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MISSION

To provide science, technology, policy and capacity support to developing countries to integrate ecosystem management approach into their national policies and development plans to enhance the delivery of ecosystem services for human well-being.

MANDATE

To synthesize science findings for decision-making on ecosystem management and is supported by three inter-related initiatives:

1. Capacity Building and Technology Transfer
2. Making the Case through Assessment and Demonstration
3. Science-Policy Interface

Consultations with the Ministry of Environment, Cambodia, March 2018

UNEP-IEMP conducted two consultations with the Ministry of Environment in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on March 21st.

The first consultation was a scoping meeting on a project expected to be launched shortly with funding from the Government of China entitled “Improving Ecosystem Management for Sustainable Livelihoods in the Framework of Lancang-Mekong Cooperation,” for which Cambodia was selected as one of the pilot countries along with China and Lao PDR. The meeting was chaired by H. E. Dr. Tin Ponlok, Secretary General for the National Council for Sustainable Development, and its objective were to introduce the project to the relevant key stakeholders and to discuss the potential pilot site. The Ministry of Environment supports this project as it is important for both Cambodia and the region in applying ecosystem-based approaches to improve livelihoods. Further official approval will be sought for the pilot site identification and project team member appointments.

The second consultation was with the Department of Climate Change on regional components for the full proposal preparation for the Adaptation Fund, entitled “Mekong EbA South: Enhancing Climate Resilience in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region through Ecosystem-based Adaptation in the Context of South-South Cooperation”. While Cambodia will not have a pilot site for on-the-ground EbA interventions, it will participate in regional components. The consultation, therefore, aimed to receive comments and advice on regional components for benefits of Cambodia and the region as a whole. The consultation was very fruitful; valuable recommendations and comments for the design of regional components were obtained. The regional consultation will be organized on April 26th in Beijing.
EbA South Project Mission to Mauritania, March 2018

A joint Technical Advisor & Project Management Unit mission to Mauritania was successfully conducted from March 13th to 20th. The main purpose of this mission was to monitor the implementation progress of EbA South and to plan for project completion and sustainability. This mission included: i) a field visit to three project sites at Benichab and Idini; ii) a follow-up meeting with the national team including national consultants and focal points of the sites to present impression from field visits and to form a plan of action; and iii) a meeting with the Long-Term Research Programme (LTRP) team on monitoring activities and research publications.

The mission was productive and successful. The fence and plantation areas were mapped, site-specific techniques including irrigation system were communicated, and some management approaches were proposed. In addition, an agreement as an annex of MoU for the LTRP was signed between the École normale supérieure (ENS) and the Ministère de l’Environnement et du Développement Durable (MEDD), to specify financial details and deliverables. Sustainability opportunities for all sites and the long-term research have been explored as well.

UNEP-IEMP Representative Attended the Green Belt and Road: International Workshop on China-Africa Sustainable Forest Ecosystem Management, March 2018

UNEP-IEMP was invited to the Green Belt and Road: International Workshop on China-Africa Sustainable Forest Ecosystem Management, hosted by the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Center and the EFI EU FLEGT Facility. The workshop aims to implement the outcomes of the Johannesburg Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, support discussion in preparation for the 2018 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, and promote pragmatic China-Africa cooperation in sustainable forest ecosystem management.

Dr. Dagne Mojo Yadate attended the workshop on behalf of UNEP-IEMP and made a presentation entitled “Climate-Ecosystem-Livelihoods nexus approach for sustainable forest ecosystem management in Africa” and shared the Ethiopian case of sustainable forest management. In addition, he introduced the UNEP-IEMP, the major accomplishments and the Climate, Ecosystem and Livelihood Flagship Program. His presentation garnered positive feedback.
**UNEP-IEMP signed a Strategic Partnership with Qingdao Suncare Group, February 2018**

Dr. Linxiu Zhang, on behalf of UNEP-IEMP, signed a strategic partnership agreement with Qingdao Suncare Group on the 1st of February 2018 in Beijing. Qingdao Suncare Group is a corporate group that has been engaged in environmental protection and ecological civilization as part of its corporate social responsibilities. Via this strategic partnership, both parties hope to make contributions to environmental protection and support achievement of the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals. According to the strategic partnership agreement, IEMP and Suncare agree to establish a training base in the West Coast New Area of Qingdao, which will serve as the think tank of IEMP and one of the international training centers of the Chinese Ecosystem Research Network (CERN). In addition, both parties will push for the proposed Beijing Science Centre of the UN Environment to set up a marine sub-center in Qingdao.

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**INCOMING**

Dr. Linxiu Zhang

**OUTGOING**

Dr Linxiu Zhang, Director, UNEP-IEMP

Dr Linxiu Zhang was the Director of the Center for Chinese Agricultural Policy at the Chinese Academy of Sciences. She also served as a Board of Trustee member for CIFOR, ICRAF, World Fish Center and ICIMOD. In 2014, she was elected as a fellow of The Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS). Since 2011, she has served as the Co-Director of UNEP-IEMP.