

**Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme  
Decisions of meeting of 28 May 2014**

**Participants:**

MG members and alternates

FAO: Adam Gerrand

UNDP: Charles McNeill

UNEP: Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci

Apologies: Thais Linhares Juvenal, Edoardo Zandri, Tim Clairs, Mette Loyche Wilkie

Others

Sharon McAuslan, Mike Speirs, Mirey Atallah; Tim Mealey, Gary Decker (Meridian Institute) for items 1 & 2

**1. Approval of minutes of previous week (21 May)**

- a. Approved.

**2. Programme Strategy: Role of the Policy Board**

- a. The MG discussed to what extent the PB would ultimately 'approve' the Strategy. There was agreement on the need to have some element of recognition of the Strategy by the PB, to ensure engagement and buy-in, with the aim of the consultation process being to achieve consensus. The MG agreed that the outcome of PB12 should be a PB decision that provides sufficient flexibility with regards to the exact role of the PB in the final approval (which would also depend on the outcome of the consultation process) e.g. for the PB to requesting the start of the process to develop the strategy in order to bring it to PB13 for discussion
- b. In terms of options put forward regarding the role of the PB, the proposal for the Board to agree content of the Strategy but not the governance arrangements (e.g. 2 documents) was not supported.
- c. Meridian Institute provided a brief update on the 'process' that would be shared with the MG in the coming weeks (before PB).
- d. *Actions: Secretariat to seek NOR views on role of PB*
- e. *Check wi Adam re his point about*

**3. Programme Evaluation**

- a. It was agreed that the consolidated response of the MG would be circulated for final MG review on a no objection basis on the morning of Friday 30 May, and subsequently submitted to the EMG.
- b. The Secretariat will then start to prepare the management response, incorporating inputs received to date.

**4. Indonesia/UNORCID update**

- a. Following discussions with UNORCID in the margins of the Forest Asia Summit, the MG agreed that it is considered politically important for the Agencies to continue to support UNORCID, and inappropriate to seek funding for the existing Agency P5 positions from the Lol. Opportunities for leveraging the capacity of the positions (including to develop proposals) could be further explored.
- b. On funding of the positions for 2015, UNEP confirmed it is included in the draft workplan and budget, and FAO that it is not. The status of UNDP was to still be confirmed. The MG agreed to explore how to cover the position for FAO (and UNDP if needed).
- c. On the planned Evaluation of UNORCID (MoU currently ends in September 2015), the MG agreed on the need for the Agencies to be involved.
- d. *Actions:*
  - i. *Secretariat to include short update on outcome of discussions in the SG annotated agenda for the upcoming call.*
  - ii. *UNDP to confirm whether P5 included in 2015 workplan and budget.*

iii. *Options for funding to be explored:*

- *Secretariat to explore with Satya during his visit to Geneva (e.g. potential for Norway funding from Lol).*
- *Agencies to consider other options (e.g. large scale TS)*

AG: support is for Indonesia not just for UNORCID

**5. AOB**

- a. Update on Viet Nam/Streamlining national delivery: The MG raised concerns about the delay\* in finalising the agreement taken at the MG retreat regarding options for streamlining national delivery. (\* FAO subsequently indicated progress was being made, and asked UNDP to provide information previously requested).
- b. *Actions: Secretariat to meet with FAO in Rome during week beginning 2 June*
- c. *Tim wanted to have clearly raised about option 1.*
- d. *About the decision taken at MG retreat –*
- e. *Add in and leave the last point about FAO update*
- f. REDD+ Academy: Yale are being contracted to develop the modules and will be reaching out to the agencies to identify the key inputs into each module.
- g. Indonesia are looking to pilot the Academy to provide training to Parliamentarians. Exploring synergies with Globe International was recommended.

**6. Next weeks call: 3pm, 4 June**