

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 29 August 2012

Participants:

MG members and alternates (* denotes current Chair)

FAO: Tiina Vahanen*

UNDP: Tim Clairs

UNEP: Mario Boccucci, Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Mette Loyche-Wilkie (*Stood in as Chair as TV experienced some connection problems*)

Apologies: Charles McNeill, Thais Linhares-Juvenal

Others

UNDP Kim Todd; UNEP Julie Greenwalt; Secretariat: Clea Paz, Sharon McAuslan

1. Approve minutes of previous MG call (22nd Aug)

- a. Approved

2. Safeguards

- a. The proposed objectives and related considerations of the Programme's work on safeguards as described in the circulated concept note were endorsed. It was noted that UNDP/FAO/UNEP work on developing a harmonized approach to Social and Environmental Sustainability and Accountability, could possibly be incorporated in the future
- b. The preferred option for future working arrangements was 'Option 1', with the group established as a single, over-arching "Safeguards group", consisting of 2 persons per agency and coordination support from the Secretariat
- c. Any additional comments on the concept note will be incorporated by the group (*Agencies to submit comments to the Safeguards group*)
- d. Links to the forthcoming UN-REDD Programme International Workshop on Multiple Benefits were noted. It was agreed that the Safeguards group should liaise with the organisers, and that it will be essential to ensure the Agencies are sufficiently engaged (*UNEP to share a draft agenda in due course*)

3. Preparations for PB9

- a. Additional suggestions on the PB9 draft agenda will be addressed by the Secretariat, including comments submitted by Charles on gender issues and proposals to consider merging the sessions on Tier 2 and Targeted Support (*Agencies to submit any comments to the Secretariat by cob 31 August*)
- b. The draft roles and responsibilities document was welcomed. Additional offers of support will be incorporated, including Charles offer to support preparation for the Tier 2 session (*Agencies to submit any further comments by cob 31 August*).
- c. Secretariat will make some minor updates to the draft decisions document, including insertion of a decision on the external evaluation of the Programme, planned for 2013 (*Agencies to submit any initial comments by cob 31 August*)
- d. The three documents will be shared with the SG as draft versions (*Secretariat*)
- e. The draft agenda will be circulated to the PB to allow reaction by the PB on proposed items for discussion (*Secretariat*)
- f. Key elements from the 'Management Note' will be included in the PB Secretariat overview presentation, with the document made available for those who are interested (in EN, FR, SP). The Note will also be referred to during other relevant PB sessions (SNA session, discussion on the external evaluation, possibly during the discussions on the revised budget/workplan etc) (*Secretariat to include in overview presentation, October 2012*)

4. Update on events proposed/planned for COFO and Doha

- a. Subject to any final comments from FAO on the concept note, it was agreed that the UN-REDD Programme should participate in the side event on *GREEN CARBON, BLACK TRADE*, including use of the logo on event publicity material etc. Involvement in the publication will be restricted to the contribution of the case study outlining UN-REDD Programme work on anti corruption and REDD+ (*Mette to provide comments to UNEP by cob 31 August*)

5. Planning Meeting Geneva 12-14 September

- a. Agencies to provide written comments on the agenda (*MG by cob 31 August*)
- b. Core participants agreed: Charles, Tim C x 2, Mario, Tiina, Maria, Thais and Mette for the budget discussions, with Clea participating for the CNA and strategic discussions, and additional Secretariat staff on call as and when needed.
- c. GP Budget and Workplan: Agencies to prepare budget priorities in order to facilitate Secretariat's work on the consolidated budget, along with the necessary background documents for PB (*Secretariat to continue to liaise with donors to confirm the level of funding for 2012; WG to provide inputs to Secretariat by cob 31 August*)

6. AOB

- a. Co-production of the "Little Forest Finance Book" with the CBD and GCP: The MG supported the proposal from UNEP to provide funding for translation into FR and ES (*UNEP to forward draft from GCP for comment to CEWG and Mette in due course*)
- b. Information from Tiina: FAO DG and Alexander Mueller were on mission in Sweden and Norway this week. Alexander and Tiina will subsequently be on mission to Vietnam next week – requested MG to provide any updates on Vietnam Tier 2 etc if appropriate.

7. Date of next meeting

- a. Next meeting 5 September, time TBC, may be scheduled slightly later to enable UNEP to attend (as on staff retreat)
- b. Agenda to include
 - i. MG pending actions
 - ii. Items for SG agenda
 - iii. Finalise agenda for SNA meeting
 - iv. UNEP concept note: UNEP FI information session on national forest sector investment strategies at PB9