

HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING OF THE PDF-WG ON SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**Auditorium, Asian Development Bank
Ortigas Center, Pasig City**

27 June 2008, 8:30 in the morning

1.0 Welcome Remarks

Dir. Urooj Malik/ADB, welcome the participants to ADB and to the meeting. He thanked Undersecretary Serrano and Dr. Salzer, co-convenors of the PDF Working Group on Sustainable Rural Development for agreeing to include the de-briefing session for the Joint IFAD/WFP/FAO/ADB Mission Review of the “Rapid Farm Recovery Financing Project” in today’s agenda.

2.0 De-briefing: Joint IFAD/WFP/FAO/ADB Mission Review of the “Rapid Farm Recovery Financing Project”

The Team Leader of the Review Mission introduced the members of the mission and presented their findings and recommendations on the proposed “Rapid Farm Recovery Financing Project”.

3.0 Call To Order (Meeting proper of the PDF WG on SRD)

The meeting was called to order by Undersecretary Serrano, co-lead convenor of the PDF WG on Sustainable Rural Development , at 10:15 in the morning. He acknowledged the attendance of the members of the working group – from the DA, DAR and DENR as well as the members of the WG from the side of the development partners (Attachment 1).

4.0 Presentation and Adoption of Agenda

Undersecretary Serrano presented the provisional agenda for the meeting (Attachment 2). The body agreed to discuss in plenary the confirmation of the general mandate of the working groups until the concerns of NEDA and DENR have been discussed. The breakout groups were also canceled until after the other stakeholders have been confirmed.

5.0 Approval of the June 27, 2008 Highlights of Meeting

Undersecretary Serrano went over the highlights of the previous meeting (Attachment 2). There being no major comments and issues raised, the highlights of the previous meeting was approved.

6.0 Confirmation of General Mandate of Working Groups

Dr. Salzer led the discussion on the confirmation and general mandate of the working groups as well as the proposed membership of the different groups. He acknowledged the concerns raised by NEDA and DENR.

Ms. Jolongbayan/NEDA presented a letter signed by DDG Rolando Tungpalan reiterating NEDA's reservations on the re-structuring of the WG on SRD, specifically on the creation of sub-WGs *with a note that standing GOP committees/groups such as the Convergence Group and the National Land Use would already be able to address identified issues*. In his letter, he *recommended that development partners and other members of the WG on SRD may just need to be included in the Committee/Groups whenever PDF issues would need to be discussed*.

In like manner, Dir. Ferrer/DENR expressed the position of Undersecretary Gerochi against the creation of sub-groups within the WG on SRD and his preference to utilize instead the existing fora to discuss the issues within the agencies which can already be linked with the WG. Sub-groups may only lead to redundancy in meetings, time consuming discussions and getting too many people to participate in the different groups.

For DA's part, Undersecretary Serrano concurred with the creation of sub-groups. He further explained that more technical and focused discussions will be done within the sub-group which may not be possible at the WG level. Also, the sub-WG is a more efficient way of tackling the issues identified.

Other members of the WG articulated their positions:

Mr. Virtucio/WB expressed doubts whether Convergence Group and the NLUC may be able to include the PDF- identified issues into their discussions given their own mandate and especially in the NLUC, the membership is very large in which discussions may only be shallow.

Dr. Mitra/ADB also supported the creation of sub-WG as an appropriate venue for more in-depth discussion among specialists and practitioners on specific subjects.

In support of the creation of sub-groups, Usec. Serrano and Mr. Echanove/EC emphasized the idea of keeping the dialogue on issues continuous in the sub-groups which may not be possible in standing GOP committees because such committees have their own timetable. Usec. Serrano also noted that many GOP processes may not be aligned with the DP's processes in tackling the issues. Another concern would be, whether DPs would be allowed to sit within the standing committees. Hence, Usec. Serrano requested the representatives of the government agencies to make an inventory of the different GOP committees and see how DPs can participate.

While Usec. Serrano agreed to other alternative structures such as ad-hoc, issue-based discussions (in lieu of the sub-WGs), the issues on land and upland development are not ad-hoc topics and needs a continuing discussion among the different stakeholders.

Citing an observation from last year's, Dr. Salzer thinks thought that there was very limited participation from other stakeholders who also deal with environment and rural development, e.g. NGOs, CSOs and thus, very limited information exchange happening. Inviting these NGOs and CSOs to the sub-WGs would improve the situation.

Dir. San Juan/DAR also saw the merits of creating sub-groups, especially in making the consultations more systematic and geared towards joint actions, although, she thought that the list of issues is quite long and may not all be workable given the time frame until the next PDF and the expertise among the different agencies and other interested stakeholders invited to the sub-WG. For these concerns, Usec. Serrano recommended a prioritization of the issues to be dealt with among the members of the sub-groups.

