

Minutes
Global Programme Coordination Teleconference
14 May 2012, 14.30 CET

Attendance:

FAO: Tiina Vahanen, Alberto Sandoval, Elisa MarzoPerez

UNDP: Charles McNeill, Estelle Fach

UNEP: Thomas Sembres, Florence Kahiro

UN-REDD Secretariat: Yemi Katerere, Thais Linhares-Juvenal, Clea Paz, Helena Eriksson

(Action points are listed at the end).

Agenda:

1. Discuss scheduling of Global Programme Coordination teleconferences (concalls) and main topics to be addressed.
2. Discuss priority topics involved in Global Programme coordination and the best way to address these.
3. AOB.

1. Global Programme Coordination concalls.

- It was described that the suggested calls are aimed at improved coordination and preparation of certain thematic areas/topics for responding to the requests from stakeholders of better planning and coordination and for preparing for the 9th Policy Board Meeting (PB9).

Decision:

- It was agreed by the attendees to schedule the weekly Global Programme concalls on Tuesdays at 14.30 CET. The concalls will be “to the point” and within allocated time to avoid “talking instead of doing business”.

2. Discuss priority topics involved in Global Programme coordination.

- Seven thematic areas/topics were introduced by the Secretariat and attendees were asked for their views on setting up Working Groups (one or several) for moving the thematic areas/topics forward:
 - **Global Programme budget** – rate of delivery of budget transferred in November 2011 and preparation of budget for 2012-2013. It was noted that an assessment of the delivery of the 2011-2012 budget needs to be presented at PB9 and its results will inform the decision on the budget 2012-2013. Therefore the group should identify where there are delays and find potential solutions.
 - **Targeted support.** It was noted that it is the role of the Secretariat to register the requests but it is the responsible of each agency to review the requests and follow up. A certain level of coordination, however, is needed to ensure that countries receive their replies and that information on targeted support progress/approval is shared among the agencies.
 - **Reporting of the Global Programme.** It was noted that comments on the need for a more results based report were made by Policy Board members at PB7 and PB8. Regarding the last report, Norway sent written comments pointing out the need to include elements that can allow

readers to assess progress made and the contribution to the overall outcome. The Secretariat proposed a Working Group to review the results framework of the Global Programme.

- **SEPC and UN-REDD Programme approach to safeguards.** It was noted that the draft document on SEPC was welcomed by the PB8 meeting and its finalization needs to be followed up on.
- **Stakeholders engagement, including private sector.** It was stressed that the private sector is of key importance.
- **Legal preparedness.** It was noted that the three agencies are taking action and it is of importance that they move in the same direction.
- **Strengthening the “delivery as one” concept under the Global Programme.** It was noted that a joint workplan will facilitate the Global Programme implementation.

Decision:

- The meeting concluded to initiate two Working Groups, which will work individually and report back at the concalls;
- A Working Group addressing the Global Programme work plan, including rate of delivery, planning of the work areas and new budget (2012-2013).
- A Working Group to propose a monitoring framework for the Global Programme focused on results, taking into consideration the planning, reporting and monitoring framework for National Programmes. This group will also work on improvement of the Global Programme reporting and improvement of the Project Tracker. For this particular Working Group the Secretariat reported that ToR are being compiled for hiring a consult to assist on elaboration of the Global Programme monitoring framework and these ToR will be shared with the Global Programme Coordination Group. The importance that this Working Group liaises with Monitoring and Evaluation staff from the agencies was emphasized.
- The other listed areas/topics will be covered during the regular concalls.

3. **AOB.**

Specifically related to the SEPC, a member of the concall reported that a meeting was held in Rome following the UN-REDD Staff Retreat to discuss the MRV and monitoring paper, circulated by FAO. The relationship between information systems for safeguards and the SEPC was debated at the meeting in Rome. Minutes from the meeting will be sent to the Global Programme Coordination Group for information.

The next Global Programme Coordination concall will be held on **Tuesday, 22 May, 14.30 CET.**

Action points

- Identify one focal point for each agency per Working Group. Please inform Thais/Helena.
- Share minutes from the meeting on information system for safeguards held in Rome. (UN-REDD Secretariat to contact Kimberly Todd, UNDP)
- Identify one M&E focal point for each agency to assist the consultant on monitoring and reporting (to be recruited). Please inform Thais/Helena.