

Minutes
Global Programme Coordination Teleconference
10 July 2012, 14.30CET

Attendance:

FAO: Tiina Vahanen, Maria SanzSanchez
UNDP: Tim Clairs, Dina Hajj
UNEP: Tim Christophersen, Julie Greenwalt
UN-REDD Programme Secretariat: Clea Paz, Helena Eriksson

Agenda:

1. Update on the countries needs assessment.
2. Global Programme budget 2012-2013: next steps on planning, beginning of the working group activities, etc.
3. Preparation of PB9.
4. AOB.

1. Update on the countries needs assessment (CNA).

- Update; The preliminary CNA findings were presented at the workshop in Santa Marta, Colombia, on 26 June by the consultants Gisela Ulloa and Harrison Kojwang. The question and answer session was addressing i) clarifications needed on stakeholder participation in the CNA process; ii) need to analyse correlation of findings to phases of country development; iii) clearer methodology description; iv) clarity on how/if the needs are already being met by other sources, e.g. National Programmes; v) need for a comprehensive picture by linking results from the different sources of data collection; vi) further analysis of the country clusters identified; vii) how FCPF and UN-REDD will address the prioritized needs identified (comments by Norway and Denmark).

UNDP, who shared the consolidated comments from the three agencies during the workshop, provided additional views and it was clear by the concall participants that substantial work remains based on the first report version seen.

- The deadline for comments was 6 July and the revised report should be available by 15 July.
- In view of the coordination with FCPF and addressing the findings in the Global Programme budget, it was agreed by the participants that the work by the Global Programme Sub-working Group on Planning and Workplan needs to kick-start while the finalisation of the CNA takes place in parallel.
- At the FCPF meetings in Colombia, FMT had already identified some areas in the draft CNA report for financial support¹ (or had first decided on areas and thereafter linked those to the CNA temporary findings) and it will be a need to discuss and flag areas for common approaches by the UN-REDD Programme and FCPF. Since a major revision is being undertaken, the Group suggested that it is too early to identify any areas for joint work with FCPF and instead await the revised report. A face to face meeting with FCPF is likely needed.
- The potential need for re-activation of the CNA Working Group was brought up, but no decision taken.

¹ It should be noted that during the FCPF meeting, all donors, but Switzerland, requested coordination with the UN-REDD and new budget to be presented according to CNA and to expertise of the two multilateral initiatives.

- Lisen Runsten's work in the CNA process and support to the consultants was acknowledged.
- The Secretariat will share the workshop report, list of main comments on draft report and the updated report when available.

2. Global Programme budget 2012-2013: next steps on planning, beginning of the working group activities, etc.

- It was clarified by the participants that there is no mandate from the PB to make any major revisions of the approved Global Programme framework document ("Support to National REDD+ Action – Global Programme Framework 2011-2015"), but to update the second and third year budget as well as the results framework. The budget adjustments will be based on discussions with donors (pledges), critical partner countries and partner organizations, available funds for new National Programmes and interagency discussions on areas with joint programming, etc.
- By end August the draft budget needs to be presented to the MG.
- The Secretariat will share the draft results framework, with any proposed amendments in the template and initiate the work of the Sub-working Group².

3. Preparation of PB9.

- The exact dates of PB9 will be discussed at the MG call on 11 July. The options under discussion are;
 1. UN-REDD pre-meetings on 22 Oct., followed by two day PB meetings (23-24 Oct). One day field visit on 25 Oct. FCPF start its meetings on 26 Oct.
 2. FCPF meets 21-23 Oct. Field visit on 24 Oct. UN-REDD pre-meetings on 25 Oct. and UN-REDD pre-meetings on 26-27 Oct.

UNEP shared its preference for option 2, while FAO opted for 1.

- A draft agenda for the pre-meetings will be shared by the Secretariat and any suggestions from the agencies can be forwarded to the Secretariat. These pre-meetings are informal and aimed at information sharing before the PB meetings starts. As a potential item for the pre-meetings sessions, UNDP mentioned a session on gender. Whether it should be an event during the pre-meetings or in another format is to be decided.
- The Secretariat mentioned that a joint workshop related to PB9 on governance and synergies between FLEGT and REDD+ has been proposed. (See related email from Thais, dated 8 July). UNDP questioned whether another joint workshop could be added to the already hectic PB9 week. The appropriateness of a joint workshop on governance should first be determined based on identified complementarities in approaches to governance. Tina Hageberg and Emelyne Cheney are reaching out to the World Bank.
- It was agreed to discuss the SEPC work and its presentation at PB9 at a coming GPWG concall, addressing the development by the SEPC Working Group³.

4. AOB.

No other business was reported.

The next Global Programme Coordination concall will be held on Tuesday, 17 July, 14.30 CET.

² Its draft ToR and composition have already been agreed on.

³ At PB8, the Board highlighted the need to relate the initiative to the work UNFCCC and link it to safeguards.