

## Memo on CSO Self Selection Process – Asia-Pacific Region

### Background

The CSO self-selection process for the UN-REDD Programme Policy Board (PB) has been carried out by independent CSOs at the global level up until now. The last two self-selection processes (2012 and 2014) were carried out by Bank Information Center (BIC) using an online voting process. In the 2014 process a joint self-selection process was undertaken for representatives to the UN-REDD PB and the FCPF Participants' Committee (PC).

The criteria and process for self-selection was developed by all the regional CSO representatives to UN-REDD PB and FCPF PC serving at that time. The process in 2014 resulted in the successful selection of representatives for all regions. BIC noted a number with the process. An independent review by CSO representatives from other regions confirmed the validity of the self-selection result, while highlighting room for improvement.

There are ongoing discussions between the current CSO representatives to UN-REDD PB and FCPF PC on how to improve this process for the next rotation of the CSO reps which is likely to happen in late 2016.

### Timeline of Self-Selection Process

<b>2009</b>	First self-selection process for UN-REDD PB carried out by CSO the Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI).
<b>2012</b>	Second self-selection process for UN-REDD PB carried out by BIC with guidance from RRI
<b>2014</b>	Third self-selection process carried out jointly for UN-REDD PB and FCPF PC by BIC with guidance from current CSO.
<b>2014 April and Nov</b>	Regional IP and CSO dialogues for the African Region included discussions on improving self-selection process. Agreement to carry out the process [to confirm whether for UN-REDD only or also for FCPF] at the regional level with support from a new regional REDD+ Platform for IP/CSO stakeholders.
<b>7-8 May 2015</b>	Regional IP and CSO dialogue for the Asia-Pacific Region included discussions on improving self-selection process. Agreement to carry out the process for UN-REDD Programme at the regional level, overseen by official national (e.g., UN-REDD Programme Executive Boards) REDD+ CSO representatives (see outcome below).
<b>20 May 2015</b>	Meeting of current CSO representatives to UN-REDD PB and FCPF PC to discuss self-selection process.
<b>August 2016</b>	Fourth self-selection process should be completed in time for the 17 <sup>th</sup> UN-REDD PB meeting.

### Outcome of Discussions between Asia-Pacific National REDD+ CSO Representatives (7-8 May 2015)

As a result of discussions on the self-selection process, CSO representatives from the Asia-Pacific agreed the following:

- National CSO reps from UN-REDD Partner countries with National Programmes and PEBs are to form a Steering Committee that will develop ToRs and oversee regional CSO self-selection process.
- This Steering Committee will develop timeline and some clear deliverables
- New ToR for the self-selection process would be developed by the Steering Committee with agreed boundaries to the process:
  - what types of candidate are eligible
  - provisions for alternate representative [could set it up so that alternate will automatically serve for the next term to make a more efficient process]
  - dispute resolution process
  - deadline for submission of nominees for representatives
  - rotation rules
  - selection will be determined through consensus discussion or vote if there is no consensus
- Current regional CSO Rep to the UN-REDD PB to present Asia-Pacific ideas to other CSO reps during May 2015 UN-REDD 14<sup>th</sup> PB Meeting
- May organise another regional meeting before the selection process to discuss the process further (end 2015)

The above was agreed by the current UN-REDD CSO Programme Executive Board (PEB) representatives and other CSO participants from the Asia-Pacific Region (see listed below) at a regional meeting in Bangkok on 7 May 2015.

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Mr Hemantha Withanage – CSO Rep to Sri Lanka PEB

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Other participating CSO Representatives:

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