

Date of meeting: 30 May 2018

Place of meeting: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

**Joint Committee of the Joint Crediting Mechanism
between Cambodia and Japan
Fourth Meeting**

Meeting Report

Agenda item 1. Opening

H.E. Sao Sopheap, Director of Cabinet of Minister, and Adviser of Ministry of Environment, opened the fourth meeting of the Joint Committee (JC) of the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) and gave opening remarks.

Mr. Kenichi Bessho, Minister, Embassy of Japan in Cambodia, gave opening remarks.

Table: Attendance

JC Members from Cambodian side	
H.E. Sao SOPHEAP*	Ministry of Environment
H.E. Tin PONLOK	Ministry of Environment
H.E. Khieu BORIN	Ministry of Environment
H.E. Chea Samang**	Ministry of Environment
Dr. Keo Omalis (alternate) H.E. Sar CHETRA	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Mr. Heng Bora (alternate) Mr. Por Nimol	Ministry of Mines and Energy
Mr. Preap CHANVIBOL (resigned)	Ministry of Public Works and Transport
Mr. Chong Bou (alternate) Mr. Ven Keahak	Ministry of Industry and Handicraft
JC Members from Japanese side	
Mr. Kenichi BESSHO	Embassy of Japan in Cambodia
Mr. Takashi MATSUMOTO (alternate)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr. Naoki TORII (alternate)	Ministry of the Environment
Mr. Wataru MATSUMURA	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
Ms. Naoko TSUKADA	Forestry Agency
Mr. Kohei HORI	Embassy of Japan in Cambodia

The names of members present at the meeting are in bold print above.

*Co-Chair at the third meeting of the JC

** **New member of the JC**

Agenda item 2. Organizational matters

Agenda item 2.1 Adoption of the agenda

The JC adopted the agenda of the meeting.

Agenda item 2.2 Approval on attendance of observers

The JC gave its consent to attendance of observers at this JC meeting.

Agenda item 3. Rules and guidelines

The JC welcomed the work and progress made through the technical working group (TWG) for development of REDD+ guidelines under the JCM, which were reported by the co-chairs of TWG, H.E. Mr. Chea Samang and Ms. Naoko TSUKADA.

Agenda item 3.1. Rules of Implementation for the JCM

The JC considered the draft revisions on “Rules of Implementation for the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM)”, and adopted it, as contained in [Annex 1](#) to this meeting report.

Agenda item 3.2. JCM Project Cycle Procedure for REDD-plus

The JC considered the draft “JCM Project Cycle Procedure for REDD-plus”, and adopted it, as contained in [Annex 2](#) to this meeting report.

Agenda item 3.3. JCM Guidelines for Developing Proposed Methodology for REDD-plus

The JC considered the draft “JCM Guidelines for Developing Proposed Methodology for REDD-plus”, and adopted it, as contained in [Annex 3](#) to this meeting report.

Agenda item 3.4. JCM Guidelines for Developing Project Design Document and Monitoring Report for REDD-plus

The JC considered the draft “JCM Guidelines for Developing Project Design Document and Monitoring Report for REDD-plus”, and adopted it, as contained in [Annex 4](#) to this meeting report.

Agenda item 3.5. JCM Guidelines for Addressing and Respecting Safeguards for REDD-plus

The JC considered the draft “JCM Guidelines for Addressing and Respecting Safeguards for

REDD-plus”, and adopted it, as contained in [Annex 5](#) to this meeting report.

Agenda item 3.6. JCM Guidelines for Validation and Verification for REDD-plus

The JC considered the draft “JCM Guidelines for Validation and Verification for REDD-plus”, and adopted it, as contained in [Annex 6](#) to this meeting report.

Agenda item 3.7. JCM Glossary of Terms

The JC considered the draft revisions on “JCM Glossary of Terms”, and adopted it, as contained in [Annex 7](#) to this meeting report.

Agenda item 3.8 JCM Modalities of Communication Statement Form for REDD-plus

The JC considered the draft “JCM Modalities of Communication Statement Form for REDD-plus”, and adopted it, as contained in [Annex 8](#) to this meeting report.

Agenda item 3.9. JCM Guidelines for Developing Proposed Methodology

The JC considered the draft revisions on “JCM Guidelines for Developing Proposed Methodology”, and adopted it, as contained in [Annex 9](#) to this meeting report.

Agenda item 3.10. JCM Guidelines for Designation as a Third-Party Entity

The JC considered the draft revisions on “JCM Guidelines for Designation as a Third-Party Entity”, and adopted it, as contained in [Annex 10](#) to this meeting report.

Co-Chairs requested to take 10 working days as probation period before making the JCM-REDD+ guidelines come into effect. The JC decided to make the adopted guidelines publicly available after the period, which was dated to be 14 June 2018.

Agenda item 4. Issuance of JCM credits

The secretariat explained the procedure for processing request for issuance of credits. The JC discussed the basic principle on how credits are allocated among project participants and both sides in line with the rules and guidelines of the JCM. The Japanese side explained the conditions for credit allocation pertaining to the financing programme for JCM model projects through which the Ministry of the Environment, Japan provides financial support of less than half of the initial investment for projects and would like to request for at least half of the JCM credits to be issued to the Japanese side. The Cambodian side requested further consideration and discussion on credit allocation among project participants and the host country.

Agenda item 5. Other matters

Agenda item 5.1. Promoting development of JCM projects in Cambodia

The Japanese side explained the financing programme for JCM model projects, ADB Trust Fund (Japan Fund for the JCM: JFJCM) and updated information on the projects which are currently implemented in Cambodia under these financing programme.

Agenda item 5.2. Introduction of the REDD-plus project in Prey Lang

An observer organization gave a presentation on their potential REDD-plus project, which is planned to be proposed in the future. The JC welcomed the shared information on the project and encouraged further development by working closely with concerned General Directorates and provincial departments under the Ministry of Environment, Cambodia, as well as other concerned stakeholders.

Agenda item 6. Conclusion of the meeting

The Co-Chairs gave closing remarks and closed the meeting.

The JC recognized the importance of the work undertaken by TWG and consented to extend their work, as necessary, for implementing REDD+ projects under the JCM.

Annexes to the report

- Annex 1. Rules of Implementation for the JCM (version 04.0)
- Annex 2. JCM Project Cycle Procedure for REDD-plus (version 01.0)
- Annex 3. JCM Guidelines for Developing Proposed Methodology for REDD-plus (version 01.0)
- Annex 4. JCM Guidelines for Developing Project Design Document and Monitoring Report for REDD-plus (version 01.0)
- Annex 5. JCM Guidelines for Addressing and Respecting Safeguards for REDD-plus (version 01.0)
- Annex 6. JCM Guidelines for Validation and Verification for REDD-plus (version 01.0)
- Annex 7. JCM Glossary of Terms (version 02.0)
- Annex 8. JCM Modalities of Communication Statement Form for REDD-plus (version 01.0)
- Annex 9. JCM Guidelines for Developing Proposed Methodology (version 03.0)
- Annex 10. JCM Guidelines for Designation as a Third-Party Entity (version 03.0)