

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Notes of meeting of 16 July 2014

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Adam Gerrand, Maria Sanz Sanchez

UNEP: Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci

Apologies: UNDP

Others

Mike Speirs, Mirey Atallah, Helena Eriksson

Given the lack of quorum (no UNDP) the MG decided to have the call for a quick review of issues but no decision making.

1. Approval of minutes of previous meeting

- a. n/a

2. Mid term review of UNORCID

- a. Following a discussion in Lima on the cost sharing of the mid term review across the agencies, the reasoning for UN-REDD's support to the review was raised and discussed. While the MG noted the financial support to the UNORCID Office and UNORCID's role as the political license for the UN-REDD Programme's operations in the region, the decision on the financial support was postponed to the next call. FAO noted that they currently do not have funds allocated.
- b. UNEP suggested that UNDP takes the lead due to the linkages between the UNDP Regional Centre and UNORCID.
- c. FAO has provided comments on the ToR.

Actions:

- i. Take a decision on the financial support to the mid term review at the next MG.*
- ii. MG encouraged to provide further comments on the evaluation ToR.*

2. Norwegian International Climate and Forest Initiative

- a. The synthesis evaluation report of NICFI was considered as a well written report that does not require more than passing comments to NICFI.
- b. The MG noted that the NICFI report includes direct citations of observations in the external evaluation report of the UN-REDD Programme. The MG emphasized the importance of NICFI's evaluation results for the Post 2015 Strategy.

Action:

- i. MG to send comments by 17 July to Mike, for submission of comments to NICFI by 18 July.*

3. Update on PB13

- a. With regard to the willingness of Nigeria and Tanzania to host PB13, the MG highlighted Nigeria's vital supporting role of the coming decision on the Post 2015 Strategy and its connections with other countries.
- b. Depending on host country, the tentative dates are 10-12 November for Nigeria and 5-7 November for Nigeria.
- c. While Norway has been approached on the possible *additional* funding for the SNA Work Plan and Budget 2015, the budget process will be initiated with a call for priorities to the PB (80 working days before the next PB meeting).
- d. The co-chair for PB13 will be from Cambodia.

Action:

- i. MG to reach out to colleagues with contacts in Cambodia for suggestion of co-chair.*

4. MG Q3 priorities

When the draft PB12 meeting report has been submitted B in the week of 21 July and some other messages to the PB sent, the MG has acted on all prioritized actions until end July 2014.

Action:

- i. UNEP to send message on the REDD+ Academy Committee to the Secretariat for transmission to the PB.*

5. AOB: Post 2015 Strategy

- a. A call is scheduled on 18 July between the Secretariat and Meridian on the next steps, including the preparation of theory of change.
- b. After the MG Retreat (8-9 Sept) a draft Strategy will be ready.
- c. The regional meetings (each 1½-2 days) will take place 8-18 October.
- d. SG's recommendations from the meeting on 10 July should be considered in the Strategy development.

Actions:

- i. Secretariat will send a revised internal Road map by 18 July for MG's review.*
- ii. MG encouraged to send inputs on the theory of change.*

6. Next call: 3pm CET, 30 July. (No MG call on 23 July due to lack of quorum)