

**Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 17 December 2014**

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Maria Ruiz-Villar (non MG member)

UNDP: Charles McNeill, Tim Clairs

UNEP: Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Thais Linhares-Juvenal

Apologies: Maria Sanz Sanchez, Tiina Vahanen, Edoardo Zandri

Others

Sharon McAuslan, Mirey Atallah

Given the lack of quorum (no FAO MG member) the MG decided to proceed with informal discussion on item 2a, and postpone the remaining agenda items.

1. Approval of minutes of 10 December

- a. Not discussed during call; to be considered approved on no-objection basis by 5 Jan 2015.

2. UNFCCC related issues: 2a. Update on 'Towards a common understanding of REDD+ under the UNFCCC' paper

- a. The MG welcomed the leadership demonstrated by UNDP in preparation of the common understanding paper, along with the thoughtful way feedback had been addressed following the initial review.
- b. It was agreed that a number of emerging issues will require further consideration at MG and technical levels, and that these will be further clarified following additional feedback received. Several issues that are particularly relevant to the Programme Strategy 2016-2020, including scale, were identified as requiring further discussion asap, likely at the MG retreat Jan 2015, in order to feed into the Strategy iterative review process.
- c. The MG also acknowledged that in some cases there may be limits on how far issues can be defined, due to the fact the UNFCCC is sometimes deliberately silent/vague.
- d. *Actions: Agencies & Secretariat to send additional written inputs as early as possible (FAO to send written comments on the UNDP/UNFCCC paper within a few days of the call; otherwise deadlines are 9/Jan if possible, and by 15/Jan at latest), in order that sufficient space is made in the MG retreat agenda for consideration of items as appropriate, with other items to be further explored at relevant technical levels (including during the forthcoming joint meeting).*
- e. *UNDP to prepare companion document in 2015 Q1: comparative analysis of UNFCCC and FCPF CF, REM, bilateral agreements etc.*

2b. Readout of COP20: Postponed.

2c. Update on latest FCPF & GCF discussions: Postponed.

3. Norway/Viet Nam discussions: Postponed; an email update will be circulated, and a discussion scheduled on the next MG call on 7 Jan.

4. Programme strategy: Postponed; as per the internal roadmap, a rough first draft of the Strategy will be sent out before Christmas.

5. MG planning for 2015: Postponed; the draft roadmaps will be recirculated for any initial MG feedback in advance of discussion at the MG retreat in Jan – can also be brought to one of the MG calls in Jan if

needed. Secretariat will also send emails with the draft retreat agenda, and on strategic staffing in anticipation of initial discussion at the retreat.

6. AOB

- a. **MG call arrangements:** A more sophisticated conference calling platform, such as the Go to Meeting platform being used in UNEP, will be further tested in Q1, with a view to using for future for MG calls.
- b. **Charles' retirement:** MG members thanked Charles for the central and inspirational role played since the inception of the Programme, and looked forward to his continued support as an honorary Ambassador!

7. Next weeks call: 7 Jan, 2:30pm Geneva/Rome.