

NGO Climate Change Working Group
NGO Resource Centre La Thanh Hotel, 218 Doi Can, Hanoi

CCWG Core and Thematic Meeting
Thursday, 7th January 2010

Meeting Minutes

Chaired by: Fiona Percy – CARE International

Noted by: Melanie Argimon – PRCF and My Hanh – CARE International

Updates from the thematic groups and planned meetings

- Review minutes and action points from last meeting- 3rd December 2009: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed
- Updates from adaptation sub-group: The Mainstreaming Guidelines version 2 developed by the Sub-group is now available and will be circulated among members. The Sub-group plan to have a meeting soon to discuss on the Guidelines follow-up and prepare plan for 2010. The sub-group meeting will be input for the general CCWG planning.

Policy issues and actions

- **COP 15:** Two of the meeting participants – Minh from RAECP and Le from WWViews who went to Copenhagen, shared their thoughts on the conference.
 - The main issues discussed, were the failure of the negotiations and the lack of coordination between all parties. It was underlined that participating NGOs failed to work at their full potential, being sometimes not even allowed in the center.
 - Vietnamese delegation seemed not very active in open debates, however, they managed to have more private talks for fund raising.
 - For further information, the articles of the two participants can be accessed online:
 - www.urs.vn (WWViews)
 - Dung (from Oxfam), noted the next step in climate change talks, will be the two-week negotiating session which will be held in Bonn (Germany), from 31 May to 11 June 2010.
 - In conclusion, it was underlined that, although there is widespread disappointment; domestic motivation remains and we should not underestimate the level of influence NGOs can have.

Action points

- ⇒ After the Copenhagen brief it was suggested we try and convene a Post-Copenhagen meeting, possibly with delegates from the Vietnamese government, the UNDP and MONRE, to look at: COP 15 implications, where are we heading, and the opportunities for us to engage.
- ⇒ Invite M. Koos and M. Lai (UNDP) and Charles Ehrhart (CARE) to share their experiences with NGOs, then fix a day, and announce through the CCWG mailing list.

NB. SRD may convene a second meeting where official delegates and others join together with NGOs for sharing

Progress of the Capacity Building Project on Climate Change

- A Communication Training took place last month. Design of the website has been transferred to VNGO & CC. Re-design of CCWG will be conducted by NGORC IT person together with CB project web moderator. The project web moderator will also upload information of the project to CCWG website.
- Trainers are being selected through direct application. However, it is a difficult task while very few adaptations experts seem to be available in Vietnam.
- TOT Curriculum completed. Training for TOT will be next week, and in March the second course will take place with NGO and INGO staff working on CC. Overall, 6 training courses will take place in 2010.
- Bulletin Newsletter No. 1 under the project has been developed with general information on CC in Vietnamese. NGOs are requested to send contacts for partners for proper dissemination of the Newsletter
- The project is developing a database of training personnel on CC and Capacity Building.

Preparation of CCWG Planning 2010.

The next meeting in February will be more of an annual general meeting which will review and revise the overarching plan for 2010.

Ideas for CCWG planning:

- ABC group mentioned they would like their scope of work and the TOR to be reviewed.
- It was thus suggested and agreed, that each thematic group should organize to meet as soon as possible to review activities in 2009 and develop ideas for 2010 before the next CCWG meeting (4 Feb) and ideally before 1st February
- A Core group meeting will be held on 1st February, with the 9 NGO members, to review overall CCWG structure, core group, chair, and also policy issues, and develop a proposal that will be discussed in the February CCWG meeting. All thematic group leaders would come to the core group meeting with ideas from their thematic group members to inform the overall CCWG plan.
- A small group will meet with NGO RC on redesigning the website so it can be updated regularly and benefit fully the thematic groups, CCWG as a whole and the capacity building project. A web moderator working for the CB project will manage the web site once it is designed.
- Continue to use the mailing list as the communication vehicle for all CCWG activities including the thematic groups. Currently there are 332 members.

Brainstorm of topics for CC action by NGOs in 2010

- Under the support of MPI (Ministry of Planning Infrastructure), there will be more consultations for the upcoming 5-year SEDP and the 10-year SEDS. In the upcoming month a number of consultation opportunities and workshops will be open for NGOs (Need to follow up in the planning meeting)
- Integration of CC into SEDP is likely to depend on existing budgets and will not cover the range of required CC responses. NGOs must also support and lobby for additional funding for CC specific work including under the NTP.
- NGOs can encourage any ministry they work with to develop their action plan under the NTP-RCC, and ensure their plans are relevant for more marginalized communities.
- Minh would like to call for funding from CCWG for the young people especially network of youth on their contributions to environment and CC responses. CCWG to assist NGOs access to CC funds like innovation day proposal.
- Make a closer link with disaster management working group (DMWG), as DMWG has many relevant issues to CC, they would like Core group members to join the group.
- Looking at the health issue and climate change: may be in a specific subgroup, or we can consider where it fits in the next meeting of CCWG
 - UNESCO, education program, will be a key issue in ensuring there is sufficient information in standard education curricula.

Other business and upcoming events

- The National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) training of Oxfam Quebec, will take place in Nghe An, integrating climate change awareness in socio-economic development planning. This is a project which is still in design and will take place over 18 months, at a national, provincial, district and commune level.
- The World Bank Innovation Day 2010 Fund has Climate Change as a theme. The fund supports small bottom-up, innovative proposals that address local development challenges. The launching ceremony of the program this year and the introduction workshops take place from Jan 5th to Jan 20th 2010 and proposals are due in March 20th. This year, the Danish Embassy added 150K VND to the budget. (This news has been forwarded to the mailing list for your information).

Action points:

- ⇒ Contact WB to find out about representation of NGOs on the juror board of decision making and which NGOs, CBOs are actually eligible. Those who are not sure about their status can contact directly to the WB
- PRCF informed a co-management workshop will be held in Cao Bang, in March, on natural resource management.

Upcoming events

- Sharing meeting on COP15 outcomes and implications for NGOs in Vietnam, Monday 18th January 2pm NGO RC
- Adaptation sub-group 29 January 9.00 AM
- CCWG meeting 2 PM, 4th February 2010, at NGORC

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