

Minutes
Global Programme Coordination Teleconference
17 July 2012, 14.30 CET

Attendance:

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UNDP: Tim Clairs, Estelle Fach, Dina Hajj

UNEP: Tim Christophersen, Julie Greenwalt

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Agenda:

1. Approval of GPCG minutes from 3 July and 10 July
2. Global Programme budget
3. Policy Board 9 presentations
4. Targeted support
5. Information on CNA and working group on roadmap to review the Global Programme budget
6. AOB

1. Approval of GPCG minutes from 3 July and 10 July

The two sets of minutes were approved with a clarification on the role of TS focal points (ref. minutes of 3 July).

2. Global Programme budget

Current budget situation

- The budget for the EC project needs to be submitted by end July. The GPCG suggested that EC funds could be fully allocated to NP.
- No significant pledges are expected before PB9 and Norway is unlikely to increase its level. The attendees agreed that it is necessary to increase the fund raising efforts and of importance that SG gives priority to resource mobilisation. The tentatively planned visit by SG to Norway in September was supported.
- If the SNA GP budget is reduced, the NP demands will consequently increase – clear relation. There will still be a need for quality assurance, technical/policy advice to countries, i.e. special technical services (STS). Although the current ratio between NP and GP is a concern, the Group mentioned that any mission to Norway needs to highlight this fact and not only look into the 1:3 (NP:GP) ratio. It was mentioned that Norway actually deleted the mentioning of ratio in the GP Framework document.

Budget and workplan (Year 2 and Year 3) –steps forward

- It is difficult to indicate an upper GP budget level, but it was agreed that each agency works with the current budget and workplan for 1 July 2011 - 30 June 2013 as a basis for updating the coming two year cycle; Year 2 and Year 3. Each agency to look into its priorities and review both the budget which is 'fixed' (costs for PB, technical support, staff etc) and the variable budget (costs for TS, national support functions etc). Agencies will review the delivery per year and prospective savings from Year 1.

- It was agreed to avoid a drastic cut in the GP budget (for Year 2 and Year 3) since this would require a clear justification to PB and why such a cut is possible. There is only mandate for minor revisions, unless others requested.
- There are uncertainties on how large TS amount will be requested each year by the countries. The agencies will look into the amount that can be set aside to TS. Guidance on TS budget level from the Secretariat was requested.
- The CNA findings will be reviewed by the agencies and may help to inform the budget and workplan for Year 2 and Year 3. (See also agenda point 5).
- Secretariat sends out a proposal/template for GP budget and workplan to the Sub-working Group for revisions needed of Year 2 and Year 3.
- Helena coordinates the budget inputs from the agencies.

3. Policy Board 9 presentations

- Based on past experience, the Group stressed the importance of a limited number of presentations at PB9.
- The Group discussed the following possible thematic presentations of which 1-2 to be selected;
 - Rio20+ and what it means for the UN-REDD Programme
 - Participatory Governance
 - Voluntary guidelines on land tenure, incl. CNA results on land tenure
 - MRV, monitoring and information systems including safeguards
 - Targeted support (SNA budget)
 - Green economy catalization
 - Gender
 - Multiple benefits
- It was agreed that presentation/s should address cross cutting areas which include all agencies and demonstrate the “delivery as one concept”. A package including Governance and Safeguards, with Costa Rica as an example of TS, could be a suitable presentation.
- Of importance to review the themes that may be picked up by UNFCCC, CBD etc (e.g. REDD+ Finance).
- UNEP is working on a policy brief on multiple benefits/green economy which will be launched at CBD COP but could also form the basis for a presentation at PB9 which would involve the Government of Congo.
- Each brief, presentation or any other material suggested for PBs, COPs etc, need to be shared with the Secretariat and the other agencies for inputs (in particular for cross cutting areas), and follow the internal clearance process (of MG approval etc).
- With regard to safeguards, the Secretariat updated the Group on the concept note being drafted by the Safeguards Group with the objective to guide the Programme’s work on safeguards incl. proposal of UN-REDD Programme strategic approach to safeguards, roles and responsibilities (e.g. SEPC Working Group), list of products produced so far and how they link to various safeguards.
- Focal points for PB preparations: FAO: Tiina; UNDP: Tim (Estelle when Tim is away); UNEP: Tim (Julie when Tim is away).

4. Targeted support

- An early draft of the minutes from the GPCG's dedicated TS concall held 11 July was circulated and an updated draft is to be shared for agencies' inputs. The minutes include details on the agreed TS process.
- Agencies to contact Costa Rica directly to agree on operational aspects, including the amount of support.
- For Zambia there will be follow up on the National Programmes Working Group call.
- For the Philippines, FAO and UNDP are in contact. A follow up message from the Secretariat was suggested.

5. Information on CNA and working group on roadmap to review the Global Programme budget

- The CNA and roadmap were agreed at PB8. The CNA findings may help to inform the GP budget. The Secretariat will call for a meeting with the CNA Working Group as soon as the revised CNA report has been received. (It was due 15 July).
- Irrespectively of CNA report quality, the data from over 20 countries have been collected and are available.
- Norway and Denmark, among others, requested FCPF and UN-REDD to jointly address the priorities of needs in the CNA. A videoconference with FCPF is planned for 11-12 September.

6. AOB.

No other business was reported.

The next Global Programme Coordination concall will be held on **Tuesday, 24 July, 14.30 CET.**