

**UN-REDD Programme Strategy Group**  
**Decisions of meeting 4 Feb 2015**

**Participants**

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**1. Programme Strategy 2016-2020**

Theory of Change (ToC)

- a. The SG supported the working draft of the ToC as prepared by the MG. It was acknowledged that whilst several points raised by SG members in relation to the detail of outputs and indicative activities (safeguards, additional benefits, forest restoration etc.) were addressed in detail in the Strategy, opportunities for including these in shorthand in the final ToC would be explored.
- b. The SG also recommended to provide an Executive Summary in the final draft of the 2016-2020 Strategy, and to make the use of an editor in finalizing the text.

Governance arrangements

- c. The SG requested further work to develop the governance arrangements to enable adequate consideration, to be discussed at a subsequent call in Feb. The level of detail to include in the draft paper (end Feb) would then be determined, although it was anticipated to avoid proposal of comprehensive options, but rather provide key features to receive PB feedback on during March-April, so full options could subsequently be included in the final paper submitted for PB14 in May.
- d. Initial SG feedback noted:
  - i. Importance of retaining sufficient multistakeholder buy in and guidance
  - ii. Need to avoid perception of donor driven forum (related to option c)
  - iii. Caution related to potential reduction of agencies represented at the EB level
  - iv. Importance of creating structure whereby donors can earmark funds (as in current T2)
- e. Sec/MG to prepare updated paper on Governance (including summary of ToR for each element of governance structure), including timeline for internal consultations.

Interagency arrangements

- f. The SG decided that further clarification of the senior internal management arrangements is also required to determine exact future roles and responsibilities, but that the two layers - MG and senior management of the agencies - should be reflected in the draft Strategy, with the latter providing an oversight role and corporate buy in.
- g. The issue of Agency representation at PB/EB meetings was emphasized (whether it is acceptable for this to be members of staff funded by UNRP budgets).
- h. It was confirmed that an independent Secretariat is not envisaged.
- i. In terms of delivery arrangements, a general explanation will be provided in the draft Strategy, with further work to define the arrangements for the two typologies of business (existing /readiness and scaled up/PAM) to be developed by the MG and brought back to the SG (tentatively March-April).

## **2. Viet Nam Phase II**

- a. The SG provided initial feedback regarding the mono and dual HACT options:
  - i. FAO indicated that given the Viet Nam Phase II is an existing programme, the dual option represents the best option, also due to the corporate investment in HACT within FAO and particularly as a result of its piloting in Viet Nam and as this option would not disrupt the implementation.
  - ii. UNDP prefer the mono HACT as the neatest option (with further discussion required on how the overhead is allocated in terms of direct billing for agency support).
  - iii. UNDP are willing to consider the dual option but cannot comment until receipt of detailed proposal, so it can be considered and responded to at the corporate level.
  - iv. UNEP were comfortable with either option, although requested more information on the details/implications for both, i.e. whether both require a new MoU?
- b. The PEI model (with overhead split between UNDP and UNEP and the country office) was also recalled.
- c. UNEP requested feedback from the agencies on which of UNDP or FAO the funds allocated to activities led by UNEP will be routed through.
- d. The SG agreed that the options are further developed so an objective decision can be made, with a further call to be scheduled in mid Feb.

## **3. AOB & next SG call**

- a. Two SG calls to be arranged during second half of Feb: i. Viet Nam, ii. Governance arrangements.
- b. Secretariat to schedule calls with SG offices; MG to provide written proposals sufficiently in advance.