

MINUTES GLOBAL PROGRAMME CALL

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Agenda:

- Forms for collecting information for Global Programme semi-annual report
- Feedback on draft form for assessing challenges for GP implementation.
- Targeted support
- AOB

The participants decided to start the discussion by the 3rd item.

Targeted Support:

- Concerns were raised about coordination of targeted support at the country level. Participants emphasized the role of the Secretariat in ensuring this coordination, including with the National Programmes' group.
- Also, concerns were raised on requests and responses sent out directly by agencies without appropriate circulation of information to the other agencies or the Secretariat. The Philippines' request was mentioned as a case where it is important to have interagency discussion. UNDP and UNEP did not feel it was immediately apparent that the request fell clearly under FAO's areas of work – particularly as there is an inter-agency working group on the topic.
- In addressing these sorts of issues in the Targeted Support procedures, the role of the Secretariat in ensuring coordination, including with the National Programmes' group, was emphasised. It is important for the agencies' teams to provide information on prospective targeted support requests.
- Concerns raised about the targeted support requests that are being addressed directly to the agencies. The Philippines' request was mentioned as a case where it is important to have interagency discussion as there is an inter-agency working group on the topic (safeguards).
- Also concerns on potential overlap with National Programmes. The Philippines was mentioned again, with a request for further discussion by UNEP and UNDP.
- The Secretariat requested the agencies' teams to ensure that countries will send requests to the Secretariat. When for some reason a request is sent directly to a particular agency, it should be immediately forwarded to the Secretariat.
- The Secretariat asked the agencies' teams to identify one focal point for targeted support to ensure efficiency in communication.

Agreed points:

- The Philippines and Costa Rica request could be discussed in the SIS/Safeguards call next week, with any necessary follow-up by email to reach agreement on how to respond.

- The National Programmes' working group will discuss coordination at country level in countries with NPs.
- The Secretariat will establish a full and complete TS pipeline – from “soft” TS ideas through to firm TS commitments. The agencies' focal points will provide the information.
- The agencies' reps identified the following TS focal points: FAO (Tiina Vahanen); UNDP (Elspeth Halverson); UNEP (Tim Christorphesen).

Forms for collecting information for Global programme semi-annual report:

- Concerns raised on provision of information at activity level, especially financial.
- Agencies considered being possible to have the outputs' expenditure allocated to the delivery categories (international support functions, support to national REDD+ action and Secretariat).
- UNEP raised concerns on financial report at output level¹.

Agreed points:

- Agencies will report only on physical implementation at the activity level.
- Agencies will provide information on whether the indicative activities described at the Global Programme Framework Document were confirmed or not, and on additional activities.
- Agencies will try to report on results in accordance to provided table and will give feedback to the Secretariat if they experience difficulties.
- Agencies will provide language on the rationale adopted to allocate expenditures at the output level to the different categories.
- UNEP will propose an alternative approach if not able to report on finance at the output level.

AOB:

- Need to have a call on SEPC and the monitoring, information systems and MRV group and elaborate a work plan (group to work on this: 2 per agency facilitated by the Secretariat).

¹ UNEP confirmed (on 16 July) that they will be able to provide financial figures at Output level. However, it is an added layer since the system is not automatically.