

**MISSION REPORT**

<b>Distribution:</b>  CCB, Travel, Jon	<b>Name of person(s) that undertook mission:</b> Valerie Kapos, Lera Miles
	<b>Period (including travel days):</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> December 2013
	<b>Projects:</b> 2650.05 UN-REDD (5/2 –UN-REDD support Policy Board & 3/11 Safeguards coordination)
	<b>Institution(s) or Meeting(s) and Venue(s):</b> UN-REDD Safeguards Coordination Group (LM), Information Session on National Approach to Safeguards I(VK & LM); UN-REDD Policy Board 11(VK); Joint UN-REDD and FCPF Information Session (VK) – all in Geneva
	<b>Main Person(s) contacted:</b> Members and observers of the UN-REDD Policy Board, Management Group and Safeguards coordination Group, E Mrema, UNEP.
<b>File(s):</b>	<b>Objective(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to Safeguard Coordination Group preparation for information session</li> <li>• Participate I Information Session, including present on recent developments of BeRT</li> <li>• Follow Policy Board discussions</li> <li>• Conduct side meetings with members and observers and Agency colleagues</li> </ul>

**Brief summary:**

The safeguards Coordination Group discussions very effectively developed the content and flow of the Information Session on National Approach to Safeguards and its component presentations. The information session was attended by some 70 people and the presentations, including the one on BeRT were well received and followed by constructive and useful questions (e.g. Norway was keen to pursue the inclusion in BeRT of questions relating to the effectiveness of implementation of existing policies, laws and regulations).

The PB11 meeting addressed all its agenda items and approved relevant decisions. A full PB meeting report is available at [www.un-redd.org](http://www.un-redd.org) . Key developments included:

- Provision by Norway of an additional 44 million USD in additional funds;
- Madagascar & Zimbabwe joined UN-REDD; Malawi to be approved shortly, bringing total UN-REDD participation to 50 countries
- Expansion of UN-REDD Support to National Action led to inviting submission of 3 new National Programmes in addition to those submitted by Argentina, Bangladesh and Cote d'Ivoire
- Agreement to resume rotation in Policy Board membership as of next PB
- Resolution of the issue of IP involvement in Panama and related development of appropriate joint grievance mechanisms for UN-REDD and FCPF (in progress)

The full day information session jointly organized on the 11th of January by UN REDD and the FCPF was attended by over 90 participants from government, CSOs, IPOs, UN agencies and academia who contributed to a series of presentations aimed at sharing experience and lessons learned from the first 5 years of experience of both UN REDD and FCPF

The information session, the PB meeting and the UN-REDD-FCPF joint session all provided excellent opportunities for important side meetings, including:

Kenya (Alfred Gichu): Kenya is keen to have support (Targeted Support) on safeguards (linking the work of

its Task Force to Cancun Safeguards) and on Multiple Benefits (mapping work analogous to Tanzania's). Agreed to supply a concept

Nepal (Resham): is very keen on support to make the links between mitigation (REDD+) and adaptation

Peru (Kenneth Peralta Nairo): Is keen to address multiple benefits in the context of its developing forest strategy in the run up to UNFCCC COP in Lima in 2014, also keen on possible regional side event on this involving e.g. Argentina

Argentina (Leandro Ferreira) is interested to revisit earlier mapping work and update working at provincial scale.

UNDP Asia- Pacific (Akhito Kono): discussed progress and ways forward in Sri Lanka, Mongolia, and Bangladesh


Nigeria (Salisu Dahiru, Odigha Odigha): discussed recent workshop experience and next steps in Nigeria

Gabriel Labbate, UNEP ROLAC: Discussed next steps in Panama, Ecuador and Paraguay, as well as Costa Rica Targeted support;

Ecuador (Maria del Carmen Espinosa): Discussed Ecuador's recent shifts in emphasis in its work on SIS and on the potential for monitoring.

**Recommendation(s)/Action(s) to be taken:**

Follow up action:	Responsible	Time-frame (by)
Continue to work with SCG on the development of CAST and BeRT building on comments from the information session	LM	ongoing
Follow up individual action points with specific countries and contacts	VK, LM, other UNEP-WCMC staff	January 2014

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