

UN-REDD Programme Strategy Group Decisions of meeting 19 Feb 2015

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1. Viet Nam UNREDD Phase II

- a. SG members acknowledged the progress and proposed course of action as per the paper presented for the call. It was stressed that the forthcoming country mission will be critical for addressing the details in order to determine the feasibility of implementation of the “dual HACT” approach in advance of the EG meeting (now tentatively scheduled 23 March).
- b. The question of which Agency (FAO or UNDP) funds allocated to UNEP led activities will be channeled through remains to be determined in advance of the EG meeting.
- c. The next steps/timeline was confirmed ok for FAO; UNDP is liaising with country office but indicated is working towards these dates:
 - **End of February** - Preparation for mission: ToR, selection of participants, fine tuning of outstanding issues.
 - **Early-mid March** - Mission (tentatively week of March 16): Working-level meeting to clarify all matters related to harmonizing implementation, cash transfer and other processes through which agencies interact with the government. Mission will start with internal meetings of the agencies and potentially contribute to the preparatory meetings of the EG.
 - **March 23rd**: EG meeting, tentatively March 23, preceded by preparatory meetings on March 20. All pending matters to be resolved by this date, including preparation of full management response produced by the first week of March, to enable a successful meeting.

2. Governance arrangements for the Programme 2016-2020

- a. SG members further discussed the emerging governance options as per the internal working paper; whilst there was general support for a two layered arrangement, consisting of a Policy Board/Steering Committee (PB/SC) to provide oversight, with operational decisions (including funding allocation) taken by a more streamlined Executive Board (EB), some concerns were raised regarding:
 - a. The exact role of a PB/SC (other than for multistakeholder engagement),
 - b. The number (and membership) of EBs,
 - c. Information on associated transaction costs.
- b. *Actions: FAO to circulate alternative proposal for single EB (by close 20 Feb if possible); Secretariat/MG to further develop the options taking into account the issues raised, to inform additional internal consideration of arrangements (in March, ahead of deadline of 15 March for consulting PB on governance options).*
- c. *Secretariat to finalise short overview of emerging governance arrangements for external Strategy paper (released end Feb).*

3. Strategy 2016-2020 next steps

- a. SG members agreed that the draft consultation paper circulated at end Feb should be finalised in-house, making use of any opportunities to reduce or annex text etc.

- b. The key features of the 2016-2020 Programme will be highlighted in a short Executive Summary, which will be sent to the SG for review and any feedback.
- c. The working draft of the Strategy document will also be provided to the SG for information before it made available to the Policy Board.
- d. A professional writer/editor will subsequently be engaged in the production of the final version of the Strategy presented to PB14.
- e. *Actions: Secretariat to send draft Executive Summary to SG for review and feedback week beginning 23 Feb. Latest version of the Strategy working draft will also be provided for SG information (with respective MG members to brief SG as required).*