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1. Practice area : REDD+

2. Mission period (incl. of travel days)

From : 15/09/2014 to : 19/09/2014

3. Type of mission :

UN-REDD Country Backstopping

4. Clients

Suriname – SBB

5. Purpose of mission

- Support SBB with Anrica discussion on results of the pre-NFI project
- Discuss implementation of Pillar 3 of Prodoc with SBB and NIMOS

6. Documents, materials, resources

- Report provided by ANRICA on the preliminary results of the pre-NFI
- Prodoc

7. Mission members

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8. Costs

9. Brief summary of the mission

- Upon arrival in Paramaribo on Monday evening, an informal debriefing session was held with SBB (upon their request), to discuss how the first day of presentations went with ANRICA;
- Tuesday consisted of the second day meeting between ANRICA and SBB on the pre-NFI project, discussions on the way forward and technical questions raised;
- Wednesday morning: working session with SBB on technical questions;
- Wednesday afternoon: meeting with NIMOS and UNDP country offices to discuss technical activities under Pillar 3, inception workshop and set up / recruitment of PMU, followed by a debriefing with the UNDP country office.
- Thursday morning: working session with SBB on specific activities under Pillar 3, priorities and concrete steps forward;
- Thursday lunch-time: Debrief with UNDP country office.
- Thursday evening: departure

9.a Findings

- ANRICA – SBB meeting:
 - o SBB did not feel confident on the results presented by ANRICA and had many technical concerns;
 - o ANRICA was trying to push SBB into signing an agreement to continue the full NFI development with them, while not having completed the pre-NFI project yet. ANRICA is a commercial company, trying to sell its technology and methodology to combine aerial photography and field measurements to conduct an NFI. The software is non-open source (privately owned), including sophisticated analyses which Suriname is not able (and unlikely that it will in the future) to conduct within the country;
 - o The initial report provided by ANRICA was sub-standard, creating issues of distrust with SBB;
 - o The meeting concluded on a positive note, where SBB was able to communicate what it wanted to see better explained in the report of the pre-NFI. No commitments were made by SBB on how to continue after the completion of the pre-NFI project
- Prodoc implementation Pillar 3
 - o SBB appears to be ready to start a work plan, capacity assessment and drafting of ToRs to implement Pillar 3

- NIMOS does not seem to have the capacity or have given much thought on how to start implementing Pillar 3.

9.b Results achieved (key outputs)

- Supported SBB in the technical discussions with ANRICA
- Discussed a concrete forward with SBB to start implementing the activities for which they are responsible under Pillar 3;
- Provided technical information on Brazil's reference level;
- Briefly presented and demonstrated CollectEarth for Suriname in light of its land-use change assessment
- Presented the OpenForis suite for SBB to look at and evaluate if any of the tools could be useful for their NFI;
- Shared a presentation on NFMS for REDD+ under the UNFCCC that I gave in Bhutan so that SBB can familiarise itself with the process;
- Preliminary discussion with NIMOS on how they are thinking of implementing the activities for which they are responsible in Pillar 3.

9.c Expected outcomes and impacts

- SBB will send us a list of bullet points to include in the ToRs for activity 3b3
- SBB to conduct a capacity assessment in terms of HR, expertise and hardware to execute the activities for Pillar 3
- SBB to review its work plan based on point 2 above.
- SBB to indicate focal point for communication with SBB and UNDP on Pillar 3
- Follow up technical discussions with SBB

10. Key counterparts

SBB, NIMOS