

Informal Meeting of the UN-REDD Programme Executive Board

3rd May 2018 – Bonn, Germany

Summary of discussion

Introduction

The UN-REDD Programme held a 1,5 hour informal meeting aimed at sharing information on progress since the First Executive Board meeting in June 2017, feedback and exchange of views through an open dialogue and interactive discussion.

The meeting was attended by representatives from European Commission, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Norway, Switzerland, Civil Society Organizations, Indigenous Peoples, FAO, UNDP, UN Environment (see annex) and facilitated by the Head of the UN-REDD Secretariat, and covered the following agenda items:

Agenda item 1: Update on 2017 Results

This session presented a brief overview of the UN-REDD Programme results in 2017 and introduced the draft 2017 annual report. To further develop the annual report into a communications and outreach tool, following the Board's previous recommendation, the report's accessibility and appeal is being improved by refreshing the layout, adding impact stories, developing a flipbook version of the report and devising a promotional social media campaign.

Board representatives expressed their thanks for the well-structured and easy-to-read report, acknowledging the consideration of their previous feedback. The inclusion of impact stories disseminated throughout the report received particular interest, with Board representatives welcoming this new feature as an effective way to communicate tangible results. An additional suggestion was made on including linkages of UN-REDD achievements with global SDGs.

The facilitator concluded encouraging further feedback by the Board, and anticipated that intersessional approval of the report might be sought.

Agenda item 2: Update on 2018 Implementation & 2019 Programming

This session presented highlights of progress regarding the Technical Assistance (TA) programme for 2018, including the additional stakeholder consultations after the recommendation from the past Executive Board meeting, the inception and initiation of activities during the first four months of 2018, as well as early planning undertaken for 2019 (as the work plan and budget for 2019 will be submitted for approval at the second Executive Board meeting).

The Secretariat recalled the central role of the UN-REDD integrated results and monitoring framework 2018-2020 – developed following the Board's recommendation – as the key management tool to support the operationalisation and oversight of the TA program at country level and on global thematic areas for the period 2018-2020.

An update was also provided on the methodology and criteria for the new UN-REDD gender marker rating system – an innovative instrument for monitoring gender mainstreaming efforts across the support provided by the three UN-REDD agencies. The Programme's Gender Specialist underscored its close connection to the UN-REDD Results and Monitoring Framework, with each of the 55 current Programme outputs receiving a gender marker rating for the baseline as well as after each year of the TA program. Preliminary results of the baseline analysis for each of the TA outputs were also showcased.

The update on 2018/2019 was complemented by a debrief by the UN-REDD indigenous peoples' representative to the Board on the Dialogue on UN-REDD held during the UN Permanent Forum on

Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) which took place on 17 April in New York. The dialogue session provided a space for discussion and feedback with indigenous representatives on the overall work plan of UN-REDD for 2019-2020, with a specific focus on the knowledge component on "REDD+, forest tenure and the rights of indigenous peoples".

Board representatives expressed appreciation and encouraged the continuation of the consultation process being carried out with country stakeholders to develop the 2019 output-based budget to be presented for approval at the Second Executive Board in September 2018. Noting that the CBR+ initiative successfully completed its implementation in 2017, the CSO representative called for continuing support to this innovative work stream in 2019. Another Board representative highlighted the importance of the private sector engagement thematic work area of the Programme including financing and sustainable agriculture supply chains. The gender marker was appreciated for its innovativeness and clarification was sought on (i) whether results collected at the country level for the gender marker would be triangulated; and (ii) if gender would be monitored throughout the year or only at the end of the year. The gender specialist clarified that efforts would be undertaken to validate the gender marker data, where necessary, in partnership with countries, and that efforts to mainstream and monitor gender in Programme support currently is and will continue to be done on an ongoing basis.

Agenda item 3: Update on the Second Executive Board Meeting

The final session introduced the objectives and the preparation process for the second Executive Board meeting, tentatively scheduled for 4-5 September 2018.

Noting the announcement of an unplanned special UNFCCC session during the first week of September, Board representatives suggested reconsidering the proposed dates of the second meeting of the UN-REDD Executive Board meeting which was also planned for the same week.

Annex: List of participants

Region/ Constituency	EB Member
Asia-Pacific	Elizabeth Philip (Malaysia)
	Ram Prasad Lamsal (Nepal)
LAC	Guillermo Muñoz Galindo (Mexico)
Indigenous Peoples Org	Grace Balawag (Tebtebba Foundation)
Civil Society Organization	Chris Meyer (Envt Defense Fund)
Programme Donors	Keith Anderson (Switzerland)
	Rene Colditz (DGCLIMA, EU)
	Kosaku Onaka (Japan)
	Akiko Nakano (Japan)
	Lauren Gisnås (Norway)
	Vania Dietrichson (Norway)
FAO	Malgorzata BuszkoBriggs
UNDP	Timothy Clairs
	Josep Garí
	Elizabeth Eggerts
UN Environment	Gabriel Labbate
	Florian Eisele
UN-REDD Secretariat	Mario Boccucci
	Mihaela Secrieru
	Frances Lim