

AGENDA

4th NATURAL CAPITAL PLATFORM (NCP) MEETING

16th March, 2017, Ha Noi, Viet Nam

Grand Plaza Hotel, 117 Tran Duy Hung Street, Ha Noi

1. Background

Natural capital are natural assets in their role of providing natural resource inputs and environmental services for economic production. Natural capital is generally considered to comprise three principal categories: *natural resource stocks, land and ecosystems*. All are considered essential to the long-term sustainability of development for their provision of “functions” to the economy, as well as to mankind outside the economy and other living beings¹.

There are numerous programmes on natural capital / payment of ecosystem services and related issues being undertaken at various levels.

It is widely recognized that Viet Nam has been successful in its economic development over the last past decades, but it is argued that this has been achieved largely at the expense of its natural resources base. Natural Capital and environment externalities have not been accounted for in Viet Nam’s economic development

The Natural Capital Platform (NCP) was proposed by ISPONRE with the main objective is to enhance capacity for assessment, valuation and accounting of natural capital; facilitate exchange of on-going initiatives/examples/best practices on natural capital in Viet Nam, and joint initiatives; inform policy interventions/programming and support combined and effective advocacy, including inclusion into statistic system, planning, budgeting accounts; introduce, promote and raise awareness and understanding for the concept of natural capital among relevant stakeholders such as policy makers, corporate sector, civil society, etc.; and promote the application of natural capital considerations and monitoring tools to address climate change challenges as well as develop climate change opportunities. Target audiences of NCP will include representatives of government, NGOs, research institutes, universities and development partners.

Several meetings was organized with the participation of development partners, line Ministries and research institutes/universities to discuss on organization structure of the platform. With the support of UNDP, GIZ, ADB, the NCP website has been developed as an initial effort to introduce general knowledge on natural capital and on-going initiatives on NC. Next steps of NCP will be the development of the introductory training module on NC and preparation for the NC research/project symposium. Moreover, NC stakeholder mapping exercise will be improved through consultative processes with related stakeholders.

¹ Definition by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

The fourth NCP meeting will be organized to discuss on populating the NCP website and bring all initiatives working on NCP in Viet Nam into a network to strengthen information exchange and communications processes on NC and find the opportunity to strengthen collaboration among partners.

2. Objectives:

- To discuss on populating the NCP website, responsibilities, and developing a NCP community on Facebook and Twitter;
- To detailed plan for the collaborative effort on the development of the introductory training module on NC;
- To discuss and collaborative plan for the NC stakeholder mapping exercise;
- To prepare for the NC research/project symposium; and
- To select date for the symposium and NCP gathering.

2. Tentative Agenda

Time	Items	Lead
08:00 – 08:30	Registration	ISPONRE
08:30 – 08:45	Opening speech	Ass.Pro.Dr. Nguyen The Chinh – Director General – ISPONRE
08:45 – 09:00	NCP working mechanisms, NCP community	ISPONRE
09:00 – 09:15	Mapping of NC stakeholders	Mr. Moritz Michel - HSF
09:15 – 09:30	Collaborative plan for the NCP	Mr. Mark Fenn - UNDP
09:30 – 10:00	Questions and answers	All participants
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Tea break</i>	
10:30 – 11:30	Plenary discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Population of the NCP website, responsibilities; development of a NCP community on Facebook and Twitter - Collaborative effort on the development of the introductory training module on NC - Preparation for the NC research/project symposium 	Facilitated by Ass.Pro.Dr. Nguyen The Chinh and Mr. Sanath Ranawana – ADB All participants

11:30 – 11:45	Selection of the date for the symposium and NCP gathering	
11:45 – 12:00	Conclusion and closing	Ass.Pro.Dr. Nguyen The Chinh
12:00	<i>Lunch</i>	

3. List of participants

Line Ministries:

- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment - MONRE (International Cooperation Department, Department of Planning, General Department of Land Administration, Viet Nam Environment Administration, ISPONRE, Vietnam Institute of Meteorology, Hydrology and Environment, Department of Meteorology, Hydrology and Climate Change, Department of Water Management)
- Ministry of Planning and Investment - MPI (Department of Planning Management, Department of Science, Education, Natural Resources and Environment, Foreign Economic Relations Department, Development Strategy Institute, Central Institute for Economic Management)
- Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development - MARD (Vnforest, Viet Nam Academy of Forest Sciences)
- Ministry of Industry and Trade - MOIT (Industrial Safety Techniques and Environment Agency, Institute of Energy)
- Ministry of Transportation

Development partners

- ADB, WB, GIZ, UNDP, JICA, FAO

Research Institutes/NGOs

- IUCN, SNV, WINROCK, CARE International, WWF Viet Nam, CIFOR
- Viet Nam Environmental Economics Association, Ha Noi National Economics University