

**Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 7 Jan 2015**

Participants:

MG members and alternates

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UNEP: Edoardo Zandri

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Thais Linhares-Juvenal

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Others

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1. Approval of minutes of previous week, 17 December

- a. Approved, with slight revision to reflect commitment by FAO to send written comments on the UNDP/UNFCCC paper within a few days of the call on 17 Dec.

2. Viet Nam Phase II

- a. MG members acknowledged that the deadline for resolving the issues raised by the annual review is end Feb, in light of the publication deadline for documents for the EG mtg (likely 18 March), and committed to finding solutions to address the three main issues at hand:
 - i. Implementation modality impeding delivery of the Programme and the need for the UN to take action,
 - ii. National institutional constraints and ensuing inefficiencies and delay,
 - iii. Complexity of the Programme document.
- b. Addressing #i was recognized as being most critical for the agencies to tackle; Two options will be assessed, necessitating inputs at corporate level within the agencies:
 - i. Option 1: Delivery through one agency
 - ii. Option 2: HACT as a common platform
- c. *Actions: Sec to provide summary of main issues and questions to be addressed to the MG; Agencies to provide feedback on how to address issue, and which issues to be brought to SG attention at next call (tentatively Thurs 15 or Fri 16 Jan). Issue to be brought again to next MG call on 14 Jan as appropriate.*

3. NP portfolio update/RADAR

- a. The comprehensive discussion paper on the RADAR was welcomed; initial MG feedback generally supported the approach. FAO raised some concerns regarding the modules, noting an iterative approach may be more appropriate given the varied information available for some of the modules.
- b. *Actions: Secretariat to recirculate paper to MG with clear summary of the management decisions required (completed on 7 Jan):*
 - i. *On the three overarching modules, MG to confirm by 20 January if OK to proceed with those as presented, or if any deletions or additions are suggested?*
 - ii. *For the Country REDD+ profile, MG to designate an agency staff to be part of a team to progress the technical and methodological aspects of this by 26 January (in order to convene face to face meeting in margins on mini retreat).*

4. Preparation for MG retreat, 19-20 Jan

- a. The MG were comfortable that the draft outline agenda circulated on 19 December provides a flexible framework for the meeting, in terms of proposed content and time allocations. Pending outstanding feedback received from agencies on rough draft of Strategy, it may not be necessary to spend as much time on the ToC, and instead allocate more time to discuss DaO/Interagency arrangements.

- b. *Actions: Secretariat to update agenda, taking into account feedback received from agencies on the rough draft of the Strategy (due 8 Jan), and bring to next MG call (14 Jan)*
- c. *Agencies also to provide any feedback on which issues should be brought to SG call (tentatively 15 or 16 Jan).*

5. Feedback from KM and Comms meetings

- a. The MG welcomed the update on the KM and comms meetings, and reflected that given the importance of these areas of work the priority in 2015 is to see increased implementation of practical actions.

6. AOB

- a. MG modalities: The need to review the MG minutes in response to the findings of the joint Programme audit was raised, to address concerns that the existing format is too general, does not capture inter-agency coordination issues, nor attribution to Agency views.
- b. MG also reiterated the need for MG to focus on portfolio managements functions, including making decisions, and spend less call time on listening to updates.
- c. *Actions: The MG agreed to revisit the approach to MG minutes in the context of a broader discussion on MG working modalities and workplanning, either during the January MG meeting on 20 Jan, or if possible at the preceding MG call (14 Jan), subject to receipt of UNEP/FAO feedback.*
- d. Update on mini retreat (26-27 Jan): UNDP indicated that a response to the feedback received would be prepared, and signaled that although open to facilitation, had concerns about whether an external facilitator was likely to add value at this stage, although possible facilitation role for Secretariat could be further explored.
- e. The MG agreed that rather than provide the whole draft Strategy document to the meeting participants, a number of relevant (technical) issues could be distilled for participants to focus on, although the short lead time following the MG retreat would need to be taken into account.
- f. *Actions: UNDP to respond to inputs received on mini retreat by Thurs 8 Jan.*

7. Next weeks call: 14 Jan, 2:30pm Geneva/Rome