support

7. BoFED

- manage, follow up and control financial REDD fund

8. Law enforcement organization

- provide support for the development of legal frame work

9. NGOs

- share their experience and provide technical support

10. Universities

- identify gap, conduct researches and provide technical support

11. Office of Regional Head Of State

- set policy, strategy and direction

12. Agriculture Bureau

- coordinate steering committee and lead the overall implementation of REDD in the region

13. Road authority

- giving due attention during road construction in natural and wood land forest

II. Program schedule

Time (tentative)	Programme Item	Responsible/Session facilitator (TWG and REDD+ RFP & Secretariat)	Chair
8:30 – 9:00	Participant Registration	Organizers/Facilitators	
9:00 - 9:15	Opening remarks	Ato Fekadeselasse Beza , SNNPR NREPA Manager	SNNPR focal person
9:15 - 9:40	Introductions of all participants	Participants	
9:40 - 10:00	Overview of the Regional workshop objectives, process, and outputs	Facilitators	
10:00 - 10:30	Break	Organizers	
10:30 – 11:10	Climate change & the Role of Forests to Climate Change	Dr Yiemru Tesafye	
11:10 -11:30	Questions and answers	Participants	
11:30 -11:45	A brief history of REDD	Eyob Tenkir	
11:45 – 12:20	REDD+ Technical Elements	Eyob Tenkir	
12:20 -12:30	Questions and answers	Participants	
12:30 -14:00	Lunch	Organizers	
14:00 -14:40	Social and Environmental Considerations in REDD+	Temesgen Yohannes	
14:40 -14:50	Questions and answers	Participants	
14:50 -15:20	Break	Organizers	
15:40 – 16:00	Question and answers	Participants	
16:00	Close		

Time (tentative)	Programme Item	Responsible/Session facilitator	Chair
9:00 -9:30	Recap of previous day	Facilitators	
9:30 -10:00	National REDD+ Management Arrangement (Roles and Responsibilities of FRSC, TWG and TFs)	Temesgen Yohannes	
10:00 -10:30	Break	Organizers	
10:30 – 12:00	Group work to develop regional management arrangement	Participants	
12:00 -13:30	Lunch	Organizers	
13:40 -14:40	Group work continued	participants	
14:40 -15:00	Group work presentations	Group leader	
15:00 -15:20	Discussion on the presentations	Facilitators/participants	
15:20 - 15:30	Reflections on Next Steps	Participants	
15:30 - 15:45	Closing remarks	Ato Fekadeselasse Beza , SNNPR NREPA Manager	

III. Participant list

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National REDD+ Secretariat
Regional Level REDD+ Awareness Creation Workshop, SNNPR, Hawassa (May 14 and 15/2014)
Participant Attendance sheet

No.	Name	Institution	14/05/2014		15/05/2014	
			Morning	Afternoon	Morning	Afternoon
1	Girma Bakim	SNNPR Agr. office				
2	Yochiyo Desalegn	Yofa Zone R.O.				
3	Eshete Akesse	Hawassa-Ts. College				
4	Mofuna T. Dera	Wolde Genet College				
5	Gusma Mengesha	Wolde Genet College				
6	Yemim Tesfaye	WCS (USAID)				
7	Aluway haachabo	market's Coop Beere				
8	Fekadesiatie Beza	South NAREPA				
9	alberken Kama	"				
10	Misraek fumalo	SNNPRS NAREPA				
11	Debele W/taasem	SNNPRS W/taasem				
12	Tamrat Debebe	SNNPR NAREPA				
13	Tadete Kasasa	sewara EPA				
14	fennassegn yohanness	FRc				
15	Eyob Tenket	REDD+				
16	MOLAMED WUR FARIJ	NAREPA				

Annex 2.



Fig1. Partial view of awarness creation program

Picture 1. Group discussion