

**Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme**  
**Decisions of meeting of 20 August 2014**

**Participants:**

MG members and alternates

FAO: n/a

UNDP: Charles McNeill

UNEP: Edoardo Zandri, Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Thais Linhares Juvenal, Mirey Atallah

Apologies: Tim Clairs, UNDP; Adam Gerrand, Maria SanzSanchez, FAO; Mario Boccucci, Secretariat.

Others

Secretariat: Sharon McAuslan

*Given the lack of quorum (no FAO) the MG decided to proceed with the agenda, with FAO to provide any written feedback on item #2 (PB13 draft agenda).*

**1. Approval of minutes of previous week, 13 August**

- a. Approved.

**2. PB13 Agenda:**

- a. The MG welcomed the draft agenda. Feedback was provided on i. the joint knowledge day with FCPF, ii. the information day, and iii. The formal PB13 meeting.  
Joint knowledge day
- b. MG supported the proposal to keep the day light, with a small number of sessions that substantively contribute to joint implementation. May need to review focus of Safeguards session in light of developments in WB, could be on REDD+ safeguards in general, incorporating other initiatives such as REM in addition to UNRP and FCPF. Secretariat also to consider short update on capacity development initiatives (incl. REDD+ Academy).
- c. *Actions: Secretariat to follow up with FCPF*  
Information day
- d. The MG were comfortable with the sessions selected from the longer list, and agreed on the need to avoid a very long day, either by further reducing the number of sessions or setting a strict time limit on sessions. It may not be necessary to include a session on the REDD+ outlook, pending the outcome of the SG's Climate Summit. The final session on T2 could be broadened, with the focus on the drivers of deforestation, featuring the East Africa initiative as an example. An additional session on Forest valuation/natural accounting was suggested.
- e. *Actions: Secretariat to assess options and bring back to MG.*  
Formal PB13 meeting
- f. The MG supported the items prioritized for the PB13 meeting, including the CNA session, subject to availability of consultant to undertake the necessary preparation (assessments of readiness etc) in advance. An update was sought on the status of the 2015 budget addendum (dealt with under AOB).
- g. *Actions: Secretariat to revise agenda and recirculate to MG during week of 25 August.*

**3. Update on East Africa initiative**

- a. Regarding the appraisal of the East Africa T2 project, the MG will check internal Agency processes and inform the Secretariat if there is an internal process to follow, or if they have any inputs. The Secretariat will start to prepare a response to the issues raised by countries and await the formal transmission of the Norwegian appraisal.
- b. *Actions: Secretariat to continue to work with MPTF-O, will revert to Agencies for signature of the Programme document (that will also incorporate any comments regarding the appraisal).*

#### 4. AOB

- a. **KM Fund:** UNEP queried the process for submissions for the regional KM fund, and concerns about risky precedent. Secretariat to clarify process during forthcoming update to MG.
- b. **Launch of REDD+ Sourcebook:** UNEP thanked agencies for contributing to the process which culminated in the launch of the new sourcebook for REDD+ practitioners "Forests in a Changing Climate: Sourcebook for REDD+" in collaboration with Yale University.
- c. **Update on Norway/NICFI evaluation and implications for the Programme:** Norway are coordinating their response to the NICFI evaluation, and have requested the Secretariat to provide a contribution addressing the points raised. Mike is coordinating (will follow up w/ Tiina Solvberg) and will share draft with MG by 22 Aug. Implications for the potential budget addendum are unclear, but given that there has been no formal NICFI pledge to date, the Secretariat will seek urgent confirmation during a call on 25/Aug and report back to the MG during call on 27/Aug. Norway have indicated Per Pharo would welcome a meeting with the MG to discuss the evaluation outcomes, which the Secretariat will try and arrange, possibly in the margins of the MG retreat.
- d. **Article for COP20 publication:** The Secretariat informed the MG about the request received to contribute an article to the 'Climate Change - The New Economy' publication for COP20 <http://www.cctne.org/>. The MG will provide any written feedback on the outline circulated on 19 August [by 27 August], meanwhile the Secretariat will invite the SG to be the signatories of the article.
- e. **Joint FCPF/UNRP update on SG CS to the Board:** UNDP noted that the declaration/action agenda is progressing, with previous resistance hopefully overcome. The Secretariat informed the MG that they are working with the FCPF team to prepare an update to the PB, which will also be communicated to the Agency teams, as agreed in Lima. Will aim to ensure all countries are informed and aware of the opportunity to sign up to the declaration.

#### 5. Next weeks call: Wed 27 Aug, 3pm CET