

**Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 14 Jan 2015**

Participants:

MG members and alternates

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UNEP: Edoardo Zandri, Tim Christophersen

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1. Approval of minutes of previous week, 7 January

- a. Approved, subject to any comments sent by 16 Jan.

2. Viet Nam Phase II

- a. MG provided feedback on the 2 options set out in the revised paper prepared by the Secretariat:
 - (i) through 1 agency, requiring resolution of fiduciary and programmatic accountability and responsibility and how to share the 7% between the agencies;
 - (ii) HACT as the common administrative platform which also requires streamlining of operations and reporting, decision-making with one interlocutor, one single bank account for all the agencies – or at most one in local currency and one in USD.
- b. FAO indicated preference for Option 2, although still open to option 1 pending clarification of a number of issues (incl. whether new MoU required, how overhead managed).
- c. UNDP indicated that decision making is with the country office, not HQ.
- d. It was confirmed that MPTF-O guidance had confirmed that a new MoU wouldn't be required in the event of option #1, instead changes could be reflected in a revised Project Document. FAO acknowledged concern that option #1 would lead to delays in implementation, due to updating of project doc.
- e. The Norway visit to FAO on Thurs 15 Jan is not anticipated to go into detail on options, including which is the preference for either FAO or the MG as a whole.
- f. *Actions: Agencies to provide outstanding inputs by end Jan to enable completion of analysis initiated in comparative paper –on basis of this, further MG discussion on 30 Jan or following week to prepare for EG meeting (preferred approach to be tested with Norway & Viet Nam in advance). For option 2 to be feasible, will need to have clarification on outstanding points (including full removal of burden to country etc.) Sec to resend timeline to MG.*

3. Final preparation for MG retreat, 19-20 Jan

- a. The MG was generally comfortable with revised draft agenda as circulated, although the need for an updated version of the Strategy, particularly in order to ensure sufficient progress on interagency delivery matters during the retreat and prior to the interagency meeting, was underlined.
- b. *Actions: Secretariat to further fine-tune agenda (beginning mtg with discussion on interagency delivery), and to circulate synthesis section on interagency delivery arrangements and revised section on ToC/Programme objectives.*
- c. *MG members to explore un-redd Programme email addresses and report back to Sec on feasibility.*

4. AOB

- a. **Gender sensitivity in UN-REDD 2014 reporting:** Sec will send separate email trail (based on UNDPs email) so can take decision by email if possible.

5. Next weeks call: Tbc 28 Jan or 4 Feb (no call 21 Jan due to the many retreats taking place).