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Question:

- Q1. Do we have examples/best practices of Green Growth opportunities currently applied through communities in the forestry sector in Cambodia?
- Q2. What are the actual challenges/opportunities in terms of Green Growth for communities in the forestry sector in Cambodia?
- Q3. What concrete recommendations can the group give to address these challenges and utilise these opportunities?



- Question of the definition of Green Growth in the area of forestry : growth which is considering economic, environmental and social aspects. In the context of forestry, we can highlight the concept of sustainable management of resources, inclusion of communities and the less advantaged.



Question 1 : Examples and best practices of Green Growth opportunities in the forestry sector in Cambodia:

- Ikea example : production of Rattan (Involvement of private sector, access to bigger markets)
- WWF in Mondulkiri : sustainable extraction of honey
- Charcoals, bio gas i
- Community eco tourism, Kampong Thom, Kratie.
- National bio gas program led by the government
- In Cambodia, a Forest Management plan exists



Question 2 : Actual challenges/opportunities in terms of Green Growth for communities in the forestry sector

- Green growth road map strategy – question of the law enforcement by the government ELC, land grabbing,
- Poverty and lack of understanding at the grassroots level
- Cutting down of forest
- Quality and marketing of production



Question 3 : Recommendations

- Develop Information /advertising to communities about the exportation markets : characteristics, return they can expect, difficulties they will face.
- Good laws and policies should be enforced and people aware of their rights, thanks to education, to negotiate with private companies.
- Continue networking to enlarge the work of the existing working group for forestry.
- Work with private sector
- Increase community awareness
- Work with local authorities