7.0 Leadership of the WG and Sub-Working Groups

Agencies and DPs committed on the leadership of the WG and the sub-WGs:

	Co-Chairs		Secretariat
WG on SRD	Usec. Segfredo Serrano (DA)	Dr. Walter Salzer (GTZ)	GTZ
Sub-WG 1: Upland Development	DENR (With Reservations)	ADB	
Sub-WG 2: Land	DAR	WB	ADB
Sub-WG 3: Agribusiness	DA	AECID	DA

Each of the sub-group will also organize their own secretariat.

Representatives from NGOs, CSOs, Academe were also nominated into the sub-groups (Attachment 3). It was agreed that they will be invited to the next meeting. The secretariat was requested to prepare the invitation letters and seek their interest/confirmation of participation.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the WG will be held on August 7, 2008 (2:00-6:00pm). ADB was again requested to host the meeting.

9.0 Adjournment

There having no other issues to discuss, the co-convenors thanked ADB for hosting the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 in the afternoon.

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Attendance:

Co-Convenors

Undersecretary Segfredo Serrano	DA
Dr. Walter Salzer	GTZ

Government Partners

Dir. Nieva Natural	DA
Napoleon Rodulfo	DA
Dir. Herminia Fe San Juan	DAR
Ruel Limbo	DAR
Dir. Lourdes Ferrer	DENR
Juliet Texon	DENR
Ma. Luisa Jolongbayan	NEDA

Development Partners

Rodel Lasco	ICRAF
Oliver Agoncillo	USAID
Fabrizio Bresciani	WB
Tere Quinones	WB
Juan Echanove	EC
First Secretary Greta Cranston	AusAid
Erika Geronimo	AusAid
Manoshi Mitra	ADB
Ahsan Tayyab	ADB

Meeting
PDF Working Group on Sustainable Rural Development
27 June 2008
Asian Development Bank Headquarters
Mandaluyong City

PROVISIONAL AGENDA/PROGRAMME

Time	Item/Topic
8:30-8:40	Welcome Remarks by Co-convenors and ADB (host)
8:40-9:10	De-briefing: Joint IFAD/WFP/FAO/ADB Mission review of the "Rapid Farm Recovery Financing Project"
9:10-9:20	WG Meeting / Presentation and Adoption of Agenda
9:20-9:30	Highlights of the Previous Meeting
9:30-9:45	Confirmation of General Mandate of Working Groups and Organization of Breakout Groups
9.40-10:00	- Coffee-Break -
10:00-11:30	Break-out Session for the Constitution of Sub-Working Groups Tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of Scope / Topics of SWG • Confirmation of Members • Election of a Co-chair • Elaboration of a Work Plan / List of Priority Topics to be dealt with by the SWG until next PDF Forum (March/April 2009) • Scheduling of next Meetings
11:30-12:30	Report to the Plenary and Adoption of Work Plans
12:30-12.40	Scheduling next Meeting
12:40-13:00	Other Matters and Adjournment

Proposal for next SRD Working Group (WG) Meetings:

July 23
 September 3
 October 24
 December 3

Sub-Workings Groups (SWG) to meet prior to TWG Meetings so that their chairs can regularly report to the TWG meeting (large meeting)

Mandate of (Sub-) Working Groups (for discussion)

Related to the agreed upon topics / issues:

- To share experiences & ideas & other relevant information (e.g. policy changes, new developments in the sector, up-coming development interventions, etc.)

- To elaborate on and propose development recommendations & action for discussion and dissemination in the annual PDF Forum
- To monitor / follow-up on development recommendations as agreed upon in the annual PDF Forum

General Rules:

SRD WG:

1. The SRD WG shall coordinate the work of the Sub-WGs
2. The SRD WG shall meet at least every two months according to a pre-fixed schedule
3. The SRD WG shall decide which other issues and especially which cross-cutting issues (apart from those dealt with by the Sub-WGs) shall be dealt with by itself.
4. The SRD WG meetings minutes shall be distributed to all other working group members in order to foster cohesion and transparency.
5. The SRD WG activities and results shall be regularly published on the PDF website.

Sub-WGs:

1. The issues to be dealt with in the Sub-WG shall be at the discretion of the Sub-WG members, but shall be endorsed and coordinated by the TWG.
2. The Sub-WGs elect a Chair from a Government Agency and a Co-Chair from a Development Agency. The chairs must be able and willing to chair the group for at least one year and participate at the TWG meetings.
3. Sub-WG members shall be approved by the TWG.
4. A Sub-WG Secretariat is established for each Sub-WG. It is tasked to facilitate and report about each meeting. Costs shall be shared between the Chair and the Co-chair agencies.
5. The SWG will report through their chairs to the TWG about progress achieved.

