

## **3<sup>rd</sup> DAAD workshop on Forests in climate change research and policy: the role of forest management and conservation in a complex international setting**

### **1<sup>st</sup> day afternoon session minutes by Fungai Svondo**

The afternoon session had 3 presentations and summarizing remarks for all of the day's presentations.

The first presentation was on **“Introductory of Commune Land Use Planning (CLUP), a tool for participatory Forest Management in Thailand and Cambodia’s Perspective”** by **Soveat Vuth** and **Suphawadee Wilamart**

The presentation explained on the principle of CLUP, giving definitions for Land Use Planning and Participatory. The procedure for CLUP for both countries was shown. In Cambodia CLUP has 11 steps, and there is no comprehensive land use planning. Thailand has different levels of land use planning, that is national, provincial and watershed level. How CLUP was being used in participatory forest management was clearly presented in both countries.

After the presentation a question came up

#### **Question**

**The issue of overlapping land use plans was it not a source of conflicts?**

#### **Answer**

Thailand: Yes it was a source of many conflicts. Currently there is no solution yet to harmonize the overlapping at different level

Cambodia: There are no overlapping plans as the top national level delegates the planning to the bottom levels. Hence all levels have to adhere to the national level planning.

The second presentation was from **Fungai Svondo** and **Ambachew Getnet**. The topic was **“Effect of Agricultural land expansion on deforestation and its implication on climate change”**.

The presentation gave an overview of the rate of deforestation in Ethiopia and Zimbabwe and the changes in forest cover over a period of time. As for Ethiopia the main focus was on the foreign direct investments and for Zimbabwe the Fast track land reform programme. The focus was on how agricultural expansion had resulted in deforestation and in turn its impact on climate change. Recommendations on what could be done to reduce deforestation due to agriculture were also presented.

The following questions came up

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**Was REDD+ going to improve the situation in both countries?**

**Answer:** Zimbabwe- The issue of tenure security and transparency needed to be addressed first before the introduction of the REDD+ project.

Ethiopia- All land is nationalized, hence there is a need for the government and people to work together if the REDD+ is to produce results.

**Due to the agricultural expansion in both countries were there any conflicts?**

**Answer:** Plenty of conflicts in both countries which are yet to be solved

**What is meant by tenure?**

**Answer:** The way in which rights to land are held by a community or nation

The third presentation was from **Check Abdel Kader Baba**. The topic was “ **Conservation and Multiple Purpose Dam Management in North Benin: Challenges and Opportunities**”

The presentation showed how water management could be an opportunity for reforestation focusing on the stakeholders in this particular project, their interests, challenges, opportunities and conclusions. The project showed the water protection function of forests and its link to access clean water by the people and communities surrounding the dam. The presentation also highlighted other forest benefits besides carbon sequestration.

After the presentation the following questions arose.

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**What is meant by ecologically adapted species in terms of tree species?**

**Answer:** Species that are better suited for the soil and climatic conditions in this area. Some existing tree species have been pruned and the cause is not clear.

**Who decides the areas to be afforested?**

**Answer:** The local NGO which is a part and initiator of the project.

**Were the locals aware of the importance of water and forests or someone told them?**

**Answer:** Some already had an idea of the importance of water and forest before the project was started.

**What are the benefits of the project for the villagers?**

**Answer:** Access to water for people and animals, and also a grazing area for the animals

Lastly Professor **I Nengah Surati Jaya** from Indonesia gave the summarizing remarks for all the presentations of the day.