

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 30 July 2013
Draft

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Adam Gerrand

UNDP: Tim Clairs

UNEP: Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Mario Bocucci, Thais Linhares Juvenal

Apologies: Charles McNeill, Keith Alverson, Mette Loyche Wilkie

Others

Mirey Atallah, Clea Paz, Dave Eastman

1. Minutes from previous call

- a. Approved.

2. UNODC Proposal

- a. The MG consolidated edits to the concept paper to Norway, and agreed the draft was improved.
 - i. By COB of 31 July, FAO and UNEP agreed to contribute budget information and FAO will contribute details on activities, in order to present a similar level of detail across agencies. *(By 5 August, the Secretariat will submit to Morten the improved, final concept, with general information on a modality for funds transfers.)*
 - ii. After submission, the MG will finalise the details of the Tier 2 funding modality.

3. Private Sector engagement

- a. UNEP shared for comment a proposal for engagement with the private sector.
 - i. By end August, MG members agreed to advise on the proposal's development, and its relationship to the UNDP Green Commodities Facility, so UNEP may share it with donors by end-October
 - ii. The MG retreat in October may also schedule time to further discuss private sector engagement strategies.

4. Viet Nam forthcoming Executive Group decision

- a. The MG received requests for the nomination of a Strategy Group member for the Viet Nam Phase 2 Executive Group (EG), and proposals from the team in Hanoi to revise the EG's terms of reference, including the appointment of a Secretariat (as suggested by the Resident Coordinator) and the timeline of the first budget allocation request (e.g., four months instead of one year).
- b. The SG has agreed that Veerle Vandeweerd from UNDP will be the SG representative to the EG for Viet Nam's Phase 2.
 - i. The MG agreed that a brief should be provided to the nominated person before the first EG meeting to prepare for an expected decision on funding allocation. *(Secretariat to revise brief, inform the Resident Coordinator of the nomination, and respond to proposal for modifications.)*
- c. For the transfer of funds, the MG agreed that due diligence was conducted and that criteria for UN-REDD quality assurance have been met.
- d. The MG agreed that it would be advisable to defer discussions on revisions of the terms of reference.

5. Update on Oslo REDD Exchange

- a. The MG had an initial discussion on the concept note shared by the Secretariat for a UN-REDD event at the Oslo REDD Exchange. *(Secretariat to coordinate inputs from the MG, for an advanced version of the concept note by mid-August.)*

6. Heads-up on intercessional decisions

- a. The Secretariat introduced information on forthcoming intercessional decisions on new requests to join the Programme (Madagascar, Zimbabwe, and possibly Malawi) and the PNG no-cost extension, for discussion during the 7 August MG call. *(Secretariat to provide information to the MG on the status of intercessional decisions on 2 August.)*

7. AOB

- a. UNDP updated the MG on the DRC's Tier 2 development: 1) a seat may be open to UN-REDD on the national fund steering committee for multi-lateral initiatives; and, 2) the steering committee is expected to approve the operational manual for the national fund by end-August.
 - i. The MG agreed to further discuss whether UNDP could fill UN-REDD's seat, pending developments, for the first year, and whether the Secretariat should attend the first meeting.
 - ii. Regarding DRC, UNEP informed the MG that UNEP has supported DRC environmental law reform and REDD+ legal preparedness by identifying funds through its Post Conflict and Disaster Risk Reduction branch.
- b. The MG agreed to send a congratulatory message to Ibrahim Thiaw on his appointment as Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UNEP. *(Secretariat to prepare note.)*
- c. The Secretariat updated the MG on a funds transfer request to FAO and a potential joint programme revision to incorporate changes made to the SNA workplan and budget. *(Secretariat to prepare note on signature requirements and to report back to the MPTF.)*
- d. The MG welcomed Mirey Atallah to the Secretariat.

8. Next call: Wednesday, 7 August, 3pm CET