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

**Meeting Minutes of 24 April 2018 FINAL**

**15h30 Geneva/Rome**

**Attendance:**

MG members and alternates

FAO: Margo BuszkoBriggs

UNDP: Elspeth Halverson, Josep Garí

UNEP: Dianna Kopansky

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Mihaela Secrieru

1. **Executive Board Informal Meeting, Bonn 3rd May**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. Secretariat to share the main information documents with the MG: annotated agenda; draft 2017 annual report; information note on TA/2018 inception TA/2019 programming; and short concept note on the second EB meeting – by 25 April.

*Done*

1. Secretariat to share updated information on proposed side meetings (Norad; MG pre- and post EB meeting)

*Done*

1. Secretariat to then share all documents with Board representatives by 27 April

*Done*

*Additional elements of the discussion*

The MG discussed options to widen the participation to the meeting including through inviting additional alternates for those representatives unable to attend (including from other countries in the region), and live-streaming or recording the meeting for wider dissemination. The Secretariat recommended caution, recalling the Chair’s instructions on keeping to the informal nature of the meeting.

Agencies stressed the need to highlight the informal nature of the meeting in all communication and documents shared with Board representatives, which the Secretariat assured has been and would continue being done.

All agreed on the need to make the meeting as interactive as possible, a two-way dialogue with very short presentations by the Secretariat/agencies, to allow ample discussion space and feedback from the Board, with the aim to clear the path to a successful formal meeting in September.

1. **Lower Mekong potential opportunity**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. This agenda item was moved to the next MG call on 15 May. FAO to share the revised concept note prior to the call.