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

**Meeting Minutes of 6 June 2018 FINAL**

**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. **TA/2019 programming**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. Updated timeline to finalise the TA/2019 workplan and budget and associated narratives:
   * Agencies to provide their final inputs on the consolidated output-based budget and associated narratives to the Secretariat by 8 August
   * Secretariat to consolidate and share back with the agencies by 10 August for their final review by 15 August
   * Secretariat to share draft with Norway for their preview in the same window (10-15 August)
   * Secretariat to share the final documents with the EB by 17 August (to allow two-month notice prior to EB2 meeting)

*Additional elements of the discussion*

Agencies discussed the approach to use in presenting the TA/2019 workplan and budget to the EB. UNDP argued the TA/2019 should be aligned to the Results & Monitoring Framework endorsed by the EB, using the annual activities to express any changes or planning adaptation, but keeping the outputs and targets intact. They expressed their preference to maintain the "1 output-1 agency" connect, where there is only one responsible agency for each output (although other agencies may be contributing) and the budget for each output is linked to a single agency, noting this ensures clear lines of coordination, financial flows and accountability. Finally, they suggested documenting the detailed cross-agency interactions in the country briefs (narratives) that will be associated (or annexed) to the integrated work plan and budget.

FAO argued against, noting their proposed approach – showing specific FAO activities and related budgets including under outputs led by other agencies – reflects requests from countries during consultations.

The Secretariat noted a potential “hybrid” option for consideration by the agencies, where solitary activities from FAO are included within outputs led by the other agencies. He clarified that in cases where an output would feature more than one lead agency, the responsibility shall be distributed per activity.

1. **UN-REDD’s 10-year Anniversary Event**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. The plans for the UN-REDD event to be held during UNGA-73 in NYC were cancelled and agencies agreed to focus efforts on an event in Katowice during UNFCCC COP-24
2. **2018 Budget addendum**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. Agencies to reflect and provide their feedback on the UNDP proposal for a no-objection approval by the EB for an addendum to the TA/2018 budget for the use of unspent funds from the TA/2017, to be used for activities to be started and completed in 2018.
2. UNDP to finetune the Information note integrating the comments from the MG, and share with the MG for any further suggestion
3. Secretariat to check again with the MPTF and then process the request as per standard procedure: consult with the EB Chair, then present to the EB for a no-objection decision

*Additional elements of the discussion*

UNDP reiterated that the work areas under discussion in the UNDP proposal (as detailed in the Information note shared with the MG prior to the call) fall under the objectives and approach of the Programme but could not be defined and embedded in time for the 2018 work plan and budget. UNDP further provided background information on the process leading to the current budget addendum proposal. They explained the request for the specific activities came to UNDP from Norway (Per Pharo) in early 2018, as well as from the countries concerned. Exchanges with Per continued throughout early 2018; Mads H. Lie subsequently engaged Norad as part of his transition to NICFI; UNDP confirmed the availability of savings under their UN-REDD TA budget; and in March Norway confirmed their approval for support by UNDP through the use of UN-REDD funds.

The Secretariat also provided background information, explaining the issue was first brought to the attention of the Secretariat/Mihaela by Norad/ Vania on 6 July in Oslo (following the OTFF meeting). Vania had reached out seeking clarification on the best procedure for the UNDP proposal, noting the actual substance of the request had already been discussed with UNDP and approved by Norad. The Secretariat concluded that, upon consultation with the MPTF, the best option in terms of budget approval was a 2018 budget addendum for EB approval by no-objection.

1. **AOB**
   1. **Dates of the second Executive Board meeting**

*Decisions and Actions:* Secretariat is exploring options with the World Bank and will inform the MG on new dates ASAP.

* 1. **Update on the UNSG 2019 Climate Summit**

*Decisions and Actions:* To be discussed at the next MG call.