

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 13 March 2013
Draft

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Mette Loyche Wilkie, Tiina Vahanen

UNDP: Charles McNeill, Tim Clairs

UNEP: Tim Christophersen,

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Thais Linhares Juvenal

Apologies: Keith Alverson

Others

Secretariat: Clea Paz, Sharon McAuslan, Avishan Chanani

1. Approval of minutes of previous MG call (8 Mar).

- a. To be considered approved, on a no objection basis, by noon Monday 18 March.

2. Update on Panama

- a. MG endorsed the approach (below) outlined in the draft response to COONAPIP (*Secretariat to circulate draft letter (completed), and oversee that the outstanding signatures (incl. AMAN), are inserted so it can be sent asap*)
 - i. External facilitator/mediator hired to address concerns and identify mechanisms for improving participation of IPs in Panama
 - ii. Independent evaluation of the NP, after which the NP will be reviewed and revised
- b. In line with previous MG agreement, suspension of the NP is not currently envisaged, although this will be revisited in the future.
- c. The anticipated Programme mission to Panama is under review, pending assessment of whether presence useful at this stage, given lack of official invitation or indication that COONAPIP are willing to meet.
- d. Priority will be given to organizing the mediation and independent evaluation as proposed in the letter to COONAPIP (*Secretariat to circulate draft ToR for the NP evaluation to the MG on 13 Mar, for endorsement by [?] March, following review by the stakeholder group*)

3. Joint guidance note on grievance mechanism for REDD+

- a. General agreement for development of joint FCPF/UN-REDD Programme guidance on supporting countries to strengthen and establish grievance mechanisms for REDD+.
- b. The document prepared by UNDP in the context of their work with FCPF provides a good basis for this guidance, and can be presented as such at the forthcoming FCPF meeting, with the UN-REDD Programme signaling that we are looking at this issue with a view to collaborating with FCPF on joint guidance (*UNDP will confirm the timelines for review and comments*).

4. FPIC

- a. The FPIC guidelines will be periodically reviewed to incorporate feedback received – comments from FAO and UNEP have already been taken into account. Response has been sent to Vietnam addressing issues raised by Dr Cuong.
- b. Related to this, the MG undertook to discuss follow up to PB9 decision 17¹ related to both National Programmes and Tier 2 (*Secretariat to work with the Safeguards group to prepare a proposal for the MG*).

5. REDD+ Academy

¹ PB9/17. The Secretariat will provide clarification on the principles, criteria, guidelines and quality assurances procedures referred to in the Tier 2 ToR, as well as on the level of compliance and consistency required.

- a. The MG welcomed the proposal and will review an updated concept note incorporating information on a potential curriculum, possible partners, resource implications, input from target audience etc. *(Tim C2 to revise and circulate to MG)*.
- b. FAO will follow up ongoing discussions with Brazil on the Amazon Fund, and brief Thais *(Mette)*

6. AOB

- a. A number of RPPs where UNDP may act as the delivery partner will be considered at the forthcoming FCPF meeting *(MG to provide any comments to Tim and Clea, as per her email)*
- b. UNEP reported good progress with the NP P5 recruitment – interviews to take place soon.
- c. MG Retreat still planned for end April – PB Review Consultant (Alain Lafontaine) available for a meeting on 30 April *(Mario will send email to confirm)*
- d. MG agreed to begin call at 2pm CET (9am EDT, 4pm EAT) for the next few weeks, to take advantage of daylight saving time beginning in North America *(to be reviewed end March when DST begins in Europe)*.
- e. Veerle is on mission in Norway this week – Charles will report back

7. Next call: Wednesday 20 March, 2pm CET

Secretariat to review items postponed in recent weeks, and include agenda updates on:

- Programme Evaluation
- UNFCCC Submission *(Secretariat to circulate outline by 15 Mar)*
- Budget proposal/CB REDD+ concept note