

# REDD+ IN REALITY

## REDD+ in Lao PDR – Participation in the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, first hand experiences and challenges ahead!

Welcome to a unique possibility to listen to and discuss how REDD+ Phase 1 is starting to be implemented in a specific country. The DDG of the Department of Forestry and Lao Focal point for REDD; *Mr Khamphay Manivong* and *Ms Latasamy Silavong* from the IUCN office in Laos will visit Sida. They will describe how far Laos has come in REDD+ Readiness and present their views on the challenges they are facing and how they are trying to solve them within the country context.

### Programme

**Time:** Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 10.00-12.00

**Venue:** Sida Stockholm, Valhallavägen 199, room #19, Asante

10.00 – 10.15 Welcome. Presentation of the Norrköping Protocol, *Kerstin Jonsson Cissé, Sida*

10.15 - 10.30 Focali presents an analysis of on-going global REDD+ initiatives, *Madelene Ostwald, Focali*

10.30 – 11.15 Presentation of the Lao engagement in REDD+. Lessons learned so far and future challenges, *Mr Khamphay, DoF and Ms Latasamy Silavong IUCN*

11.20 – 12.00 Discussion

Please register your participation not later than 7<sup>th</sup> of October to [Susanne.von.Walter@stockholmresilience.su.se](mailto:Susanne.von.Walter@stockholmresilience.su.se)

### Background

*Last spring a meeting was organized in Norrköping by Sida, Focali, the National Board of Forestry and SwedBio with participants from the Swedish resource base in forestry and development. How Swedish development cooperation and other activities could or should support REDD+ countries in their efforts to build an efficient REDD structure; contributing to effective reductions in green house gases as well as reducing poverty and enabling equitable distribution of benefits from REDD was discussed. The output of that meeting was the so called 'Norrköping Protocol'. As a product of discussions between informed stakeholders in Sweden we hope that it will influence future decisions regarding REDD+ in particular and development assistance to forestry in general. A brief presentation of the Norrköping meeting and its outcome will be made at the beginning of the seminar on October 11.*

*The interaction with the Laotian delegation will be an excellent opportunity to continue the discussions that started in Norrköping. We would like to support and inform the public debate on REDD+ in Sweden and expect that the discussions with our colleagues from Laos will provide valuable and timely input to that.*

