

CG GROUP MEETING
November 2 2011

Participants:

FAO: Mette Loychie Wilkie and Peter Holmgren

UNDP: Tim Clairs (left early) and Charles Mc Neill

UNEP: Mario Boccucci

Secretariat: Yemi Katerere, Thais Linhares-Juvenal and Clea Paz

Summary of decisions:

1. Strategy for Viet Nam

UN-REDD Programme has been invited by Viet Nam to organize a mission to the country in order to finalise the phase II proposal (content and organizational arrangements), fund management and co-financing. Dates proposed are week of 21 November, week of 12 December and week of January 23)

A technical mission is currently underway to finalise the Phase II proposal. This mission will not discuss fund management arrangements.

With respect to fund management the CG considered two models presented by FAO and UNDP.

Decisions:

- Consensus that Tier 2 refers only to activities implemented by the agencies and funds are channeled through the UN-REDD Programme.
- Tier 2 proposal should be finalized independently from other proposals for national funds
- Getting the Tier 2 fund design right, especially, its governance body, is a strategic matter and so care should be taken not to be driven by the situation in only one country
- Consult Norway to check whether our thinking on Tier 2 and the fund is aligned with theirs. In this regard, the UN-Programme must be clear on the rationale of the proposed Tier 2 approach and allow fine-tuning to donors expectations but not allow diversion from the UN-REDD Programme mission.
- After consulting Norway the Programme should also consult other donors and countries
- Regarding the Vietnam case, January should be considered a deadline for having a clear proposal by the UN-REDD to the country for implementing its phase 2 efforts.
- A meeting with Vietnamese governmental officers in Durban, on the margins of the COP, can be instrumental for concluding the negotiations. Before taking action on the next steps, however, the Coordination Group should be informed on the findings of the technical mission to Vietnam that is taking place on 31st Oct – 4th Nov. Durban presents an opportunity to explore the following:
 - Consult Norway on the fund design before and during COP 17

- Hold a CG meeting to refine our thinking and reach consensus on the fund design
- Meet with Viet Nam and present our thinking and try to reach agreement on the fund structure

2. COP 17 and CEB side event

- The concept note for the CEB side event was approved with the following amendments:
 - Insert reference to the UNFCCC and to FIP/World Bank. Check if we need to mention the GEF as well
 - Interventions by countries should not be from the floor but from the speakers table
- In terms of supporting the work of the Secretariat at COP 17:
 - FAO indicated Denise could assist with communications activities. Tiina and Alberto will also be there to assist
 - UNDP will check the delegation to see what additional support could be provided
 - UNEP indicated that Mario and Barney would be available
- The agencies welcomed the suggestion for UN-REDD Programme coordination at the COP. It was agreed that the UN-REDD family including UN-REDD country team members that are part of country delegations would meet daily at 17:30. The team would be advised of the venue
- The Secretariat will prepare a calendar of events to help identify side events that the Programme needs to participate in. This will be circulated next week.
- Agencies to provide a list UN-REDD team members in Durban with hotel names and contact numbers

3. Any Other Business

UNEP proposed that the agenda for the next call include a discussion on the fund transfer for the Global Programme. UNEP would like the funds to be available to end of 2012 rather than 30 June 2012

4. Date of Next Meeting

- Wednesday 9 November at 14:30 CET (Yemi has checked and is available). Mario is available till 17:30 Nairobi time (this means he will have one hour)