

**Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme**  
**Decisions of meeting of 27 August 2014**

**Participants:**

MG members and alternates

FAO: Adam Gerrand, Maria SanzSanchez

UNDP: Charles McNeill

UNEP: Edoardo Zandri, Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Thais Linhares Juvenal

Apologies: Tim Clairs, UNDP; Mario Boccucci, Secretariat.

Others

Secretariat: Sharon McAuslan, Mike Speirs, Reem Ismail, Mirey Atallah

Meridian Institute: Tim Mealey, Gary Decker (for items 1-3)

**1. Approval of minutes of previous week, 20 August**

- a. Approved.

**2. Programme Strategy**

- a. The MG welcomed the draft papers prepared by the Secretariat and UNDP and recommended that as it is necessary to prepare two papers (a discussion paper for the forthcoming consultations, as well as a more detailed draft Strategy for internal consideration in the first instance), the UNDP paper could be used either as the basis or a source for the draft Strategy paper. The MG recommended it would also be necessary to state more clearly what the UNRP can do to support countries to work through the Warsaw framework, at a general level of detail in the discussion paper, and in more comprehensive detail in the draft Strategy.
- b. *Actions: MG to send written comments on the paper and any suggestions on the right questions to include in the external discussion paper, by [2 September]*
- c. *Secretariat to prepare draft papers prior to the MG retreat, taking feedback received from MG into account, including MG inputs received for the response to the NICFI evaluation.*

**3. Follow up to NICFI evaluation:**

- a. Feedback from NICFI regarding areas to address in the revised Strategy included:
  - enhanced interagency coordination
  - increased financial transparency
  - improved cooperation with the FCPF
  - how the Programme sees itself delivering in +2015 context
  - what value added the Programme can bring in +2015 context
- b. Following confirmation from NICFI regarding their continued commitment to support additional activities in 2015, and feedback on high priority (new NPs, MRV and reference levels, safeguards, governance, tenure) and lower priority (REDD+ Academy, Private Sector engagement) areas for 2015, that were discussed in detail in the SNA WG call on 26 August, the MG agreed that the previous ballpark figure (41m) would be reviewed. Taking absorption capacity into account, the MG suggested it could be prudent to reduce the overall budget envelope, through reductions to some of the SNA elements, whilst maintaining the level for T2 and NPs. The areas identified as lower priority would be subject to further discussion with Norway.
- c. *Actions*
- d. *Secretariat to continue discussions with Norway regarding forthcoming meetings to be organized with the Programme (possibly at MG, SG and head of Agency level).*  
2015 budget:
- e. *TimC2 to follow up with Norway regarding REDD+ Academy and PSE.*
- f. *Agencies to provide inputs in line with timeline agreed in SNA WG call: Secretariat will send email confirming process.*

**4. PB13 milestones**

- a. The Secretariat highlighted the draft PB13 milestones that had been circulated for MG information, and will be introduced properly at the next MG call.
- b. *Action: Any MG feedback welcome.*

**5. AOB**

- a. UNEP provided an update on the Global Landscapes Forum: there will be one high-level forum on 'Financial Drivers of Deforestation in the Landscape: Taxation, Subsidies and Trade' and one Discussion Forum on REDD+ Spatial Planning for National Strategies. There is also an additional reserved slot which can be shaped by the UN-REDD Programme, providing the opportunity to focus on Climate Finance, or on other issues that merit attention. UNEP will circulate the concept note (done) and bring back to a future MG call for discussion regarding the remaining session.

**6. Next weeks call: 3 September, 3pm CET**