

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 30 April 2014
Draft

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Adam Gerrand

UNDP: Tim Clairs, Charles McNeil

UNEP: Tim Christophersen (Edoardo Zandri joined briefly for item #3)

Secretariat: Thais Linhares Juvenal

Apologies: Mario Boccucci, Mette Loyche Wilkie

Others

Sharon McAuslan, Mike Speirs; Tim Mealey, Gary Decker (Meridian Institute, for item #2 only).

1. Approval of minutes of previous week (23 April)

- a. Approved.

2. Programme Strategy

- a. The MG suggested the discussion paper be split in two: i. discussion paper on the content of the emerging strategy, and ii, a paper outlining process, including role of the PB.
- b. It was agreed that the paper would be updated with comments received during from the MG during the call and in writing by Thu 1 May (including on the need for more on the drivers of deforestation, edits to the SWOT analysis and to figure 1)
- c. The MG will further discuss the process (including options for the role of the Policy Board), and the content (including the concept of whether the revised Strategy is characterized as a 'reboot'), following the Abu Dhabi Ascent.
- d. *Actions: MG to send written comments by 1 May; Secretariat to revise and split paper; UNDP to send discussion paper as an input to the Strategy discussions.*

3. PB rotation

- a. As engagement from the Policy Board regions regarding the nomination of new Policy Board members and sponsored observers (PB11 decision) has been very low to date, the MG requested the Secretariat to support the process, and to involve the regional teams to provide additional support as necessary. This could involve alerting countries to the fact the capacity building workshops provide an opportunity for regions to discuss (with the Secretariat/Agencies excusing themselves during any discussion on this matter).
- b. *Actions: CM to raise with MLW (absent in this call) during ABA; Secretariat to await feedback before starting outreach with regional colleagues.*

4. PB agenda and decisions

- a. The MG approved the revised agenda, indicating a preference for the 'alternate' scheduling option (PB to start on afternoon of 7 July, and break in afternoon of 8 & 9 July to accommodate Workl Cup Semi Finals), subject to finding suitable Agency Co-chairing arrangements for Mon 7 July.
- b. On the order Information sessions, the MG suggested to reorder the Warsaw and National Strategies session.
- c. The MG also welcomed the UNDP proposal to hold the next S-S Knowledge Exchange with the World Bank, likely on the Sunday preceding the PB.
- d. *Actions:*
 - i. *Secretariat to finalize agenda, send draft agendas to SG for review until 9 May, and subsequently to the Policy Board.*
 - ii. *Secretariat to discuss with FAO (and UNDP) to explore options for Co-chair arrangements for Mon 7 July;*
 - iii. *Secretariat to approach session panelists (including GEF).*

iv. As FAO had to leave before the end of the discussion, AG to send any final comments by email by Thurs 1 May.

5. UN-REDD – PNG side event, June 2014, Bonn

- a. The MG requested the Secretariat and FAO to take forward the ‘joint’ SBSTA side event with PNG, including determining the extent of the UNRP involvement in the event.
- b. Actions: TLJ to follow up with MSS.*

6. AOB

- a. Annual Report 2013: The Secretariat notified the MG that the report is being edited and will be sent to the MG for review on Friday 2 May.