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

**Meeting Minutes of 3 October 2018 DRAFT**

**15h30 Geneva/Rome**

**Attendance:**

MG members and alternates

FAO: Margo BuszkoBriggs, Tiina Vahanen

UNDP: Elspeth Halverson, Josep Garí

UNEP: Dianna Kopansky, Gabriel Labbate

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Mihaela Secrieru

1. **Update on Lower Mekong initiative**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. Work will continue as per the agreed roadmap.

*Additional elements of the discussion*

FAO provided an update on developments following the meeting of the UN-REDD regional team in Hanoi on 27 September. Feedback provided by the MG included the following:

* On priority issues in the development of the project proposal, agencies noted the theory of change, the results framework, and implementation arrangements
* On timeframe, the 1+4 year option was noted as a good opportunity to allow for an inception year to engage into consultations, and then mobilise additional funds from Norway for the following 4 years

The MG will consider reconvening on 19 October in Rome after the EB2 meeting.

1. **COP24 Events for UNRP 10yr Anniversary**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. MG to send comments on the latest version of the two concept notes, including suggestions of potential inspirational speaker for the reception event
2. FAO and UNDP to advocate for the SG’s attendance through their Executive Offices and coordinate/inform UN Environment
3. The Working Group to continue leading preparation work and bring back to the MG if any strategic questions arise
4. **New pledge from Luxembourg**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. UN Environment to share the project document of the €2.5 M contribution

*Additional elements of the discussion*

UN Environment introduced the new pledge from Luxembourg noting it relates mainly to work on finance to be carried out by UN Environment, but that it was negotiated in the framework of the UNRP and thus comes as co-financing to the Programme.

UN Environment further noted that a smaller part of the funding aims to support the organisation of a GLF event in Luxembourg in 2019.

1. **Update on UNSG Climate Summit & UNGA 2018**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. FAO and UNDP to share any feedback from colleagues who attended the meeting in New York, on what was discussed at the political level on nature-based solutions.
2. **A.O.B on Thailand request to join the Programme**: Initial reactions were positive in consideration of the Lower Mekong Initiative but with the overall caveat that joining the programme should not create funding expectations.