**Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme**

**Meeting Minutes of 23 January 2019 FINAL**

**15h45 Geneva/Rome**

**Attendance:**

MG members and alternates

FAO: Margo BuszkoBriggs

UNDP: Josep Garí, Elspeth Halverson

UNEP: Dianna Kopansky

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Mihaela Secrieru

1. **Myanmar mangrove initiative**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. FAO to consult and inform the MG on the availability of a potential focal point – including from HQs – who could provide technical quality assurance and facilitate the proposal development process.

*Additional elements of the discussion*

UNDP further clarified the potential interest from Norway and Myanmar for a UN-REDD-led proposal, and suggested potentially similar arrangements as for the Mekong proposal (involvement of the UN-REDD regional team and Lead Advisor for technical quality assurance, under the MG’s guidance and general oversee). UNDP invited FAO or UN Environment to play a leading role as they are agencies with more expertise working on mangroves, while stressing the in-country capacity through the CTA and the national REDD+ team, and reassuring the contribution expected from the CTA in drafting the actual proposal.

FAO and UN Environment welcomed the proposal and reassured of their commitment to contribute conceptually, noting however their limited capacity at the regional level to lead on its development.

The MG agreed on the importance to respond positively to Norway’s proposal, thus the need to find a solution including through a joint focal point role played by the UN-REDD A-P team.

1. **UN-REDD Annual Report 2018**

The process is ongoing, all is progressing well although deadlines are a bit tight. First set of inputs from the agencies are expected by the end of January.

1. **Portfolio management**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. Agencies to individually track and ensure delivery of each output in the integrated results framework shared by the Secretariat; only those outputs that are not progressing well are to be brought to the MG’s attention for a more case-by-case, clinical portfolio review.

*Additional elements of the discussion*

Agencies appreciated the integrated results framework (RS) shared by the Secretariat, as a valuable internal tool for each agency to track progress against set outputs in all existing results frameworks for both NPs and TA streams of work of the Programme. It was noted, however, that the integrated RS goes into too much detail for a MG-level management tool, for which a more generic, aggregated tool as previously produced by the Secretariat would be more useful.

1. **A.O.B. on EB members rotation for Africa constituency**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. Agencies to consult with RTAs and LAs to ensure focal points in engaged and committed UN-REDD partner countries are aware of the ongoing process to select an alternate for the Board for 2019.