

**Final Workshop**  
**Strengthening Forest Tenure for Sustaining Livelihoods and Generating Income**  
**in Cambodia, Nepal and Viet Nam (FAO/TCP/RAS/3506)**

Hotel Hoa Binh Ha Noi  
27 Ly Thuong Kiet Street, Hoan Kiem District Hanoi City, Viet Nam  
25-26 October 2016

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**Background**

In the last ten years, the economic role of forests, particularly in contributing to the improvement of livelihoods and the income of rural communities, has received greater attention. Recognition of the importance of strengthening community forest tenure, both from policy and institutional capacity perspectives, to ensure livelihoods and increase the income of forest dependent people is well-reflected in the development priorities of most of the countries in Asia. A number of studies have also revealed that improving livelihoods and income of forest dependent communities mainly depend on extent of tenure security to access manage and use forests and forestland. In addition, lack of or weak forest tenure policy framework and institutional capacity also limit the economic outcomes of forest management.

The technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) of FAO of the United Nations initiated a regional project on “Strengthening Forest Tenure for Sustaining Livelihoods and Generating Income” in 2014 in three countries: Cambodia, Nepal and Viet Nam. The main purpose of the TCP was to strengthen regulatory and policy frameworks on forest tenure as well as the institutional capacity of the key actors in the pilot countries to address tenure issues. The ultimate beneficiaries were forest-dependent communities whose livelihoods and income depend on their access and use of forest resources. In the long run those communities are expected to have more secured and stronger forest tenure rights as a key prerequisite for ensuring the contribution of forests to their livelihoods and income. Activities of this TCP were built on previous and existing work of FAO related to this topic including, for example, various awareness raising programmes conducted in the past, training on the tenure and governance based the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure (VGGT), training on conflict management, etc. Recognizing this challenge, FAO together with the governments of pilot countries in collaboration with CSOs, development partners, research and capacity building institutions, and other relevant actors implemented this TCP to help to formulate future actions to address the gaps associated with tenure policies and institutional capacity at the national level. Now, the TCP intervention across pilot countries reached the final stage of completion.

**Workshop objectives**

The final regional lesson learned workshop aims to bring together national and regional level stakeholders from various sectors such as forests, land, and environment to exchange

information, share experiences from the TCP, and discuss the way forward. The following topics will be discussed during the workshop:

- Key results and findings of TCP interventions and key recommendations.
- Implementation of action plans to address identified policy and capacity gaps.
- Ways to move forward to strengthen forest tenure and improve livelihood.

### Date and venue

The workshop is co-hosted by the Vietnam Academy of Forest Sciences (VAFS) and FAO; and will be held in Hanoi on 25-26 October 2016 at Hotel Hoa Binh Ha Noi 27 Ly Thuong Kiet Street, Hoan Kiem District Hanoi City, Viet Nam

### Participants

Around 50 participants will attend the workshop. Participants include representatives from government agencies of pilot countries (Cambodia, Nepal, and Viet Nam) mainly from forests, land and environment sectors, key experts, development partners, CSOs representatives from some of the selected NGOs, relevant programmes and projects, etc.

### Workshop programme

<b>MONDAY, 24 October 2016</b> - Arrival of the participants in Hanoi Check-in at Hotel Muong Thanh Hanoi Centre Hotel- 78 Tho Nhuom Street, Hoan Kiem district, Hanoi, Viet Nam.		
<b>DAY 1, TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2016:</b> Field visit to Phu Tho province		
		<b>Responsible</b>
07.30 – 17.00	The objective of the field visit is to learn how individual households and communities manage forests and forestland under Forest Allocation and Forestland Allocation (FA/FLA) program in Vietnam.  In addition, the field visit team will also observe issues related to forest tenure, livelihoods and enterprises development in Vietnam. The field visit will provide an opportunity to meet with small scale forest growers, company managing forests and forest plantation, wood processing and value addition at household level.	Vietnam Academy of Forest Sciences (VAFS) and FAO Country Office, Vietnam
<b>Detailed agenda of the field visit</b>		
07.30-10.00	Depart from the hotel to Phu Tho province	
10.00-11.00	Visit forest restoration models at the Forest	

