

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 14 May 2014

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Adam Gerrand, Mette Loyche Wilkie

UNDP: Tim Clairs, Charles McNeil

UNEP: Tim Christophersen, Edoardo Zandri

Secretariat: Thais Linhares Juvenal

Apologies: Mario Boccucci

Others

Sharon McAuslan, Mirey Atallah, Mike Speirs; Gary Decker (Meridian Institute).

1. Approval of minutes of previous week

- a. N/a: No call on 7 May and previous minutes of 30 April cleared on no objection basis on 9 May.
- b. With regard to follow up to the MG meeting of 30 April regarding PB rotation, there were concerns that the MG decision taken during the meeting had not been fully implemented as a result of subsequent bilateral discussions. The importance of following agreed process was reiterated.

2. Programme Strategy

- a. The MG provided feedback on process options related to the role of the PB in reviewing and/or approving the 2016-2020 Strategy, with option 2 unsupported, and options 1 and 3 remaining on the table.
- b. The MG noted that the findings and recommendations of the Programme Evaluation emphasize the importance of the need for a robust and consultative process on the development of the Strategy, regardless of the final decision on the role of the PB in approval (or not) of the Strategy.
- c. It was agreed that a revised timeline/process would be prepared on development of the Strategy, with a view to bringing a proposal to the SG in advance of their next scheduled call in early June.
- d. The need to reflect the emerging Strategy in the response to the Evaluation was also noted.
- e. *Actions: Secretariat to elaborate and update timeline/process (by week beginning 19 May) and update paper in collaboration with Meridian Institute for MG feedback and discussion at the end of May.*

3. Programme Evaluation

- a. The MG approved the revised process and timeline for providing MG feedback to the draft report and preparation of the Management Response (MR). In addition to the steps outlined, it was noted that following the preparation of the MR, it will be necessary monitor and track implementation of the evaluation recommendations.
- b. Given the need for the Policy Board to respond to several of the recommendations in the report, it was proposed to bring the Evaluation presentation at PB12 forward to day 1, and convene a drafting group to develop the response.
- c. In terms of the point raised in the report about the lack of budgetary information provided for the three UN agencies, the Secretariat recalled that whilst Agencies had been invited to provide budgetary info in addition to the SNA workplans provided by the Secretariat, the evaluators sought a workplan at activity level, which is not available for the Programme.
- d. The MG welcomed the update on the comms strategy being prepared by the Secretariat in case the Evaluation receives any interest.
- e. *Actions:*
 - i. *Secretariat to reconfirm process for preparation of one consolidated MR with EMG and report back to MG;*

- ii. *MG to provide written feedback and observations on the draft report by Mon 19 May, in line with the agreed process and timeline in order for Secretariat to prepare consolidated paper by 20 May;*
- iii. *MG to include feedback on the proposal for handling of the Evaluation and creation of drafting group at PB12;*
- iv. *Secretariat to circulate comms strategy/talking points asap.*

4. 2015 workplan and budget

- a. The Secretariat confirmed that having considered the options, including optics in the light of the draft Evaluation report, the GPWG decided the 2015 workplan and budget will be presented to the PB as planned in advance of PB12. It is a 'Business as Usual' \$26.5m scenario, based on the level of the original 2013 and 2014 budgets, prior to receipt of additional funds.
- b. The MG will review the final submission (likely Friday 16 May) ahead of presentation to the PB in line with the PB11 decision (35 working days before PB). A response matrix will also be provided in the package of documents.
- c. *Actions: Secretariat to circulate 2015 package to MG for final review and approval on [Friday 16 May].*

5. Readout of SG Climate Summit/ABA meeting (4-5 May) (

- a. The MG welcomed the updated from Charles and Mette on the Abu Dhabi Ascent. The most important follow up relates to the need to reach out to countries so they are informed and able to come to the Summit with commitments/requests; Further details on implications and action for the Programme will be provided in due course, following an upcoming meeting that will shed more light on next steps.
- b. *Actions: Secretariat to consider whether a short info session on the Summit can be included on the PB12 agenda.*

6. FCPF Carbon Fund: Emission Reduction Programme Document (ER-PD) template.

- a. In response to the request for feedback on the proposed FCPF ER-PD template, the MG approved the draft response prepared by the Secretariat to be submitted to FCPF on 19 May.
- b. *Action: MG to provide any additional comments by close 15 May; Secretariat to finalise and submit to FCPF 19 May.*

7. AOB

- a. The following items were raised for discussion at a forthcoming MG call:
 - i. Update on meetings with Indonesia/UNORCID following recent Forest Asia Summit;
 - ii. Update on regional Capacity Building workshops and on regional nomination of PB members and sponsored observers.