Membership:

Working Group members can be delegates from Government, Development Partners, Leagues, Chambers, Academe, Civil Society Organisations, and Non-Governmental Organizations

Issues & Membership of Working Groups

TWG: Sustainable Rural Development

Tasks / Issues	Government		Dev Partner		Others	
	Agency	Name	Agency	Name	Agency	Name
Leadership & Facilitation	DA (Chair)	Segfredo Serrano	GTZ (Co-Chair)	Walter Salzer Secretariat Linda Dolatre		
a) Preparation of PDF Forum b) Coordination of Sub-WG c) Inter-WG coordination (agribusiness) d) Introduction of Results-based Management to DA, DAR and DENR e) Climate Change – mitigation & adaptation in rural areas f) Environmental Governance g) Mining h) Biodiversity conservation i) Biotechnology j) Sustainable Development as a cross-cutting issue k) National Budget and sustainable development	DAR		ADB		League of Municipalities League of Provinces	
	DENR		AusAID		Representatives from Congress Committees on: Nat. Resources Agriculture Agrarian reform	
	NEDA		EC	Juan Echanove	MAP	
	DBM		FAO		Phil. Business for Environment	
	DILG		ICRAF			
	DOF		IFAD			
	DTI		China			
			JICA			
			AECID (Spain)			
			WFP			
			USAID			
			WB			

Sub-WG 1: Upland Development (UD)

Tasks & Issues	Government		Dev Partner		Others	
	Agency	Name	Agency	Name	Agency	Name
Leadership & Facilitation	DENR (Chair)		ADB (Co-Chair)			
a) Land-use planning for uplands b) Delineation of forest boundaries c) Watershed Management d) Community-Based Forest Management e) Agro-forestry and upland crops f) Rural infrastructure (roads, markets, etc.) g) Rural credit h) Protected Areas i) Climate Change and Forests (CDM, Reduced emissions from deforestation models j) Payment for Environmental Services k) IP issues (CADCs)	DA		GTZ	Dr. Juergen Schade/ Don Ignacio/Marlea Munez	League of Municipalities League of Provinces	
	DAR		ICRAF		NFCBFM	
	DENR Units (e.g. FASPO, Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau) NCIP		ADB	Ahsan Tayyab	UPLB College of Forestry	
	DILG		USAID		UNAC	
	NEDA		WB		Haribon Foundation	
			JICA		Asia Forest Network (AFN)	
			IFAD		Non Timber Forest Products Network (NTFP)	
			EC	Juan Echanove	Anthro Watch	
			FAO		ASEAN Center for Biodiversity (ACB)	

Sub-WG 2: Land

Tasks & Issues	Government		Dev Partner		Others	
	Agency	Name	Agency	Name	Agency	Name
Leadership & Facilitation	DAR (Chair)		WB (Co-Chair)			
a) Land law / policies / land use regulations	DA		GTZ	Linda Dolatre	League of Municipalities	
b) Agrarian Reform / land distribution					League of Provinces	
c) Land administration and management						
d) Land use planning	DENR		WB		UPLB	
e) Land taxation	NCIP		AusAID		SURP/EPA	
	NEDA / NLUC		ADB		ANGOC	
	HLURB		FAO		PHILDHARRA	
			EC	Emily Mercado		

Sub-WG 3: Agribusiness

Issues	Government		Dev Partner		Others	
	Agency	Name	Agency	Name	Agency	Name
Leadership & Facilitation	DA (Chair)		? (Co-Chair)			
a) Strategic planning for agribusiness	DAR		GTZ	Juliana Hinterberger/ Cecilia Astilla	League of Municipalities	
b) Value Chain Promotion of high value crops (coconut, abaca, fruits, fish ...)					League of Provinces	
c) Bio-fuel	DENR		JICA		Academe - UAP (R.Dy)	
d) Rural infrastructure						
e) Rural credit	DA-specialized agencies (e.g. BFAR, Phil. Coconut Authority)		WB		PCCI	
f) Trade/Exports						
g) Financial Constraints	DTI		ADB		Growers Associations	
h) Sanitary-/phyto-sanitary issues/ food regulations			USAID		PBSP	
i) Market Regulatory environment	NEDA		IFC			
	DOF/MDFO		AusAID			
	DPWH		EC	Jose Medina		
	DOTC		AECID	Gonzalo Serrano		
	DOST/PCARRD		IFAD			
	LBP					
	DBP					