

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
DRAFT Decisions of meeting 25 February 2015

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Maria Sanz Sanchez

UNDP: Tim Clairs

UNEP: Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Thais Linhares-Juvenal

Others

Mike Speirs, Mirey Atallah, Sharon McAuslan

1. Approval of minutes of previous week, 11 Feb:

- a. Any comments to be sent by email by 2 March and if needed will be brought back to MG call on 4 March, otherwise will be considered approved on no-objection basis by close Monday 2 March.

2. Safeguards review

- a. The MG welcomed the internal safeguards rapid review undertaken by the Safeguards Coordinator Steve Swan, and the related recommendations prepared by the SCG. The MG agreed that the review and recommendations provide a very useful perspective, with the impetus now on action to support countries.
- b. The MG generally endorsed the recommendations, subject to several main amendments:
 - (i) Membership: 2 per agency/secretariat (not counting coordinator role).
 - (ii) MG agreed that in this case the Safeguards Coordinator can be considered as an additional member, although this arrangement is not necessarily a model for future groups.
 - (iii) Accountability to MG: Coordinator to report bi monthly (every 2 months) to MG.
- c. Next steps: The Safeguards Coordinator will reflect the MG decisions taken during the call in a TOR for the SCG, clarifying in particular accountability to the MG. Secretariat will circulate the TOR for the SCG to the MG for approval by email, and if needed bring back to a future MG call for further consideration.
- d. MG to review and comment on Safeguard Coordinators workplan by end March.

3. Programme Strategy:

- a. MG provided final feedback on the draft Executive Summary and Strategy documents – to be finalized by the Secretariat taking on comments received, without further review by MG (with exception of governance section).
- b. Secretariat to update governance section and recirculate to MG on Thursday 26 Feb for any final feedback; MG to signal approach to SG to ensure everyone sufficiently comfortable.
- c. Governance options and consultation process to be further developed over next two weeks, ahead of deadline for proposing a consultation process to the Board (15 March) for finalizing options.

4. Proposal for next MG quarterly meeting (Q2):

- a. The MG agreed to revisit the decision on venue (Nairobi vs. Europe), although MG members were comfortable with the proposed dates for the next quarterly meeting (week of 13 April).

5. AOB

- Representation at Bonn Challenge meeting, 20-21 March:

- a. UNEP will represent Programme at the Bonn Challenge meeting, also connecting with the UNDP & FAO representatives in attendance.

- Collaboration with IUCN on forest restoration

- a. UNEP will share draft of forthcoming call for EoI for Restoration Assessment Methodology for feedback from regional teams.

- Follow up to MG 2015 Q1 meeting: establishment of thematic groups

- a. Issue of establishment of thematic groups to be brought back to forthcoming MG call.

- World Forest Congress

- a. MG decided that UNRP should submit a request for an event at the Congress, along lines of UNRP Lima COP event. Sec will also explore other opportunities to brief other key speakers on UNRP and 2016-2020 Strategy, and to explore other involvement e.g. in supporting sub sessions under CC theme.

6. Next weeks call: 3 March, 2:30pm Geneva/Rome, 4:30pm Nairobi