

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 19 Feb 2014
Draft

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Mette Loyche Wilkie, Adam Gerrand

UNDP: Charles McNeill, Tim Clairs

UNEP: Tim Christophersen, Edoardo Zandri

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci

Apologies: Thais Linhares Juvenal

Others

Sharon McAuslan, Mike SPEirs

1. **Approval of minutes of previous week:** n/a – No call on 5 Feb; previous minutes (29 Jan) approved on no objection basis.
2. **Programme Evaluation preliminary observations**
 - a. The MG decided that a consolidated response be prepared to the preliminary findings of the Programme Evaluation, focusing on the context, the emerging findings on relevance and any clarification of factual errors.
 - b. The MG will have the opportunity to provide more comprehensive feedback once the preliminary findings are circulated to the Policy Board.
 - c. *Actions:*
 - i. *Secretariat to circulate draft response by close Thursday 27 Feb for quick MG review;*
 - ii. *Subject to MG approval, feedback to be provided Evaluation Team by end of the week.*
 - iii. *The Secretariat will also liaise with Michael Carbon to confirm the timeline for the circulation of the preliminary findings to the Policy Board.*
3. **SG Climate Summit**
 - a. The MG agreed that whilst the Secretary Generals Summit was unlikely to deliver significant UN-REDD Programme objectives, it provides an opportunity to advance other agendas and achieve outcomes for the UN, for countries, and for REDD+, including on Results Based Payments in the lead up to the 2015 Paris COP.
 - b. The MG decided that the Programme, through the MG and the Secretariat, should support the process in particular by helping to bring countries on board, as an important (although not top-priority) issue, with the modalities for support to be fully defined.
 - c. The MG recommended further exploring potential synergies with 'The Bonn Challenge' (re restoration) so that it can be reinserted as a potential deliverable.
 - d. Concerns were reiterated (ref. 29 Jan MG mtg) about the relative potential contribution for emission reductions from some of the potential deliverables (e.g. ending deforestation in supply chains), although the ambition to achieve both private and public sector commitments was acknowledged.
 - e. Next steps: One pager on potential outcomes/commitments to be finalized with MG inputs; next MG discussion to provide guidance on 'How to engage forest countries/ champions, including link to emerging +2015 Strategy'.
 - f. *Actions:*
 - i. *MG to provide any ideas for issues for Charles to raise with Jens Stoltenberg (UN Special Envoy on CC) by close 19 Feb;*
 - ii. *MG to provide feedback on the forest outcomes/commitments one-pager by 21 Feb in order for Charles to finalise;*
 - iii. *UNEP to provide briefing on Restoration/The Bonn Challenge and Charles to contact Stewart Maginnis;*

- iv. *Charles to give more thought to process for engaging countries in advance of future MG call.*

4. AOB

- a. Query from REDD Monitor: The Secretariat will prepare a response to the query submitted by REDD Monitor regarding the figure stated on the UN-REDD Programme website about forest emissions (nearly 20%), which was based on the most recent IPCC findings (17%). The response will acknowledge that the relative contribution of forest-based GHG may have fallen and that figures will be revised once the updated IPCC Assessment is released.
- b. MG members congratulated Mette on her appointment to Director of DEPI, UNEP. The timeline for the transition, along with arrangements for FAOs MG representation will be confirmed in due course.

5. Next weeks call: 29 FEB 2014, 2:30-4PM CET

- a. Any feedback on the draft agenda is welcome; Announcement and updated agenda will be circulated Friday 21 Feb.
 - **Multiple Benefits draft website:** for decision on its release. UNEP will update
 - **MG retreat:** This will involve a quick readout of part I of the retreat, along with an update on arrangements for part II in March (tentative dates 27-28 March, venue tbc).
 - **CSO selection process:** The term for the current CSO representatives to the PB will terminate with PB12 and new representatives have to be identified by October 2014 in time for PB13. CSO representatives to both UN-REDD and FCPF have expressed interest in having a joint self-selection process and have agreed to align their rotation period with the UN-REDD Programme. A joint process would reduce the administrative and cost burden on UN-REDD, demonstrate to the REDD+ community that UN-REDD and FCPF are collaborating on issues of substance, and there is demand for a harmonized approach from CSO stakeholders. UNDP will present the proposal for a joint FCPF-UN-REDD CSO self-selection process for MG approval (see also briefing note).
 - **REDD+ Academy:** In order to oversee the development of the REDD+ Academy, the establishment of a Steering Committee (FAO, UNDP, UNEP, 3 regional and 1 IP representative), is proposed. Tim C2 to introduce for MG approval.
 - **Update on programme evaluation?**