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Approved Mission Itinerary:

Oslo – Rome

List of Annexes (also found on the UN-REDD workspace – read more here)

- Concept note and final agenda
- Participants list
- Compilation of initiatives represented in the meeting

Inclusive Travel Date

5-7 June 2012

Key counterparts in location

- UN-REDD/ FAO and World Bank's Program on Forests (PROFOR)

Purpose/Objective of Mission:

From FAO's invitation to the meeting *The objective of the meeting is to share experiences and practical lessons related to **forest governance data collection** as well as to identify possible needs for guidance to practitioners and options to respond to these needs.*

From UN-REDD's and OGC's perspectives, this meeting would be an opportunity to share lessons learned from previous and on-going governance initiatives – in particular governance assessments - and also to point to already existing publications and resources which might be useful in the further work on compiling guidance on forest governance and data collection. For the PGA pilots on REDD+, the *indicator development* and *data collection* were deemed the most relevant aspects to get further guidance on.

Brief Summary of Mission Findings:

- The initiatives represented in the meetings varied in scope and purpose, as well as how the governance information produced was (or was not) successful in policy uptake, which made it hard to generalize lessons learned
- The response from the group on whether a guidance on data collection in forest governance was useful or not varied – some participants found it very useful, some wanted additional guidance data collection comes late in an assessment process, whereas some did not find it useful at all
- With regards to guidance on the different steps in a governance assessments prior to and post data collection, OGC argued for rather than reinventing the wheel – looking to already existing tools, approaches and publications and pointed to www.gaportal.org and the work UNDP OGC has been doing for the last decade
- There was not a timeline agreed for this process, but indications were given that a working group will draft a Guidance and that this will be sent out for comments to the participants of the first meeting for further input and edits

Key next steps and follow-up:

- UN-REDD and UNDP OGC agreed to be of assistance in providing further input to the development of the Guidance on forest governance data collection
- Making sure that the chapters on a) indicator development and b) data collection are "stand alone chapters" which can serve as guidance for practitioners in PGA processes

Distribution:

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