

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 4 Sept 2013
Draft

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Mette Loyche Wilkie, Adam Gerrand,

UNDP: Tim Clairs,

UNEP: Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Thais Linhares Juvenal, Mirey Atallah

Apologies: Mario Boccucci, Charles McNeill, Keith Alverson, Clea Paz

Others

Sharon McAuslan, Dave Eastman

1. Minutes from previous call (28 Aug)

- a. Approved.
- b. A clarification with regards to the Panama report was requested by the MG. (*Subsequently the Secretariat confirmed that the English version of the report circulated did incorporate initial Agency feedback*).

2. 5 Year Anniversary Publication

- a. The MG provided feedback on the report structure, possible contributors, noting a number concerns related to authors and timeline. They recommended that the external writer recruited to support the process did not need to be a technical REDD+ expert, but rather demonstrate general writing/communications skills and experience. (*Secretariat to continue to keep MG abreast of developments; MG to provide additional inputs regarding possible contributors by 21 Sept.*)

3. Update on forthcoming series of events contributing to Programme 5 Yr Anniversary

- a. Sept 18, REDD+ Talks NYC, co-sponsored by the UN-REDD Programme, Code REDD, Wildlife Works and the Wildlife Conservation Society. Confirmed speakers and attendees include Edward Norton & Achim Steiner, a number of leaders from the private sector, and UNRP and other country representatives. The theme is broadening the engagement of the UNRP to see what contributions the Private Sector can make to scaling up at global level, also looking for feedback on what enabling conditions the Private Sector requires.
- b. Sept 26, UN-REDD Programme Reception, taking place at the UN Delegates Hall. Secretariat is currently reaching out to donors, leaders, CSOs, governments etc. UNPFII and UNORCID are amongst confirmed attendees.
- c. Oct 30th Dinner at Oslo REDD Exchange (ORE), A panel will celebrate the 5 years and the 4 countries that have completed their National Programmes, attended by ministers of the 4 countries and then open discussion. Secretariat is currently reaching out to get attendees confirmed and is also collaborating with the ORE to ensure Ministers attending the dinner are also invited and involved in the ORE Programme. SG members are still tbc; FAO indicated Xiangjun Yao may be able to attend. Norway's ambition is for participation at Head of Agency level to reflect attendance by senior Norwegian ministers. (*Secretariat to send update on confirmed attendees and liaise with Charles and TC2 regarding Helen Clark and Ibrahim's potential attendance (in lieu of Achim Steiner)*).
- d. Nov 26 COP19 side event: Will focus on contribution of the UNRP to achieving sustainability. (*Secretariat will disseminate dates asap to optimize participation*).
- e. Dec PB11 celebrations: Will comprise a media release the night before PB11, coupled with the release of the report to the Policy Board and Mission representatives.

4. Provisional MG Retreat agenda: Update on draft agenda (see attached) by the Secretariat and feedback from the MG.

- a. The MG provided some initial comments and were invited to provide further feedback so an updated agenda can be presented at the next MG call (*MG to send inputs by Tuesday 10th, 1pm CET; Secretariat to circulate revised draft*).

5. Update on additional 2014/Norway funding

- a. The MG welcomed the early positive feedback from Norway. Once Norway have responded (expected by week ending 13 Sept), the Secretariat will confirm next steps, which, pending a positive outcome, will include a process to finalize the concept note and address the issues raised (by Norway, the Agencies and the Secretariat).

6. AOB

- a. Policy Brief on REDD and the Aichi 2020 biodiversity targets: FAO will send some comments in writing. Secretariat noted work being undertaken on the KM strategy includes review of mechanisms used by the Programme, including Policy Briefs.
- b. DRC: Update from TC1 – UNRP and MPTF-O officials have finalized inputs to the investment plan and operations manual and helped the Government draft the decree. Will be submitted by MPTF-O to Norway for signature following sign off by Ministries of Finance and Environment. Veerle also raised the issue of Belgium possibly contributing to the DRC NP during a recent mission.
- c. Staffing: MG and Secretariat thanked UNDP for making Frances' support available for PB10 and 11 preparations. The MG supported the proposal to move the position to Geneva on a full time basis from 2014.
In addition, further to the previous update, UNEP confirmed Elizabeth Mrema will take over the role of SG member.

7. Next call: 11 Sept 3pm CET – Chaired by Thais in Mario's absence.