

**Minutes**  
**Safeguards Group Teleconference**  
**(Support to National REDD+ Action / Global Programme)**  
**17 December 2012, 2.30 pm CET**

**Attendance:**

FAO: Emelyne Cheney  
UNDP: Kimberly Todd, Leo Peskett  
UNEP: Barney Dickson, Julie Greenwalt  
UN-REDD Secretariat: Helena Eriksson, Clea Paz

**Agenda:**

1. Approval of agenda
2. Finalisation of the Conceptual Framework
3. Safeguards Group Coordination Meeting - suggested dates and location; 11-12 Feb, Geneva
4. Asia-Pacific Regional UN-REDD Information Exchange Meeting: Social and Environmental Safeguards, 5-6 March, Bangkok – discuss/consolidate feedback on the agenda
5. Any follow up from Doha
6. AOB

**1. Approval of draft agenda**

The draft agenda was approved.

**2. Finalisation of the Conceptual Framework**

- The Group agreed to share the document with the MG for information and comments, if any, together with the draft agenda of the Safeguards Coordination Group's meeting in Geneva, 11-12 February 2013, with the aim to share both documents with the MG in early January.
- The Group discussed the purpose of the Framework, the spread and how it will be used. It is a tool proposed to guide the work on safeguards for UN-REDD in its efforts to support the development of country approaches to safeguards. As mentioned in the Framework, it builds on what is in the UNFCCC Agreements and is intended, among others, to provide help to countries in determining how to respond to these agreements. Any possible spin-offs and how widely it will be distributed/used will be further discussed at the Group's planning meeting in Geneva.
- Kim will circulate the last version to the Group.

**3. Safeguards Group Coordination Meeting - suggested dates and location; 11-12 Feb, Geneva**

- The meeting will be attended by the Safeguards Group members. Should any additional persons who are in Geneva be interested, they are welcome to join but a balanced representation from the agencies and the Secretariat should remain. (The agencies will inform who will participate; from the Secretariat, Clea and Helena will attend).
- The draft agenda prepared by UNEP was discussed. The Group's comments included;
  - Add a list of inputs needed for the meeting as well as outputs expected.
  - Add inventory of what has been undertaken in the countries with regard to safeguards.
  - Add to objectives the operationalization at the global level; link the work of this Group to the broader aspect; how this work is linked to other Programmes' work – how to 'do safeguards in existing context' and roles and responsibilities– coordination.
  - In Session 1d important to review country level work – what are being done and what is planned with related practicalities.
  - The meeting will focus on objective 2 of the Concept Note – support to countries.

- Need of prioritizing among agenda items.
- It was suggested to remove the presentation and discussion of the UN-REDD Framework (Session 2a) but keep an item on thoughts on SIS, for example how to organize targeted support related to SIS. During the workshop in Cambridge, it was recognized that countries need support in this area.
- A session on PLRs suggested.
- The session on the role and workplan of the safeguards group to be moved to earlier part of agenda.
- Additional comments to be sent to UNEP (Julie) by mid Wednesday and UNEP will re-circulate a second version.

**4. Asia-Pacific Regional UN-REDD Information Exchange Meeting: Social and Environmental Safeguards, 5-6 March, Bangkok – discuss/consolidate feedback on the agenda**

- The Group commented on the draft agenda and agreed to send additional comments to UNDP (Kim) by Tuesday, 18 Dec, who will consolidate them for UNEP’s transmission on 19 Dec to the regional staff, organizing the workshop. Comments during the call included;
  - Objectives need to be clarified.
  - The agenda needs to be updated to mirror the Programme’s work on Safeguards and the Conceptual Framework could be a useful basis for outlining the agenda.
  - Agenda needs to be re-structured, especially on day 1 (start with Cancun safeguards etc and then the UN-REDD Programme).
  - Some items could be ‘pushed back’ while some other important items need to be added to reflect the programme’s work on safeguards with reference to the draft Conceptual Framework and Concept Note that are guiding the Programme’s work.
  - More focus on national approaches to safeguards compared to the more overall work/project work.
- While being in Bangkok (mid-November 2012), Leo had presented to the team the basis of the framework for supporting the development of country approaches to safeguards and the additional comments now being sent to the workshop organisers will probably help the agenda development. (Julie is likely to attend the workshop).

**5. Any follow up from Doha**

The topic was not discussed. Clea offered to share the meeting summary that she, Thais and Maria had compiled.

**6. AOB**

The targeted support to Costa Rica was briefly mentioned. The Group will get more background on the issue and agreed to add it to the next call.

**Next conference call: TBD.**