

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 28 Aug 2013
Draft

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Mette Loyche Wilkie, Adam Gerrand,

UNDP: Tim Clairs, Charles McNeill

UNEP: Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Mirey Atallah

Apologies: Thais Linhares Juvenal, Keith Alverson, Clea Paz

Others

Sharon McAuslan

1. Minutes from previous call (7 Aug)

- a. Approved.

2. Panama

- a. In terms of the evaluation report and preparation of the interagency management response, the MG noted that:
 - i. Factual/translation amendments are being incorporated into the draft evaluation report, after which it will be disseminated to the Government, Coonapip, other stakeholders, and made available on the UN-REDD Programme website.
 - ii. An EN version should be made available asap.
 - iii. A Management Response will be prepared and brought back to the MG (and subsequently the SG) for clearance in due course.
 - iv. Any potential restitutions which may be included in the response will be based on assessment of needs and due process.
(Charles & Mirey to organize call with Gabriel by 30 Aug to coordinate next steps).

3. Update on additional 2014/Norway funding

- a. If the additional funding request is approved, the MG acknowledged there is a degree of fine tuning which will be required (including accommodating tenure and legal preparedness which was unintentionally excluded). *(Secretariat to provide update to MG asap).*
- b. Whilst the opportunity to submit a funding request of such magnitude was welcomed, it also highlighted a number of areas for improvement related to strategic planning, which the forthcoming MG retreat will begin to address.

4. Planning for SG call (Thurs 19 Sept)

- a. A provisional agenda will be sent to the SG ahead of 19 Sept meeting, along with a recommendation on behalf of the MG that the SG should consider attending the Oslo REDD Exchange. *(Secretariat to ensure invitations to ORE are sent to SG members and send agenda to SG week of 2 Sept).*

5. Intersessional decision #26 New Requests to Join the Programme:

- a. Following concerns raised by a CSO member as to the application by Zimbabwe to join the Programme, the MG emphasized that in the absence of specific criteria in the Programme founding documents, eligibility is determined by Agency membership rules and requirements, and UNFCCC status (i.e. Non Annex 1 countries). *(Secretariat to follow up with CSO representative; Charles to provide additional support if necessary).*

6. PB11 Update.

- a. The MG welcomed the initial planning for PB11 and provided some preliminary feedback on potential agenda items which will be incorporated into an updated note to be circulated for further inputs. (*Secretariat to circulate revised note week of 2 Sept for MG inputs*)
- b. The MG also requested updates on the PB review and the Programme Evaluation, and FAO confirmed Mette will take over Tiina's role on the PB Review WG (*Secretariat to provide updates to MG week of 2 Sept*).

7. AOB

- a. **Policy Brief on the relationship between the CBD Aichi Biodiversity Targets and REDD+:** UNEP provided an update on a new policy brief to be launched at the forthcoming CBD SBSTTA. UNEP will proceed on a no objection basis, with the MG invited to provide written feedback on the concept note that has been circulated on 27 August.
- b. **Tenure paper:** Update from FAO:
 - The MG are invited to provide further inputs to longer (c.60pg), technical document, which is envisaged to be presented at PB11 as a background document, pending final MG clearance. Secretariat and FAO will also follow up with RRI given their role in the original PB7 request.
 - A shorter Policy Brief is also anticipated, an outline/draft of which would ideally be circulated to the Policy Board for feedback. The MG will further discuss this.
- c. **UNEP representation on the UN-REDD Programme Strategy Group:** It is understood that Ibrahim will continue to represent UNEP on the SG, at least on an interim basis until a new Director is appointed.
- d. **Update on DRC and National REDD+ fund:** The UN-REDD Programme team in Kinshasa are aiming to finalise several products (operational manual and investment plan) in collaboration with the MPTF and appointed consultants, as requested by Norway ahead of the election, despite recent political issues that are now expected to cause delays and the postponement of the next Steering Committee.
- e. **MG retreat dates 30 Sept-3 Oct TBC:** A provisional agenda is being finalized, taking into account potential meetings with MPTF, Norway, and the Programme Evaluation team. The Secretariat will circulate an update on the retreat shortly, including the agenda, for MG feedback.

8. Next call: 4 Sept 3pm CET - Thais will chair the next 2 calls in Mario's absence.