Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme Minutes of weekly call of 17 October 2014 15:00 to 16:00 CET DRAFT

Participants:

MG members and alternates FAO: Maria SanzSanchez

UNDP: Tim Clairs
UNEP: Edoardo Zandri,
Secretariat: Mario Boccucci

Apologies: Tim Christophersen, Charles McNeill, Thais Linhares Juvenal

Others

Secretariat: Sharon McAuslan, Mirey Atallah, Mike Speirs, Reem Ismail; Tim Mealey (Meridian Institute)

1. Approval of minutes of previous week, 1 October (n/a, cleared by email)

2. Programme Strategy: Update on draft Strategy

- a. The MG welcomed the readout of the regional (42+ countries attended) and online consultations (>70 responses) provided by the Secretariat and Meridian Institute, and that feedback was generally well aligned with the emerging strategic direction of the Programme. Stakeholders had also indicated their comfort with the consultative nature of the process to date.
- b. Several areas identified to incorporate in the draft Strategy include: role of IP/CSOs, views of donors, how to deal with broader issues such as tenure. The need to better clarify the language and intentions was also highlighted.
- c. The MG considered the degree to which the draft paper for PB13 would deal with the 'how' in addition to the 'what' and agreed the priority for PB13 was to achieve an outcome endorsing the strategic framework (the what), in order that this could be closed, and the focus could be on elaborating the how/arrangements in 2015, along with the requisite resource mobilisation. The MG acknowledged that nevertheless it may be constructive to signal some of the design elements in the draft paper, if this could be introduced in an appropriate manner.
- d. The incredible efforts of all those involved in the consultations, particularly Mike, Reem, & Gary, was acknowledged.
- e. Actions
 - i. Mon 20: Secretariat will circulate notes from the 3 regional workshops & online consultations to the MG
 - ii. Tues 21: Secretariat to circulate first draft of Strategy document to MG for review and feedback (NB. The name of the document is tbc, may be referred to as Strategic Framework.
 - iii. The donor consultation will also take place and Meridian will provide a short summary of feedback asap
 - iv. Wed 22: MG to provide feedback on draft doc. MG call will be also be dedicated to the Strategy and will provide opportunity for final assessment of approach, including whether risks have been sufficiently mitigated.
 - v. Thurs 23: Secretariat to finalise and upload document in English and arrange translation in ES & FR asap
- 3. AOB: n/a
- 4. Next weeks call: Wednesday 22 October, 3pm CET