

**Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 7 November 2012**

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Tiina Vahanen

UNDP: Charles McNeill, Tim Clairs

UNEP: Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Mette Løyche Wilkie, Thais Linhares-Juvenal

Apologies: Mario Boccucci

Others

Secretariat: Clea Paz, Sharon McAuslan

1. Approval of the PB9 report

- a. MG approved draft PB9 report, subject to minor edits which have been submitted to the Secretariat for incorporation (*Secretariat to finalise and disseminate*)
- b. A query related to the administrative implications of the budget decision will be taken up bilaterally between Thais and Tim Cl, and brought back to the MG if needed (*Thais and Tim Cl*).

2. Evaluation of PB9

- a. Reflections on what worked well in the planning and execution of PB9 and where future improvements can be made, were provided, which will be incorporated into the Secretariat debrief (*Secretariat to finalise debrief, and incorporate adjustments to PB10 planning*).

Highlights noted by the MG included:

- UN-REDD programme and staff perceived well, professional and strategic, contributing to excellent outcomes (and good feedback received from several PB members),
- Heroic effort by Secretariat applauded,
- MG worked well as a team,
- Several 'new' approaches which should be continued – Pre-meeting site visit, information sessions, outreach, Informal consultation groups, Guide to PB, decisions on screen for brief comments as appropriate (no text negotiation)

Areas for improvement included:

- Agenda overloaded/insufficient time for discussion, specifically on strategic issues,
- Need for better/earlier planning and coordination of preparations (including respecting deadlines for documentation),
- Greater input and responsibility needed from host country,
- Last minute changes to draft decisions difficult– should instead have more preparation at both MG and SG levels to consider the desired outcomes/decisions as a starting point,
- PB member participation.

3. Agreement on next steps and responsibilities for these

- a. Secretariat is preparing a PB9 follow up table, as a monitoring tool, which will include anticipated actions as well as proposed leads for each item (*Secretariat to circulate by Friday 9 Nov*).
- b. The MG meeting and action tracker will also be updated to identify items that need to be considered by the MG, including some items carried over from before PB9 (e.g. PB review).

4. Doha

- a. The MG underlined the importance of the side event(s) at Doha. It was agreed to explore the possibility of partnering with Norway, and also the potential of a Ministerial level panel (*Secretariat to circulate update from the interagency events group, MG to input by Friday 9 Nov and liaise with representatives on the interagency group going forward to avoid overlap/cross proposals*)

- b. MG to provide details of any other agency side events being organised at Doha, in order for the Secretariat to coordinate (*MG to submit details asap*).
- c. MG proposed holding a signing ceremony in margins of Doha, for Norway and others, as relevant. (*Secretariat to liaise with Norway regarding their funding pledge, and keep ceremony in mind*)

5. National programme working group – new countries

- a. The next NP WG call will consider the new countries prioritisation process (*Clea will provide feedback and recommendations for how to manage the process to the MG at a subsequent call*).

6. Date of next call: 14 October 14:30 CET, TBC