# Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme Decisions of meeting of 04 July 2012

## **Participants:**

MG members and alternates

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UNEP: Mario Boccucci, Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Yemi Katerere

Others

Secretariat: Clea Paz, Sharon McAuslan

**UNEP: Julie Greenwalt** 

# 1. Approval of decisions of 27 June call

a. Approved, subject to minor revisions.

b. Follow up to Spanish Contribution to the UN-REDD Programme: Check with MPTF office in terms of suggestion to offset funds against GP transfers, (Secretariat, immediately).

# 2. PB9 Preparations:

#### Agenda

- a. Prepare and circulate first draft agenda, based on a 2 day meeting, to take place tentatively 25-26 October, immediately after FCPF PC meeting. Meeting duration may be increased if agenda requires. Finalise dates with WB & Government of Congo (RoC) and confirm with SG (Secretariat prepare agenda and confirm dates with SG asap, MG review agenda).
- b. Field trips organized by RoC, who are proposing 2 days over the weekend of 27-28 October (TBC), following Policy Board. MG noted 1 day would be better. Liaise with Resident Coordinator regarding logistics, including safety issues (Secretariat, July 2012).
- c. Contact groups will continue to be deployed by co-chairs on ad hoc basis
- d. Organise joint meeting of the UN-REDD Programme and World Bank in August, including agency representation (Secretariat to confirm dates and liaise with Agencies asap).
- e. Organise joint meeting of MG/SG in margins of PB9, and depending on WB representation, an informal meeting (e.g. dinner) of SG and their equivalents (Secretariat, July 2012)

# MG Support to PB9 meeting

f. Agreement that the Secretariat will continue to coordinate the preparation for PB9. MG will continue to support PB preparation as done previously. A short response setting out how the MG will support the Secretariat will be circulated to the MG for input, and subsequently shared with the SG (Secretariat)

# 3. Update on Progress on PNG issues

- a. Establish sub MG group to focus on legitimacy of issues raised by PNG (not received from official focal point), and nature of response, including whether any follow up with EC is necessary. Group will consist of MLW, TLJ and CM.
- b. Document the efforts made in PNG and other countries (FAO, ongoing)
- c. In parallel, seek confirmation of UN REDD Programme focal point(s) representation by sending request to Ministers responsible for REDD, copied to the Foreign Affairs Minister and the real/perceived focal points, as well as the UNFCCC focal point if they have a specific focal point for REDD (Secretariat to check with UNFCCC secretariat). Subsequently, correspondence will be directed to the confirmed focal point by default. As needed, the confirmed focal point can nominate alternative representation to Policy Board meetings. The ensuing list will be used for invitations for PB9 (Secretariat to liaise with UNFCCC Secretariat and country office to establish

# 4. DRC- Proposal for support from Norway:

- a. Speak to Norway to confirm what they require in the response and prepare letter, outlining that the MG have looked at the proposal, agree it follows principles, and commit to following the same standards and procedures etc. The applicable paragraph from the Tier 2 ToR can be incorporated, and existing steering committee arrangements could continue so all agencies are engaged and involved in the process. The MG are unable to approve as Tier 2 at present but content to endorse as a UNDP parallel project. Pending outcome of PB9 discussions, can be subsequently associated as a Tier 2 project (Secretariat, asap).
- b. Reflect on approach taken in DRc/Viet Nam at a subsequent MG meeting to ensure clear approach for dealing with Tier 2 proposals is agreed (MG).

#### 5. Review of PB Structure:

- a. Speak to Norway to discuss perception of impartiality of preferred candidate (Secretariat, asap).
- b. Liaise with preferred candidate to confirm whether they could accept assignment and subsequently prepare recommendations/options to the Working Group on Review of the Policy Board (Secretariat, asap).

#### 6. Panama Update:

a. A point by point response is being reviewed by RC following the interim letter that was sent last week. Will be shared with MG once RC input received, and subsequently sent prior to the CONAPIP meeting which has been postponed for several weeks (*UNDP*, *ongoing*).

## 7. Rotation of co-chair:

a. FAO will chair for Q3 (with support from Secretariat when TV and MLW on leave in Aug), with UNEP taking over in Q4.

# 8. AOB

a. GP budget: Secretariat has issued analysis of pledges and needs. Suggests MG reviews information circulated and discusses next week.

#### 9. Date of next meeting

- a. Wed 11 July, 2:30pm CET
- b. Items for next week:
  - GP budget
  - Arrangements for Tier 2 in light of DRC/Viet Nam approaches