

Operations Call Teleconference Notes
28 January, 2013

Attendance:

FAO: Adam, Maria

UNDP: Gaya, Tina, Nicki

UNEP: Julie

Secretariat: Wahida, Onye, Sharon, Rosa, Helena

AGENDA:

1. FAO updates/upcoming activities (5-10 minutes)
2. UNDP updates/upcoming activities (5-10 minutes)
3. UNEP updates/upcoming activities (5-10 minutes)
4. Secretariat updates/upcoming activities:
 - 4.1 National Programmes (5 minutes)
 - 4.2 Global Programme (5 minutes)
 - 4.3 Policy Board (5 minutes)
 - 4.4 REDD+ Partnership (5 minutes)
 - 4.5 Corporate communications and events (5 minutes)
5. AOB

1. FAO updates/upcoming activities

- FAO will be holding expert workshop on tenure, 25-27 Feb, see more details in [workspace](#). It will be a forum to discuss various options on discussing tenure under REDD+, building on the voluntary guidelines FAO has produced. As well as CSOs and UNREDD representatives, a number of tenure experts are invited, including FCPF representatives and WB. Results will help guide the support of UN-REDD institutions (FAO, UNEP and UNDP as well as FCPF institutions) to the tenure work of UN-REDD Programme countries. Contact Christian Mersmann or Ann-Kristin Rothe for more details.
- Mette Wilkie and Inge Jonckheere (FAO) will participate in the [Global Forest Observation Initiative \(GFOI\) Summit](#) as part of the GFOI MGD Advisory Group, 4-6 Feb, which is preparing methods and guidance documents on remote sensing and forest mapping. See: <http://gfoi.org/meetings/gfoifeb2013/index.html>
- FAO is organizing a regional workshop in LAC on sharing experiences on NFMS and MRV for REDD. It will take place in Ecuador 22-26 April, being organized by Adam Gerrand in collaboration with FAO-EC, FO, UNDP (Kim). This has been postponed from the tentative date of Feb/March. Workspace calendar will be updated with details.
- Also internally working on detailed work-planning for 2013 including an internal calendar and workplan in line with the newly approved budget for 2013-14. Adam and Nicki will continue discussion offline regarding the calendar.

2. UNDP updates/upcoming activities

- PGA workshop took place in Calabar, Nigeria, during January. The workshop developed a roadmap for the next 6 months, including a clear organizational structure to guide next steps and governance domains were prioritized for the PGA process in Nigeria.
- UNDP anticipate the Indonesia PGA data to be officially launched late February, which will be a milestone, given it is one of the PGA pilots that has gone full circle. Institutionalization of continued data collection and dissemination remains to be concluded to ensure continued updates on governance data.
- UNDP are organizing a regional forum on Anti- Corruption and REDD+ in Lima, Peru, 29-31 Jan, bringing REDD+ practitioners and Anti-Corruption together to provide a space to discuss potential strategies on how

to prevent corruption risks. See further details on the workspace.

- Back to back with the Anti-corruption workshops, there will be a side meeting on FPIC for the regional team in LAC to introduce FPIC guidelines and activities planned during 2013.
- The FPIC guidelines are being finalized and will shortly be disseminated widely.
- UNDP are planning some follow up work related to the FPIC pilots in Vietnam, focused on creating national level material. A consultant will take this forward, supported by HQ.
- 2 active e-discussions are taking place on the workspace, with UNDP inviting everyone to participate – i) legal preparedness for REDD+, ii) corruption risks for REDD+ at the local level.
- Improvements to the workspace mean posting announcement is now easy, users can just click on the front page and the template is there, without the need for additional formatting etc.

3. UNEP updates/upcoming activities

- UNEP UN-REDD Programme retreat is taking place this week 29 Feb - 1 Jan.
- The Republic of Congo Inception Workshop was held last week in Brazzaville, reaching understanding of what deliverables can be expected during the first year
- A UN-REDD source book is in preparation, being developed by consultants from Yale University. UNEP will reach out to the agencies in due course. The publication is geared towards developing country universities, providing an instruction to REDD+, Climate Change etc, primarily for masters students. UNEP and FAO will liaise regarding synergies with current FAO work related to Oxford University.
- The evaluation of forest ecosystem services has just been completed in Kenya, with similar studies planned for Zambia, Indonesia, Tanzania and Panama during 2013.

4. Secretariat updates/upcoming activities:

4.1 National Programmes

- Requests for National Programme annual reports 2012 went out last week (12 for annual reports, and 1 final report: Indonesia), directed to the agencies' focal points for each country. Deadline is March 31. We ask colleagues to please collaborate so the Secretariat receives the reports on time.
- For PB 10 we will have one National Programme presenting (Colombia). The scoping mission was last week, and we expect that they will be able to prepare the documentation in time.
- For PB 11 we expect to invite 3 new countries to present NPs. Countries will be prioritized by the PB working group that has a teleconference today
- Bolivia is finishing the revision of the NP, there will be a validation meeting in late Feb / early march, and after this the Secretariat will send the budget revision request to the PB for consideration
- Viet Nam NP phase 1 evaluation finished, the draft report was just received at the Secretariat, and will be shared once it has been cleared by the Agencies evaluation units.
- We will post vacancies announcements for Indonesia's evaluation next week

4.2 SNA-Global Programme

- The budget for the SNA is undergoing revision to incorporate additional funds from Norway, proposed to be allocated under Outcome 4. A proposal will be submitted to the PB for approval in due course.
- Further to the request from PB9, an international consultant has been recruited to work with the secretariat on Results Based Management, including support to the finalisation of the SNA monitoring framework 2013-14.
- Kim, on behalf of the Safeguards Group, presented an update at the MG call on 23 January, which will be further discussed at the MG call this week and at the Safeguards Planning Meeting, 11-12 February taking place in Geneva.

4.3 Policy Board

- Dates are being confirmed but likely to be week of 24 June, or following week.
- The Secretariat held a half day preparation meeting on PB10 last week. Key milestones will be reviewed at eh MG call this week, and there will be a dedicated PB MG call on 13 Feb.

4.4 REDD+ Partnership

- The workplan is being developed, which will require inputs from the agencies (the focal points are Charles, Tim Ch. and Tiina).
- The Secretariat are coordinating the extension of the Joint Programme Document.

4.5 Corporate communications and events

- The Programme 5th year anniversary will be in September 2013, to be discussed by the Communications and Events Working Group Retreat taking place 13-14 Feb
- Agencies are requested to complete the template circulated by the Secretariat on 14 Jan, to capture pipeline publications (deadline was 23 Jan)
- A meeting on REDD+ financing will take place on 8 Feb in Geneva, which Norway will join for some of the session. There will also be a side meeting with Norway to hold initial discussions with Mario, and introduce the new NO focal point who will lead on all REDD+ multilateral initiatives (exact NO delegation tbc).
- The Secretariat are in the process of recruiting a Comms/KM consultant to provide interim cover, hoping to have the person on board by early-mid Feb.

5. AOB

- The Secretariat will send out a reminder and agenda in advance of the call (date tbc – likely end Feb).