

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 6 August 2014

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Adam Gerrand, Tiina Vahanen

UNDP: Tim Clairs, Charles McNeill

UNEP: n/a

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Mirey Atallah

Apologies: Edoardo Zandri & Tim Christophersen, UNEP and Maria SanzSanchez, FAO

Others

Secretariat: Solongo Zulbaatar (rapporteur)

Given the lack of quorum (UNEP) the MG decided to proceed with the agenda; UNEP sent apologies for their unplanned absence for the last two meetings.

1. Approval of minutes of previous week, 16 July

Comments to be sent by agencies by Friday the 8th August.

2. Follow up to the UN-REDD Programme Evaluation on tenure and carbon rights:

- a. The management response on Evaluation's recommendation #7 is not too prescriptive and is adequate concerning tenure but not on carbon rights.
- b. MG acknowledged the need for an internal discussion clarifying the stance of the Programme on land and carbon tenure in that instance but also on other matters that require harmonized understanding and communication by Programme staff.

Action: *FAO will take the lead in preparing an initial draft of the internal note due for the MG retreat..*

3. SG Climate Summit:

MG feedback on the documents circulated and oral update on the SG summit included:

- Inclusion and highlight of the sustainable management and restoration agendas across the board.
- Recommendation to adjust the language on multilaterals to reflect collaboration and harmonization rather than "operating as one" language.
- Recommendation to seek clarity on which sessions countries of interest will attend and determine which way the Programme can engage with countries most effectively given the technical counterparts of the Programme versus the political nature of attendance.

4. Action:

- (i) *Draft a language to be inserted into the relevant Declarations highlighting the importance of collaborative effort of multilateral initiatives, and highlighting the contribution of the UN-REDD Programme.*
- (ii) *Provide MG with a list of documents and timeline for their reviews, comments so they can support in a timely manner*
- (iii) *Options for approaching donors and critical countries to be assessed and shared with MG.*

5. 2014 Semi Annual Update (10mins):

- The timeline and instructions to submit inputs for the 2014 semi-annual update were sent to the Agencies on 30 July.

6. Update on East Africa initiative (10mins): Deferred to next MG Meeting.

7. AOB

- a. COP20: A draft concept note was circulated for comments by Friday 8 August. The Programme could use this opportunity to make an announcement on the post 2015 Strategy of the Programme.
- b. FCPF Carbon Fund Questionnaire: No response was sent due to lack of time, and internal discussion might be useful.

8. Next week's call: 3 p.m CET, 13 August

Preliminary agenda:

- i. Approval of minutes of previous week (6 Aug) (5 mins)
- ii. Update on NP pipeline: An update from the Country Coordination WG for MG information on the NP pipeline exercise (WG should have reconfirmed membership by early Aug).
- iii. Update on MG retreat 8-9 September 2014
- iv. Stocktaking on strategic partnerships: as per note sent to MG on 17 July
- v. AOB (10 mins)
- vi. Next weeks call (5mins): review of draft agenda of MG call on Wed 20 Aug