

**Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme**  
**Decisions of meeting of 3 April 2013**  
**Draft**

**Participants:**

MG members and alternates

FAO: Tiina Vahanen

UNDP: Charles McNeill, Tim Clairs

UNEP: Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Thais Linhares Juvenal

Apologies: Mario Boccucci, Mette Loyche Wilkie, Keith Alverson

Others

Secretariat: Sharon McAuslan

**1. Approval of minutes of previous MG call (27 Mar).**

- a. To be considered approved, on a no objection basis, by close Monday 8 April.

**2. PB10 preparation and agenda**

- a. MG to provide written feedback on which information sessions are considered i) critical, and ii) nice to have if they can be accommodated (*MG to submit comments by close Mon 8 April. If needed, Secretariat will organise a dedicated MG discussion on the PB agenda*).
- b. Written comments on the formal meeting agenda are also welcome by the same deadline.
- c. Secretariat will revise the PB agenda and subsequently consult the Co-Chairs and the SG.

**3. Update on Panama**

- a. There are some signs of disagreement within the IP constituencies regarding the response taken by COONAPIP. MG agreed on the importance of having at least an interim report prepared by the PB meeting. (*MG to continue to engage and make themselves available to constituencies, particularly IP and CSO reps; UNDP will finalise the draft ToR, with the aim of circulating draft to the SG on Thursday 4 April.*)
- b. Concern at new reports (from India) referring to REDD+ as neo colonialism and mentioning the Programme (*Tiina to circulate more details*)

**4. Update on SNA budget revision**

**Budget revision**

- a. The 'Support to CB REDD+' concept note will be circulated to the PB this week for a 3 week informal consultation, with the PB response dictating subsequent handling at PB10 (*Secretariat*).
- b. Recommendation is for the Secretariat to conduct the budget revision and submit it to the Policy Board. The Secretariat takes note, however of concerns raised by UNDP regarding the proposed approach and will further consider the matter.

**FAO Carryover**

- a. FAO to send a note to the Secretariat explaining the difference between the estimated and actual carryover. The Secretariat will consult with MPTF-O and co-chairs, and advise regarding required procedure for cash transfer of approved budget.
- b. Related to the discussion on the need for better financial data at the expenditure level, to avoid perception of lack of transparency, to enable the Secretariat to fulfill its QA role, and to prepare for future audit requests, the MG agreed that there is a need to consider an enhanced internal process (*Secretariat to consider in advance of future budget process*).
- c. Regarding the outstanding issue of the Spanish contribution paid directly to FAO, Secretariat to again reach out to the new Spanish focal point (*Thais to call ES this week to try and confirm situation, and report back to MG*)

**5. Update on MG retreat: deferred until next week**

**6. Update on Programme Evaluation.**

- a. Agencies agreed to provide feedback on the draft ToR to enable in depth discussion next week. Secretariat took note of initial feedback from MG advising further reflection as to the role of the PB in the Evaluation. *(MG to send written comments by close Mon 8 April).*

**7. AOB**

- a. UNEP: Will circulate a revised draft of the legal preparedness document imminently for quick turnaround.
- b. Secretariat: Draft report of the PB Review has been received and will also be circulated soon.

**8. Next call: Wednesday 10 April (Mario to confirm start time)**