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Expectations from capacity building of GHG inventories in Vietnam

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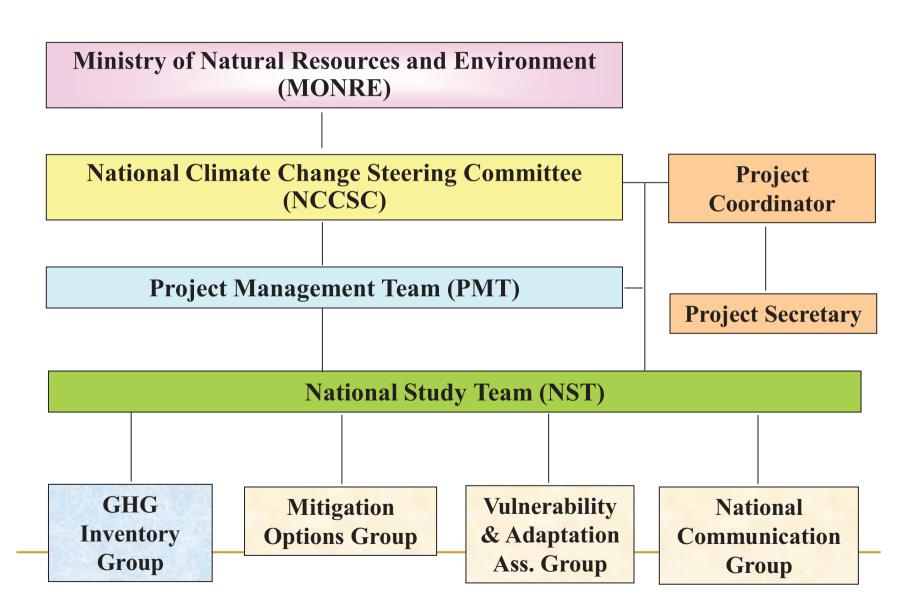
Outline

- Background information on GHG inventories in Vietnam
- Institutional arrangement for the development of GHG inventory for the Second National Communication
- Main problems with the GHG inventory in Vietnam
- Expectations from capacity building projects for GHG inventories
- Example of one capacity building project

Background

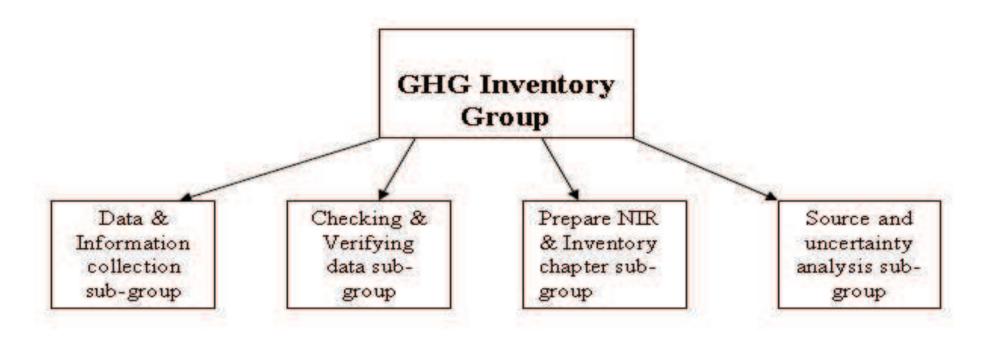
- Vietnam: ratified the UNFCCC in 1994 & the KP in 2002
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE): National Focal Point for implementation of the UNFCCC and the KP
- Completed National GHG Inventories under projects below:

Project	Base year	Note
ADB: Climate Change in Asia: Vietnam, 1994	1990	Compiled by National Technical Experts (NTE), 1994
ADB: ALGAS, 1997	1993	Compiled by NTE, 1997
GEF/UNEP/MONRE: INC to UNFCCC, 2003	1994	Compiled by GHG Inventory Group, 2002
Country Program on Climate Change, 2004	1998	Compiled by NTE, 2003
GEF/UNEP/MONRE: SNC to UNFCCC, under implementation	2000	Compiled by GHG Inventory Group, 2009



