

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 17 July 2013
Draft

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Tiina Vahanen, Mette Loyche Wilkie

UNDP: Tim Clairs, Charles McNeill

UNEP: Keith Alverson

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Thais Linhares Juvenal

Apologies: Tim Christophersen

Others

Sharon McAuslan, Clea Paz, Rod Abson, Dave Eastman (Secretariat); Adam Gerrand (FAO)

1. Minutes from previous call (10 July)

- a. Approved

2. Update on new FAO project funded by DE

- a. The MG welcomed the update from FAO on the €4 million forest monitoring project funded by BMU, the German Environment Ministry, that will involve 18 countries and be undertaken in collaboration with the Brazilian National Institute for Space Research (INPE). *(Mette to circulate summary document and to continue to liaise with UNDP, UNEP and Secretariat colleagues as the project unfolds).*

3. Forthcoming events (UNGA, Oslo Ex, COP19)

- a. The MG requested that the concept note on a potential collaborative REDD+ talk with CODE REDD in the margins of UNGA is updated, to enable a final decision to be taken at next weeks call *(Secretariat to circulate updated concept note by 19 July).*
- b. The Secretariat is continuing to explore other potential opportunities including involvement in an UNGA event being organized by Indonesia, the Oslo Exchange and the UNFCCC CEB side event. *(Secretariat to include update on future MG call agenda as appropriate).*

4. Forthcoming MG and MG/SG Retreats

- a. The next MG retreat will be held week beginning 30 September in Rome *(Secretariat to confirm dates and circulate draft agenda for MG input).*
- b. The next SG-MG retreat is likely to be held in the margins of COP19, dates tbc pending further discussion in order to ensure full participation given anticipated scheduling conflicts on 18-19 Nov *(Secretariat to liaise with SG offices).*

5. Update on REDD+ Academy.

- a. The MG will provide any additional comments on the previous concept note to enable discussion of a revised draft in the coming weeks *(Agencies to send feedback; Secretariat to circulate revised concept for consideration during the MG call end July/early August).*

6. AOB

- a. MG members thanked Tiina for her commitment and the integral role she has played in the UN-REDD Programme, and wished her success in her new post as the Associate Secretary General of the World Forest Congress. Adam Gerrand, who will participate in the MG until Tiina's successor is appointed, was warmly welcomed.
- b. UNDP update on the DRC Tier 2 DRC project: In relation to the design of the DRC National Fund which is currently underway, the MG endorsed indicating an interest in a role for the UN-REDD Programme related to the environmental and social assessment of proposals. This would also have the advantage of helping to build capacity at a national level for the future, versus a consulting firm

or rostered consultants selected by the National Fund Secretariat playing this role. The MG also noted the link to the outstanding PB request (PB9/17) (*TimC1 to check potential conflicts associated with the UN-REDD Programmes' involvement; Secretariat to continue work on follow up to decision PB9/17 and bring MPTF-O into relevant discussions*).

7. Next call: Wed 24 July, 3pm CET.