

**Minutes / Action Points**  
**Safeguards Coordination Group Teleconference**  
**Support to National REDD+ Action / Global Programme**  
**12 September, 3.30 pm CET**

**Attendance**

FAO: Maria SanzSanchez and Emelyne Cheney

UNDP: Kimberly Todd

UNEP: Julie Greenwalt and Robert Munroe

UN-REDD Secretariat: Clea Paz-Rivera, Mirey Atallah and Helena Eriksson (Chair)

**Agenda**

1. Approval of agenda
2. BeRT concept-note
3. Decision-tree self-assessment tool and graphics/plan for testing at Nairobi workshop – feedback from group
4. Nairobi workshop – PP presentations shared by FAO (see attachment) any other items with the group beyond the decision-tree testing
5. UNEP policy brief concept note on REDD+/Aichi biodiversity topic
6. Concept note for Information Session at PB11
7. AOB

**1. Approval of draft agenda**

The draft agenda was approved.

**2. BeRT concept-note**

UNEP provided an introduction to the draft concept note on how to revise the BeRT. The Group recommended that it;

- clarifies what type of interventions are to be broken down (separation into activities) and that it is organized accordingly;
- describes the links to UNFCCC Cancun safeguards;
- describes how it fits into the UN-REDD safeguards conceptual framework;
- provides more country examples related to REDD+;
- reflects which type of info is relevant to gather at national level;

Some more reflection on how to describe the link to the PLR review tool was suggested (see related e-mail exchange).

UNEP will revise the concept note (its main purpose was to stimulate discussion which was considered achieved). A template for the revised tool is being discussed and this will be circulated to the Group. This will hopefully address any questions.

**3. Decision-tree self-assessment tool and graphics/plan for testing at Nairobi workshop – feedback from group**

The initial comments from the Group have been addressed and a more user-friendly version is ready to be piloted with a small group at the Nairobi Workshop next week (17 – 19 Sept.). It is currently a survey module in Excel, where countries can respond on each question in the file. A graphic designer at FAO is helping out. It was suggested to adjust its visualizing so it makes it easier to access (currently very linear). UNDP also explained that they had reached out to Joanna Durbin,

REDD+ SES for feedback on placement of SES tools, resources. In addition to these inputs, Joanna had some structural suggestions, which will be held and considered as the tool is revised, in advance of the PB session.

➤ Further feedback requested, especially on the individual component text outlined in the survey.

#### **4. Nairobi workshop – PP presentations shared by FAO**

The presentation is based on earlier slides developed by the Group.

➤ The Group to send any comments on the draft presentation by Friday noon, 13 Sept.

#### **5. UNEP policy brief concept note on REDD+/Aichi biodiversity topic**

UNEP gave an update on the status of the draft note. FAO and UNDP's written comments were welcomed. The updated note will be circulated next week for a 5 day turn around for comments. It will be presented at a side-event on UNEP-WCMC's work on REDD+ and the Aichi targets at CBD SBSTA in Montreal, 14-18 Oct. (tbc). This will not be a UN-REDD side-event. The Group stressed that the Brief should be informed by in-country experience. It was noted that it is possible that not all of the case studies will be UN-REDD case studies. Some clarification is needed on the next (internal) steps since it is intended to be a UN-REDD Programme Policy Brief, and on potential co-authoring with CBD. As a policy brief it will need to include some more policy related content – the intention with a policy brief is to inform policy makers based on the UN-REDD experience. (The note was also discussed in the MG call of 7 Sept).

➤ UNEP to send an updated note by 20 Sept. for comments within 5 working days.

#### **6. Concept note for Information Session at PB11**

The Group will compile a concept note for the Information Session on safeguards.

➤ Secretariat to send out a follow up message with time line etc. (Done, e-mail by Helena on 17 Sept.).

#### **7. AOB**

7.1 UNEP-WCMC will be presenting at the Japanese Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute REDD+ Safeguards workshop, Tokyo, 7 October on social and environmental safeguards for REDD+. (See e-mail).

➤ UNEP will share draft presentation for comments.

7.2 UNDP shortly informed about a request to help support an upcoming workshop in Latin America on safeguard information systems.

➤ UNDP to send a follow up message describing the planned workshop. (Done, e-mail by Kim on 18 Sept).

7.3 Semi-annual report inputs by 2 Oct.

➤ Secretariat will send a message for gathering inputs on safeguards for the semi-annual report from the Group.

#### **8. Agree on time for next call.**

Next call to be agreed on by e-mail/doodle.