

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Minutes of weekly call of 22 October 2014 15:00 to 16:30 CET

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Maria SanzSanchez

UNDP: Tim Clairs, Charles McNeill

UNEP: Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci

Apologies: Edoardo Zandri, Thais Linhares Juvenal

Others

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

1. Approval of minutes of previous week, 17 October

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

2. Programme Strategy

- a. The readout of the donor consultation (NOR, ES, DK, EC) was welcomed: confirmed there is significant alignment (particularly once some of the terminology around the UNFCCC process was clarified) although there is a spectrum of views on some issues, for instance NOR more interested in scaling up features of new strategy, ES more interested in readiness/CB activities. The donors had appreciated the presentation by Mario, particularly on indicative budget allocations, which they had specifically requested to get a better sense of activities and scale. It was also clear that there is strong appetite to further discuss the 'How'. Japan, who were unable to participate on this occasion, were also identified as key for future discussions, along with other potential donors (who were not invited on this occasion as per the wishes of the current donors).
- b. The MG provided feedback on the draft Strategic Framework paper. The MG were generally comfortable with the level of detail in the paper and with the written edits provided by FAO before the call, and would provide additional written inputs to the Secretariat. Specific feedback related to:
 - i. Suggestion to capture some of the additional narrative (On UN convening role, co-benefits etc.) in the mission, maintaining streamlined vision and objectives which will ultimately form basis for the 2016-2020 monitoring framework etc.
 - ii. Review language on Vision (UNDP will send text).
 - iii. Include language on the relationship/complementarity between UN-REDD and FCPF, and emphasize UN-RP has no aspirations related to RBP.
 - iv. Include language signaling intention regarding governance arrangements etc.
 - v. Review language on non performance, although MG agreed it could be reflected in paper
- c. The MG agreed that it was important to be as ambitious as possible regarding the PB outcome. Ideal outcome is PB approval of main elements of the Strategy, so that supporting arrangements can be finalised in 2015. Guidance from the PB on the supporting arrangements (PB frequency etc) would be helpful if possible.
- d. Actions:
 - i. Agencies to provide any final written inputs to the paper by 9am (Geneva) Thurs 23, so it can be finalized and published by close Thurs 23 Oct.
 - ii. MB to discuss language on complementarity with FCPF
 - iii. Secretariat to follow up regarding Minutes/Actions from MG retreat

3. Any other PB13 preparation

- a. The MG noted the update from the Secretariat regarding the Country Co-chair (Chea Sam Ang) and that the draft agenda would be finalized, incorporating one final change to the Strategy session (split into two parts on day 1 afternoon and day 2 morning).

4. Update on Global Landscapes Forum

- a. UNEP provided an update on preparations for the GLF: now about 40 organisations contributing, with over 1000 participants expected. In terms of UNRP engagement, will use both UNEP and UNRP logo. 3 events being organized in total. MG supported UNRP booth in principle; UNEP to explore staffing & costs and proceed as appropriate.

5. AOB

- a. **Side meeting of principals and Norway in Lima:** The objectives for the proposed meeting of principals in the margins of the COP side event, originating from Norway's request, were recapped:
 - i. to have principals speak at side event to highlight new Programme Strategy
 - ii. to have principals meet with Norway in margins of event to continue conversation that was started at MG level
 - iii. to provide principal level assurance that agencies are committed to the strategy etc.
- b. **GHG emissions statement:** FAO requested to table at subsequent MG call.
- c. **'Towards a common understanding of REDD+ under the UNFCCC':** UNDP thanked MG for comments submitted; UNDP will circulate revised version with response matrix. Will likely require dedicated MG discussions during future MG calls to address some of the outstanding issues and develop joint UNRP positions.
- d. **Tenure/carbon rights paper:** FAO confirmed revised draft putting carbon rights into broader context will be circulated to MG by Fri 24 October – intended as internal think piece.
- e. **FAO REL case study:** UNDP thanked FAO for document and for the considered responses provided to UNDP comments – both case study and accompanying document will be important for MG to be aware of.
- f. **MG planning for 2015:** Secretariat confirmed many of the issues raised will be ready for discussion at MG retreat in early 2015:
 - i. UNEP retreat planned 19 Jan, Cambridge UK, hopes MG members can attend; Also organizing b2b with Safeguards retreat.
 - ii. UNDP retreat also planned late Jan/early Feb in Geneva, dates tbc.
 - iii. No FAO retreat planned in early 2015.
 - iv. MG retreat tentatively back to back with UNEP retreat late Jan 2015 – Secretariat will send proposed dates asap.

6. Next weeks call: 29 October, 2pm Geneva, Chaired by Mirey or Thais in Mario's absence.