

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 23 Oct 2013
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Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Adam Gerrand

UNDP: Charles McNeill

UNEP: Tim Christophersen, Keith Alverson

Secretariat: Mario Bocucci, Thais Linhares Juvenal

Apologies: Mette Loyche Wilkie, Tim Clairs

Others

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a. Minutes from previous call (17 Oct)

- a. Approved.

b. Update on Oslo

- a. The Secretariat provided an update on arrangements for the Oslo REDD Exchange, including planned MG and SG meetings and the UN-REDD Programme 5 Yr Anniversary dinner. The MG agreed that Ibrahim should deliver one toast on behalf of the Programme, and will review and provide any inputs to draft speaking notes. *(Secretariat to circulate meeting schedule and draft speaking notes to MG and SG, and follow up with SG regarding proposal for Agency toast).*

3. Legal manual

- a. The MG congratulated the consultative approach taken by UNEP in the development of the legal preparedness manual, and approved the manual, subject to incorporation of final comments from FAO, particularly related to the MRV chapter, and any further comments from UNDP. *(Agencies to send comments to UNEP by 7 November; UNEP to incorporate feedback).*
- b. The MG also requested UNEP to liaise with FAO and UNDP with regards to the forthcoming regional workshop series, noting that although it may not be possible to contribute to those planned in 2013, a second tranche of workshops is due to be held in 2014 which provides an opportunity for collaboration. *(UNEP to follow up with FAO and UNDP)*

4. SG Climate Summit

- a. Initial feedback provided by the MG on whether the 2014 SG Climate Summit should be a priority for the UN-REDD Programme engagement was noted by the Secretariat. The MG agreed that the summit, if positioned as a strategic milestone towards a new Climate Change agreement, may represent an opportunity to raise the profile, attract additional donors, demonstrate UN-World Bank collaboration and build country support for the Programme. It could also serve as an entry point for increasing Norwegian access to the Sec General. Challenges, including concerns that the summit may focus on short term pledges rather than required longer term solutions, were also noted. *(Charles to follow up with Bob Orr and Secretariat to bring to a future MG call).*

5. CBR/Stakeholder engagement

- a. The MG welcomed the update from UNDP on CBR+ progress and pilot country selection, where, following a consultative process involving regional advisers and the stakeholder engagement team, five of the six pilot countries have been identified (Cambodia, DRC, Nigeria, Paraguay and Sri Lanka). The case for considering Panama in lieu of Ecuador as the sixth pilot was discussed and will be further considered. *(UNDP will continue to provide updates to the MG.)*

6. AOB

- a. Bangkok NFMS workshop update: FAO provided a read out of the recent Bangkok workshop, where the 3 agencies were well represented and feedback from participants was positive.
- b. Fund transfer: The Secretariat gave an update on the timeline to establish a Tier 2 account to receive funds from Norway. An MoU will need to be signed by Agencies which will require rapid action. The Secretariat are working with MPTF-O and will follow up with Agencies asap.

7. Next call: no call 30 October due to Oslo Exchange– resumes 6 Nov.