- The GHG inventory under SNC was carried out by Department of Meteorology, Hydrology and Climate Change with the support of related ministries, private sector, local communities and NGOs.
- National Climate Change Steering Committee (NCCSC) consists of representatives from relevant ministries and agencies.
- NCCSC provides consultations on policies as well as guidance and advisories on issues related to climate change, including GHG inventory to MONRE, PMT and NST.
- "Decision No.47/2007/QĐ-TTg dated 06/4/2007 of the Prime Minister approving the plan on the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol under the UNFCCC in the 2007-2010 period": legal basis for developing GHG inventories in Vietnam.

Sectors	Institutions involved
Energy	Min. of Industry and Trade Min. of Transportation Research Center for Energy and Environment Vietnam Coal Corporation
Industrial processes	Min. of Industry and Trade Institute of Industry and Chemical Safety Technology
Agriculture	Hanoi Agricultural University Research Center for Climate Change and Sustainable Development Min. of Agriculture and Rural Development
LULUCF	Min. of Agriculture and Rural Development Center for Natural Conservation and Community Development Center for Community Forestry
Waste	Hanoi University of Technology Hanoi Urban Environment Company Institute of Hydro-Meteorology and Environment



There are 4 sub-groups under GHG inventory group, involving experts and institutional bodies from energy, industry, forestry, agriculture and waste sectors

Main problems (technical)

LULUCF:

- + Difficult in emissions/removals estimates from forest
- + CO₂ emissions from forest fire: not estimated
- + Difficult in estimating soil carbon released

Energy:

- + AD for emissions estimates from fuel combustion: insufficient
- + EFs and calorific values used: IPCC's default values
- + Lack of EFs of CH₄ fugitive emission from coal mining
- Industrial Processes: Data of industrial production are scattered. Lack of data for a long time

Agriculture:

- + Emissions that related to burning of agricultural residues and fertilizer management: not accurate as its situation is quite different between areas
- + Emissions from rice field need to be improved due to insufficient AD of water management in rice paddy areas and lack of EFs for some rice cultivation location
- Waste: AD of waste generation, treatment and composition: not available in some big cities and industrial zones

Our concerns

- Legal framework is not strong enough to produce GHG inventories on a regular basis -> how to strengthen formal inter-ministries relationship?
- Human resources is limited (members of GHG inventory group were not involved full-time) -> how to maintain?
- Lack of institutional capacity for collecting and archiving data
- Default EFs: inappropriateness -> high uncertainties
- Lack of country-specific EFs, lack of financial and technical support for developing those EFs
- Inventory was not comprehensive: Lack of data or poor data quality in some categories (difficult in collecting data of socio-economic activities related to GHGs sources and sinks)
- Financial resources for GHG inventory, esp. for data collection: limited

Expectations from capacity building projects

- Strengthening the legal framework for GHG inventory
- Raising awareness, esp. of policy makers about the importance of preparing periodical GHG inventories in a MRV manner
- Capacity building for institutions involved: training personnel in collecting and analyzing data, using IPCC methodologies, making report, etc.
- Developing a country-specific manual for GHG inventory compilation (including institutional structure, data archiving...)
- Setting up a user-friendly database system for GHG inventory which can be updated on a regular basis

Expectations from capacity building projects

- Financial support for periodical GHG inventories in the future, esp.
 for AD collection and research on EFs
- Technical assistance for improving data quality, developing more reliable EFs -> strengthening accurate and reliable GHG inventories
- Training workshops/courses to enhance the expertise and skills for GHG experts
- International co-operation: sharing experiences, exchanging info, technical and financial support...

The project: Capacity building for national GHG inventory in Vietnam

- Technical co-operation with JICA (in planning process)
- Super goal: To promote MRV mitigation actions through periodical preparation of national GHG inventories
- Overall goal: To prepare accurate, reliable and periodical national
 GHG inventories
- Outputs:
 - + Enhanced capacity to periodically collect and compile data
 - + Enhanced capacity to promote understanding among relevant parties
 - + Enhanced capacity to manage QA/QC for each sector

With thanks!

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