

## **UN-REDD Management Group**

### **Decision MG/2017/1**

#### *No-cost extensions of national programmes (NPs)*

For a number of budgetary and operational reasons, the no-cost extensions of UN-REDD NPs shall adhere to the following steps and requirements:

1. Government and the UN-REDD lead advisor should anticipate if the NP will end by the approved deadline or whether a no-cost extension may be required.
2. Countries interested in requesting a no-cost extension should first conduct an assessment exercise (whether internally or via a mid-term review supported by a consultant) to assess achievements, reasons for delay, need for adjustments in terms of activities and/or implementation arrangements, options for a successful completion and suggested extension period.
3. Any no-cost extension should embed technical-assistance services from the UN-REDD Team for the extension period in the new work plan and budget to be prepared.
4. The NP steering committee or equivalent body shall examine and decide on the merit of a no-cost extension, considering the country assessment and a new work plan and budget that will cover until the new, proposed end of the NP.
5. The Government will submit a letter requesting extension to the UN-REDD Secretariat, indicating endorsement from the NP steering committee or related body (including date), and attaching the new work plan and budget, as well as support documentation (such as the minutes of the NP steering committee or the report of the country assessment).
6. The UN-REDD Secretariat will inform the UN-REDD Executive Board on a request of extension, for a 2-week non-objection. The Secretariat will report back to the country on the deliberations of the Executive Board.

*[Adopted by the UN-REDD Management Group on 7 April 2017]*