Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme Decisions of meeting of 21 November 2012 Draft

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Tiina Vahanen

UNDP: Charles McNeill, Tim Clairs,

UNEP: Mario Boccucci, Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Mette Løyche Wilkie Apologies: Thais Linhares-Juvenal

Others

UNEP: Keith Alverson, Head of the Climate Change Adaptation and Terrestrial Ecosystems Branch, DEPI Secretariat: Clea Paz, Sharon McAuslan,

1. Approve minutes of previous MG call (14 Nov)

a. Approved with minor edits.

2. Doha: UN-REDD Programme side events

- a. MG endorsed revised side event outlined by the Secretariat (Secretariat to finalise timings and presenters, and explore potential CSO representatives; MG to confirm SG/high level attendance) Proposed outline:
- Introduction by HoS
- High level element (NO and VN Tier 2 signing ceremony) with media presence
- Overview of Programme's achievements on safeguards and governance/legal preparedness, with country presentations (by Nigeria and Mexico, TBC, and perhaps CSO)
- b. Secretariat will review side events calendar in order to ensure Programme attendance at relevant events (Secretariat to circulate matrix with proposals for attendance)
- c. MG members in Doha agreed to meet regularly (Secretariat to arrange meetings on site)

3. Expert Panel on Green Economy (activity 6.1.7 of the 2013/2014 budget and programme framework)

- a. Terms of Reference for an expert panel aiming to strengthen the Programme's capacity to respond to increasing country demands for support on green economy transition in the context of sustainable land-use and REDD+, will be revised by UNEP, taking into account comments and concerns raised by the MG (*Circulated 22 November*).
- b. Pending feedback on the revised ToR, UNEP to proceed with discussions with relevant stakeholders in the margins of Doha (*MG to provide written comments on revised version by 28 November*)

4. Private sector engagement strategy

- a. The initiation of a private sector engagement strategy by UNEP, related to output 4.5, was welcomed, and agreement reached on the need for further consideration of the need for a broader private sector engagement strategy.
- b. Secretariat to collate discussion paper, to inform discussion at a face to face meeting of the relevant people, including UNEP FI, in early 2013 (Geneva, Feb 11 agreed in principle) to discuss and shape objectives and function of a potential strategy (FAO and UNDP to provide views to Secretariat on what they think the role of the UNRP in PSE strategy should be by 14 December; Secretariat to prepare paper by end Jan, and organise meeting in Feb)

5. AOB

a. As Cheryl Rosebush, Communications Officer, is leaving the Programme in early 2013, the Secretariat will imminently issue a vacancy announcement, and hope to bring in a temporary consultant to cover on an interim basis. The MG acknowledged Cheryl's exceptional contribution, and expressed deep appreciation of her work and innovation.

- b. Following up previous discussion on process for approval of publications, the MG acknowledged examples of good work related to knowledge management at the regional level (eg. Go-REDD+ listserv), and emphasised that these should continue, focussing on technical/implementation aspects. MG requested to review any opinion pieces or items touching on broader issues of relevance to the UNREDD programme, to ensure coherence in messaging. Secretariat confirmed the Comms group will prepare updated guidance on clearance processes (*CEWG*)
- c. UNEP reported back on useful bilateral with Norway, held in the margins of Nordic Consultations.
- d. The inception report of the Policy Board Review has been submitted to the Secretariat (and circulated to the MG/SG), and will be shared with the Working Group (MG to review and provide any pressing feedback by close 25 Nov)
- 6. Date of next call: Due to COP18, next call will be 12 December 14:30 CET, TBC