

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 5 March 2014
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Participants:

MG members and alternates

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1. Approval of minutes of 19 & 26 Feb

- a. Approved with minor revisions.

2. CSO selection process

- a. The MG approved the proposed joint self-selection process for CSO representatives, to be carried out in collaboration with FCPF.
- b. *Actions: UNDP to take forward.*

3. REDD+ Academy

- a. The MG agreed in principle to the establishment of a Steering Committee to oversee the development of the REDD+ Academy, indicating a preference for it to be an internal body (the three Agencies), complemented by a broader Advisory Group with a correspondingly broad membership (Academia, NGOs, IPs etc.) that would look at content of the Academy.
- b. *Actions:*
 - i. *UNEP to update and circulate ToR by Thursday 6 March for MG feedback.*
 - ii. *UNDP to confirm their representative to the SC (Adam will participate for FAO).*

4. Programme Evaluation preliminary findings report

- a. In order to prepare a response to the preliminary findings report, in line with the original deadline for comments of 14 March (nb. may be extended), the MG will submit comments to the Secretariat by Monday 10 March, to enable the Secretariat to prepare a consolidated response that can be discussed at the next MG call. The MG will also revisit and agree whether to send comments individually or one joint response.
- b. The MG also agreed that a short update should be sent to the SG, noting that it is not considered that the report requires the SGs attention at this stage, but they will be engaged once the Management Response is being prepared.
- c. *Actions*
 - i. *Agencies to submit comments to Secretariat by Monday 10 March; Secretariat to circulate consolidated response in advance of MG call (on 12 March) and check whether there is any guidance in the ToR regarding whether Agencies should provide individual or consolidated response;*
 - ii. *Secretariat to ask EMG to extend deadline by 1 week (Norways request)*

5. Update following Oslo mission

- a. A number of issues raised in Oslo deserve further consideration at part II of the MG retreat in April:
 - i. Implications for the UN-REDD Programme of Norway's focus on funding results based activities under Phase III;

- ii. Importance of demonstrating results and investment in the readiness and demonstration phases in order to lay the groundwork for Phase III;
- iii. Pro's and Con's associated with potential greater 'harmonization' with other REDD+ Initiatives;
- iv. Review of carbon fund models (why they are attractive to donors etc.);
- v. Potential for positioning the UN-REDD Programme so it could support countries to deliver carbon for REDD+ in parallel to the Carbon Fund (i.e. compatible with UNFCCC guidelines).

b. Actions:

- i. Mario to circulate Mission Report (week of 10 March);*
- ii. Secretariat Comms lead to develop Comms plan to help countries advocate/engage with Norway for Phase II (From April onwards);*
- iii. Secretariat to prepare discussion papers on issues described in points iii – v above (in preparation for discussion at the retreat 1-2 April).*

6. Multiple Benefits webpages

- a. The MG agreed that in principle no UN-REDD Programme webpages should be hosted in separate platforms. In relation to the updated Multiple Benefits and safeguards webpages, it was agreed that the content of the existing UN-REDD Programme webpages can be updated immediately (as far as current functionalities allow). The additional functionalities not currently support by the UN-REDD Programme website will be included in the project for upgrading the website so that the full content can be incorporated in due course. The revamped website is expected to be up and running from June 2014 and all efforts will be made to have it ready sooner.

b. Actions:

- i. Webmaster to assist in updating webpages based on new content; Safeguards group to oversee technical clearance of content).*

7. AOB

- a. Feedback from Viet Nam EG meeting: postponed to future MG call (19 March) and MG retreat (in relation to proposals for streamlining delivery at the National level).
- b. UNEP confirmed that the Report on REDD+ in a Green Economy is now finalized.
- c. FAO will send an update on the recent FAO Zambia workshop, which can be picked up during the discussion on the Evaluation in the next MG call.
- d. UNFCCC Submission: Secretariat will send update by email.

8. Next Weeks Call: Wednesday 12 March