

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 27 Nov 2013
Draft

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Adam Gerrand, Mette Loyche Wilkie

UNDP: Charles McNeill

UNEP: Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Thais Linhares Juvenal Mirey Atallah

Apologies:, Edoardo Zandri, Tim Clairs

Others

Sharon McAuslan

1. Minutes from previous call (13 & 20).

- a. Approved.

2. DRC Audit

- a. The MG welcomed the next steps outlined by the Secretariat relating to the release of the consolidated DRC audit report:
 - i. Auditors to respond to UNEPs objection and request to reinstate the original language that was in the report UNEP cleared ('minor' weakness)
 - ii. Auditors to provide additional context to the narrative including the overall rating achieved (partially satisfactory), with explanation that this represents is a good outcome.
 - iii. The Secretariat is in parallel coordinating the Management response. (*Mette will provide some additional inputs on Wed 27; Mirey will share a consolidate draft response with the Agencies on Thursday 28 afternoon*).
 - iv. Once finalized, the auditors will release to the PB Co-Chairs, the Administrators of the Agencies, and the DRC mission in NY.
 - v. It will then be transmitted along with the Management Response to the national counterpart in DRC.

3. Post 2015 Strategy

- a. The revised process and timeline for the first phase of the strategy revision process leading up to MG retreat in Feb 2014 was welcomed by the MG. It was decided that the MG will provide written inputs on both the overall framework and specific parameters within the outline. It was also agreed that in order to ensure there is coherence in future direction before the significant writing begins, there should be an opportunity for the MG to review basic assumptions and provide initial reactions.
The following steps were agreed:
 - i. MG members will review the 'storyline' included in the outline (revised 17 Oct) and provide initial reactions (areas of agreement or disagreement and any gaps). (*Deadline: 6 December?*)
 - ii. The MG will also propose which issues they can prepare substantive contributions to the discussion paper for. (*Deadline: 6 December*).
 - iii. There will be a discussion in the margins of the MG retreat to take stock of on i & ii.
 - iv. The MG will provide substantive written contributions on issues they are the leads for, and general comments on each of the 8 sections. (*Deadline: by 20 Jan, extended from 14 Jan due to UNEP retreat*).
 - v. The Secretariat will then consolidate the inputs and prepare an initial discussion paper by end Jan. (*Exact timeline tbc - Secretariat will revise roadmap and circulate with confirmed dates, including the date of the MG retreat, tentatively week of 10 Feb in Geneva*).
- b. It was also noted that whilst the bulk of consultations have been pushed to second half of next year given

the revised approach, there is a need to take the pulse of key stakeholders, including a number of PB members, donors and others such as FCPF. It was agreed that a short list of stakeholders and proposed MG members to undertake outreach will be compiled, also taking into account support that Meridian can provide in this area. *(Secretariat to prepare proposal for outreach by 6 Dec)*

- c. Any comments on the draft ToR for Meridian's engagement to be provided by the MG by 3 December.

4. Panama: Management Responses

- a. The MG agreed not to prepare a separate MR to the investigation report, but rather that the cover letter accompanying the evaluation MR will refer to the fact that the investigation did not find human rights violations, and that the MR to the evaluation will address concerns raised in the investigation report. The language will be carefully drafted to avoid provocation. *(Secretariat to include in cover letter).*

5. Update on 5Yr Report

- a. The Secretariat updated the MG on the revised production schedule for the 5Yr Report given PB and other competing priorities before the end of the year. The MG agreed to try and provide initial inputs/reactions on draft content during the 5-15 December review window, and a complete a full review by 3rd week of January and requested sufficient time to be scheduled for second review window in January. *(Secretariat to revisit the production schedule and confirm deadlines with MG by 3 Dec).*

6. KM Strategy

- a. The revised draft KM strategy and timeline was briefly presented in advance of the MG call on 4 December where initial MG feedback is sought, with the deadline for more detailed feedback extended until 14 Jan.

7. Taking the pulse of Norway

- a. MG members recounted recent interactions with Norway in Oslo and Warsaw. It was noted that despite the message from Norway following the election that they remain committed but couldn't guarantee the level of funding for the UN-REDD Programme going forward, the pledges made in Warsaw, and signals relating to the longer term (in terms of Strategy revision and future years budgets) are a positive indicator that NO remains a strong supporter. The strong response to the DRC audit was crucial for the pledge to be made. Achim's attendance at the CEB side event was also welcomed. It was also noted that it will be critical to deliver on the East Africa/ODC project due to its importance to Norway.

8. AOB

- a. **Project Document for Support to CBR+:** Charles invited colleagues to review the CBR+ document (circulated on 21 Nov) for any red flags, in order that it can be submitted to the UNDP Project Appraisal Committee, with the aim of rolling out CBR+ in countries from January 2014. *(UNEP & FAO to endeavor to provide any final comments, if appropriate, by Friday 29 Nov).*
- b. **Preparation for MG calls:** The Secretariat thanked the MG for feedback provided in recent weeks and will endeavor to return to providing agendas sufficiently in advance (previous Friday) and with enough context and the relevant documents to enable MG members to prepare for calls.

9. Next MG call: Wed 4 Dec 2:30pm CET