

**Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 13 August 2014**

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: n/a

UNDP: Tim Clairs, Charles McNeill

UNEP: Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Mirey Atallah

Apologies: Edoardo Zandri, UNEP; Adam Gerrand and Maria SanzSanchez, FAO

Others

Secretariat: Sharon McAuslan, Mike Speirs, Reem Ismail.

Given the lack of quorum (no FAO) the MG decided to proceed with the agenda, with the Secretariat to follow up with FAO on item #3 (interview protocol for strategy development process).

1. Approval of minutes of previous week, 6 August

- a. Approved.

2. Update on NP pipeline

- a. The MG welcomed the update on the NP pipeline exercise. Pending confirmation of the outstanding WG members expected by late Aug (UNDP, Norway, CSO LAC, UNPFII; Country TBC), the invitation for expressions of interest (EoI) for NP submissions will be circulated. As agreed by the MG, the draft EoI document prepared by the Secretariat will first be sent to the Country Coordination WG and then to the Board.
- b. *Actions: For information only: no actions recorded.*

3. Preparation for the MG retreat (8-9 September) on the Programme Strategy

- a. The MG were comfortable with the draft interview protocol developed by Meridian Institute that will form the basis for the first round of external consultation, subject to some fine tuning to give greater emphasis to a number of the contextual issues relevant to the development of the 2016-2020 strategy.
- b. It was clarified that the first round of consultations is characterized by a greater degree of open ended questions, whilst the second round of consultations will be more focused, based on the Strategy consultation paper which will be issued in early September.
- c. *Actions: Secretariat to finalise interview protocol with Meridian and disseminate to PB asap; Draft MG retreat agenda prepared by the Secretariat and Meridian to be sent to the MG asap.*

4. Stocktaking on strategic partnerships

- a. The MG welcomed the update on the stocktaking of strategic partnerships relevant to the UN-REDD Programme; Initial feedback included the need for the Strategy to showcase the Programme as the one body bringing together all relevant actors at the national level.
- b. The MG also recommended to bring the stakeholder engagement team into the loop, and wondered whether the Prince Albert Foundation offers the same opportunities as some of the other shortlisted organisations.
- c. *Actions: Secretariat to continue work and bring back to MG when appropriate.*

5. 2014 Semi Annual Update

- a. The Secretariat recapped the deadlines for agencies inputs to the 2014 semi annual update (NPs: 15 Aug; SNA: 30 Aug) reflecting that PB13 takes place early in November, so documents need to be finalized mid October. Details for the planned discussion to ensure improved coherence on financial reporting will be confirmed asap.

b. *Actions: Agencies to provide inputs to the Secretariat within the agreed deadlines; Secretariat to confirm plan for scheduling of discussion on financial reporting once Thais is back from leave.*

6. AOB: n/a

7. Next weeks call: Wed 20 August, 3-430pm CET.