	Science Centre of North Eastern Viet Nam	
11.00-12.00	Visit plantation development at Doan Hung Forestry Ltd Company	
<b>12.00-13.00</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
13.00-15.00	Visit plantation and wood processing activities at household level in Que Lam commune, Doan Hung district	
15.00-17.00	Returning back to the hotel in Hanoi	
<b>DAY 2, WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 2016 - Final regional lesson learned workshop</b>		
08.00 – 08.30	Registration	VAFS
08.30 – 09.00	<b>Opening ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome address by Prof. Vo Dai Hai- President, VAFS Vietnam</li> <li>Welcome remarks by Jong Ha Bae- FAO Representative, Vietnam</li> <li>Brief overview and achievements of the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) “Strengthening Forest Tenure for Sustaining Livelihoods and Generating Income” by Mr. Yurdi Yasmi, FAO-RAP</li> </ul>	<b>Master of ceremony:</b> Mr. Vu Tan Phuong-VAFS Vietnam
09.00 – 09.10	<b>Overview of the workshop objectives and agenda</b>	<b>Master of ceremony:</b> VAFS Vietnam- Mr. Vu Tan Phuong
09.10 - 09.30	<b>Energizer game:</b> Reflecting on the TCP What I like most/least about the TCP	Mr. Toon De Bruyn
<b>09.30 – 10.00</b>	<b>GROUP PHOTO AND COFFEE BREAK</b>	
10.00-10.20	Process and framework of assessment of forest tenure policies and institutional capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forest tenure policy</li> <li>Institutional capacity</li> </ul>	Mr. Ganga Dahal Mr. Toon De Bruyn
10.20- 12:00	<b>Session I:</b> Country presentation focusing on key findings, new achievements, recommendations and lesson learned from TCP implementation in pilot countries. (20 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion for each country)	<b>Session chair:</b> Prof. Vo Dai Hai from VAFS.
10.20 – 10.55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Cambodia:</b> Mr. Long Ratanakoma</li> </ul>	
10:55- 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Nepal:</b> Mr. Phadindra Pokharel</li> </ul>	
11:30-12:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Viet Nam:</b> Mr. Vu Tan Phuong</li> </ul>	

<b>12.05 – 13.30</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
13.30 – 14.45	<p><b>Session II:</b> Break out group. Group work and discussion in country teams- 4 groups (as Viet Nam will have two groups) focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can key recommendations in each country be implemented?</li> <li>• What action can government do to implement the recommendations?</li> <li>• What specific resource partners that can support further work on the topics?</li> <li>• Is there any similar programme or projects that can take these recommendations forward in the pilot countries?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Session facilitators:</b> Mr. Ganga Dahal, and Mr. Toon De Bruyn</p>
14.45 – 15.30	<p><b>Session III:</b> Reflection on the following topics in the plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross country learning opportunities and potential scaling up of good practices and policies to strengthen forest tenure.</li> <li>• Discussion on factors enabling the implementation of action plans</li> </ul>	
<b>15.30 – 15.45</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
16.00 – 16.45	<p><b>Session IV:</b> Moving forward and reaffirming action plans.</p> <p><b>Support messages / commitment from:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governments of Cambodia, Nepal, Viet Nam</li> <li>• CSOs</li> <li>• Programme</li> <li>• Donors</li> </ul>	<p><b>Session Chair:</b> Mr. Yurdi Yasmi- FAO RAP</p>
16.45 – 17:00	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VAFS: Prof. Vo Dai Hai</li> <li>• FAO- Mr. Yurdi Yasmi</li> </ul>	<p><b>MC:</b> VAFS</p>
<b>18.00</b>	<b>GROUP DINNER</b>	