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<p><b>Training: Biodiversity and Human Well-being</b> 29 October – 1 November 2018</p> <p>The course gave an introduction into the most relevant developments, concepts, and practical tools in biodiversity conservation and management in the context of international cooperation. It familiarized participants with the international framework of the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) as well as concepts and approaches for its implementation at national level. It also provided insights into current challenges as well as opportunities and related tools in technical and policy advisory services.</p>	Biodiversity
<p><b>“Expert exchange on REDD+ and FLEGT”</b> Bangkok, Thailand 16-18 October 2018</p> <p>In many tropical countries there is active engagement with both REDD+ and FLEGT. This provides an opportunity to build on the interactions between the two processes and make better progress on delivering the objectives of both. Increased cooperation between REDD+ and FLEGT at the national level could advance forest and land-use governance reforms, clarify land tenure, strengthen stakeholder engagement, increase transparency and balance competing interests. Stakeholders involved in these governance reforms and change processes could consider opportunities and incentives provided by REDD+ and FLEGT to achieve their objectives.</p> <p>Jointly with UNIQUE forestry and land use GmbH, SNRD Asia, the ASEAN Program and IWP organized an Expert Exchange from 16 to 18 October 2018 specifically targeted at and tailored for Asian-Pacific countries to discuss the “Implementation of FLEGT and REDD+ – Synergies and Challenges”.</p> <p>More than 30 representatives from Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand and Viet Nam met in Bangkok coming from academia, the private sector, multilateral organizations as well as from ministries, implementing agencies and civil society organization in Asia. The south-south exchange approach of the workshop targeted joint lessons learning and sharing of experiences on the challenges or opportunities for improved forest governance through FLEGT and REDD+ in different countries and programmes.</p>	Forest

<p><b>Scoping on entry points for digitalization in members' field of work</b></p> <p>The project, <i><b>Scoping of Application of Digital Technologies/Solutions in Climate Change Adaptation Country Processes</b></i>, will be concluded in February 2019.</p> <p>Identifying entry points of digitalization and application of digital technologies/solutions in the adaptation country processes towards achieving climate resilience and SDG target.</p>	<p>CCA</p>
<p><b>Information Exchange (Cross-Sectoral Collaboration)</b></p> <p>Joint conduct of a SNRD Africa and Asia-Pacific <b>webinar</b> on “<b>Application of ICT in Agriculture Sector</b>”, 27 June 2018.</p> <p>Co-developed with G510 a <b>video</b> on “<b>Experiences in Partnering with Private Sector</b>” from Africa and Asia in July-August 2018. The video was launched in October 2018.</p> <p>Consultation with KC 4D30 and G500 spokespersons and tandem partners of SNRD Africa WGs related to agriculture during 7-16 November 2018 in Bonn.</p> <p>Consultation with Green Innovation Centers for the Agriculture and Food Sector (GICs) in November 2018 in developing <b>exchange activities on sustainable rice production and value chains</b> among GIC countries and Southeast Asia as well as linking these exchange activities with SNRD Africa and Asia-Pacific in 2019.</p> <p>Joint conduct of a <b>webinar</b> with G510 on “<b>Quality and Standards in Agricultural Value Chains</b>” featuring the experiences in implementing sustainable rice standard and value chains, 18 December 2018.</p>	<p>Agriculture</p>