

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

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Adam Gerrand

UNDP: Charles McNeill, Tim Clairs

UNEP: Edoardo Zandri

Secretariat: Mirey Atallah

Apologies: Mario Boccucci, Thais Linhares Juvenal, Mette Loyche Wilkie, Tim Christophersen

Others

Sharon McAuslan, Mike Speirs

1. Approval of minutes of previous week (12 March)

- a. Approved.

2. East Africa project

- a. The MG provided guidance on several issues related to the developing East Africa project (to be renamed to reflect that not *all* E. African countries are involved):
 - i. Additional countries: There was support for extending the scope of the project on a longer term basis, subject to country demand and budget, to include Mozambique, Madagascar and others (e.g. Rwanda and Burundi), but it was agreed to begin the project with the current 3 countries and approach others for a subsequent phase of the project. The potential for complimentary Tier 2 activities in the case of Madagascar (an existing partner country) would also be explored;
 - ii. Involvement of East African Community: Agreed that additional countries can be engaged through regional task force (not in formal management body)
 - iii. Launch at UNEA 23-27 June: Support for proposed high level launch during UNEA, attended by Ministers from Norway and Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. FAO to support from Rome and via attendance by FAO representative in Kenya or by video message (unlikely SG members can attend in person due to COFO commitments);
 - iv. MOU: A suitably flexible MoU (e.g. to enable easy extension of duration, and inclusion of additional countries) should be processed asap. Will be circulated to Agencies end March for internal appraisal, followed by signature along with the Programme Document
- b. *Actions: Secretariat to send i. full report of the meeting of the agencies and countries, and ii. The MoU.*

3. Programme Evaluation

- a. The MG approved the draft response to the preliminary findings of the Programme Evaluation.
- b. *Action: Secretariat to submit response to EMG and Evaluation Team by 21 March.*

4. Streamlining National Delivery

- a. The MG agreed to the parameters proposed by the Secretariat and MPTF-O (reporting, contracting, accountability, visibility etc.) for comparative assessment of options for fund transfer arrangements, and considered the analysis would provide sufficient information to enable a decision to be made. FAO may provide additional feedback once able to consult with colleagues leading on the issue.
- b. The MG reiterated the clear call from the SG to reform and harmonise the arrangements to provide a country facing solution to address both the issues raised in Viet Nam as soon as possible, as well as to aim to apply the solution across the Programme as a whole. At the same time concerns that internalizing the 'solution' may cause greater complexity for the inter agency arrangements were raised. The paper will take note of experience from other joint programming arrangements such as

the UNDP-UNEP PEI modality.

c. *Actions: Secretariat to work with MPTF-O to bring options paper to MG retreat.*

5. AOB

a. Request for report back from SG Meeting 17 March: Secretariat to provide at next call (26/3).

6. Next weeks call: Wed 26 March