

**Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions 11 March 2015**

Participants:

MG members and alternates

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UNEP: Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Thais Linhares-Juvenal

Others

Secretariat: Mike Speirs, Mirey Atallah, Sharon McAuslan;

1. Approval of minutes of previous week, 4 March

- a. Any final comments to be sent by email by 13 March, otherwise to be considered approved.

2. Programme Strategy: Governance

- a. The MG agreed that the governance paper will be finalized to be circulated by 15 March. Revisions will incorporate: i. feedback received to provide additional context and clarity, ii. current level of detail on key features to provide sufficient flexibility for purpose of consultation, iii. Options 1 & 2, with some fine-tuning of option 2 to reflect UNDP's proposed variation (country by country basis specifically for implementation).
- b. Timeline/process:
 - a. Governance paper circulated by 15 March for PB feedback by mid April, with additional consultation organized by the Secretariat prior to PB14;
 - b. PB14 discussion of 2016-2020 Strategy ideally includes signal of support for governance arrangements;
 - c. Following PB14, new UN-REDD MPTF Fund & MoU finalised, with new RoP subsequently prepared with a view to approval at the first meeting(s) of the governance bodies in 2016.

3. Quarterly country coordination portfolio review: Not discussed - postponed to future MG call in April

4. AOB (15mins):

- a. **PB14 Agenda:** Not discussed – MG to send comments in response to email of 9 March by 16 March. UNDP will follow up with the Secretariat regarding an issue of SG availability.
- b. **Norway Communication:** Not discussed – Secretariat to send email to MG.
- c. **Next MG quarterly meeting:** Not discussed substantively – Sec to finalise date/venue by end of week to enable sufficient time for planning, including travel approvals.

Additional AOB items:

- d. **EoI for technical assistance on forest landscape restoration opportunities assessments (ROAM)** (UNEP): UNEP will organize a call asap with FAO & UNDP to discuss a number of concerns raised.
- e. **UNRP related side events @ UNFCCC Standing Committee on Finance & World Forestry Congress** (UNEP & Sec): Sec has submitted draft EoI for side events to SCF and WFC, UNEP has also submitted proposal for an SCF forest finance event. FAO indicated that discussion regarding potential merger of the UNFCCC SCF Forum with the WFC, to eliminate burden on administration, is underway.
- f. **Programme Audit** (Sec): MG share Secretariat's concern about short deadline for initial response to draft audit report (proposed deadline: 27 March), considered unrealistic given other missions and need to compile interagency response and clear with SG. Sec will request extension and circulate timeline for development of draft MR.
- g. **Viet Nam mission** (Sec): MG supported Head of Secretariat's participation in mission; MG to provide any feedback on draft ToR and travel dates of mission participants by close Thurs 12 March. The issue of lead advisor was also raised – MG agreed that any decision/guidance provided to agency colleagues about the lead advisor in relation to the Viet Nam Phase II Programme is

distinct from the new Strategy, i.e. doesn't preempt the process underway for defining country support teams.

- h. **Webinar in LAC (FAO):** In response to some concerns raised by FAO about forthcoming webinar on INDCs, UNDP confirmed that it is being provided as technical support following direct request from countries, not as KM. FAO emphasized that it would be important to take care in providing answers to any questions raised during the webinar, to avoid stepping on delicate issues.

- 5. **Next weeks call: 25 March, 2:30pm Geneva/Rome, 4:30pm Nairobi** (*No call on 18 March due to mission travel*)