

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Minutes of weekly call of 17 Sept 2014 15:00 to 16:30 CET

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Maria SanzSanchez, Adam Gerrand

UNDP: Charles McNeill, Tim Clairs

UNEP: Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci

Apologies: Edoardo Zandri, Thais Linhares Juvenal

Others

Secretariat: Sharon McAuslan

Meridian Institute: Gary Decker (for item #2)

1. Approval of minutes of previous week, 3 September

- a. Considered approved on no objection basis by 19 September.

2. Programme Strategy Discussion paper

- a. The MG were comfortable with the substantive content of the draft external discussion paper prepared for the online consultations.
- b. *Actions: Meridian to finalize paper asap for immediate launch of the consultations, taking a number of minor edits on board from FAO, and incorporating edits on the overall messaging from the Secretariat.*

3. Private Sector update

- a. The MG agreed to the revised approach for Private Sector engagement arising from the workshop of 10 September, that proposes the role of the Programme to:
 - i. be a facilitator for Government/private sector discussions on REDD+, building on the convening power and trusted advisor role of UNEP Finance Initiative and the UN-REDD agencies, including UNDP GCP;
 - ii. support countries to design effective RBAs/PAMs to ensure deforestation is phased out of the private sector, while at the same time positioning REDD+ as an opportunity for the private sector, in particular the '+' in REDD.
- b. There was agreement that the PS Strategy would be integrated within the revised Programme Strategy 2016-2020. Initial elements will be included within the draft Strategy in early October.
- c. *Actions: MG to provide any feedback to UNEP by early October; UNEP and Secretariat to coordinate to include text in the first iteration of the draft Strategy.*

4. SG Climate Summit

- a. Progress on the SG's Climate Summit was welcomed, particularly on the increasing signatories to the forest outcomes.
- b. The MG agreed on the importance of there being a reference to the UN-REDD Programme along with the other REDD+ initiatives in the forest announceables from the Climate Summit.
- c. *Actions: Mario & Charles to follow up with regards to seeking mention of the UNRP in Summit announceables; FAO and UNEP to reconfirm availability of Agency principals for the panel on Tuesday 23 Sept.*

5. AOB

- a. **Update from UNEP on Global Landscape Forum:** The MG agreed to UNEPs proposal that the info session on valuation previously proposed for PB13 is moved to the GLF as a joint UN-REDD Programme session.

- b. **UREDD team retreat in 2015:** The MG were comfortable with the proposal that the optimal timing for the retreat is mid (likely summer) 2015, following the development of the main elements of the Strategy. The Secretariat will table a concept note to the MG by end of 2014.
- c. **Options for collaboration with FCPF** are also being explored, including the possibility of bringing both teams together. It was suggested that in the first instance this would be more practical at the MG/FMT Management level (tentatively in Arusha), whilst back to back Programme retreats of the UNRP and FCPF could be a longer term aspiration.
- d. **Update on safeguards:** As per the MG call of 3 September, the issue of safeguards was raised with Elly who is exploring with her team and will revert with a decision.
- e. **UNDP draft paper on 'REDD+ under the UNFCCC':** Agencies were reminded to send consolidated comments by 25 September.
- f. **Oslo mission 16 September:** Secretariat will circulate a proper note asap, but initial feedback was that the meeting was positive, with Norway very receptive to the emerging strategic framework for 2016-2020.

6. **Next weeks call:** No call 24 September due to mission travel (SG Climate Summit)