**Operations Teleconference Minutes –23 November 2009**

1. **COP 15**

The UN-REDD Programme will be participating during COP 15 in FD3 LE1 as presenters, 4 and 8 (informally); at the “Support REDD+ Gala”, during the VIP cocktail and the Gala as a speaker, and will also have an opportunity to display banners, and disseminate media kits to the media covering the event. Communication activities have also been identified in a number of different avenues (distribute USB key at the FAO, UNDP, UNEP booths; play films on at the Audiovisual Wall at the Bella Centre; and play climate thinkers films throughout the dance for climate change).

**Key Issues**

1. Who has been invited to the “Support REDD+ Gala”, who will be speaking at the VIP Cocktail (Angela Cropper, Yemi Katerere, Alexander Muller, or Olav) and at the Gala (Achim, Helen, or Jacqueline) (there is another event from 6-8.30 where heads of agencies would be tied up, but could be possibly available for the Gala); and who do we want to invite from our partners, etc.
2. FD3 LE 1, 4 and 8 speakers and programmes have been firmed up; what other learning events will agencies or other UN-REDD partners be involved which are of interest?
3. What communications activities have been planned for COP 15 and what is our message?

**Agreed Action**

1. Isabelle to receive list from Edelman on who has been invited and to update group accordingly in order to identify appropriate speakers on behalf of the UN-REDD Programme for each of the two events
2. Tim Clairs to follow-up whether or not Alexander or Olav can speak at the VIP Cocktail
3. Isabelle to follow-up to see whether Achim can speak at Gala
4. Isabelle to engage communications group on how to best coordinate key messages for COP 15 and to come back with a plan to the wider group
5. Estelle to follow-up on which partners/guests we would like to invite on our behalf to be communicated to Edelman
6. **Climate Express**

There will not be a REDD carriage on the train, but the UN-REDD Programme can participate in the Public Market Place carriage with a presentation and promotional material to display.

**Key Issues**

1. Checking on hotels in Copenhagen as the train will arrive 2 days earlier than original arrival plans
2. Who is attending this event other than Yemi Katerere and Tim Clairs?
3. To what extent will we participate?

**Agreed Action**

1. Ravi to follow-up to see if Isabelle can attend COP 15
2. Isabelle to follow-up with Edelman to have Tim’s invitation re-sent
3. Isabelle to follow-up with Julie to confirm participation with a presentation by UN-REDD and to distribute Media Kit along with USB sticks (tbc)
4. **Feedback from Meeting with Norway:**

A note was circulated to the Coordination group and has been posted on the workspace, and some feedback of follow-up with Norway on issues of collaboration with FCPF.

**Key Issues**

1. Funding 2010; Norway committed 170 million NK; will do an addendum of the current agreement, but going forward new budget to be aligned with strategy; Norway encourages longer term programming and scale up which implies different roles for the implementing agencies; also focus on products and targeted support to countries; scaling up to 1 or 2 countries only; interim financing is key and that the UN-REDD Programme should work towards a closer relationship with the interim financing group; and the strategy should outline how UN-REDD will collaborate with the FCFP
2. Collaboration and coordination in Phase 2 with FCPF/ FIP becomes important
3. What do we do that is different and how will we coordinate with FCPF/FIP

**Agreed Action**

1. Yemi to coordinate a meeting to discuss this with FIP going forward
2. Interim working group’s work and papers would be of interest to the programmes work
3. **Briefing on Prince’s Rainforest Project meeting in London**

Yemi attended the meeting, which resonated with the planning meeting in Rome. A brief report was presented. In general the meeting was attended by private sector, NGOs and government. It aimed to raise awareness about REDD, and that interim financing was crucial to the success of REDD’s future. Additionally, scaling up and strong partnerships was also highlighted in all the presentations, that is scaling up to immense proportions is needed to achieve emission reductions. Need a way to leverage public to get funds from private sector

**Key Issues**

1. Gabon expressed interest in joining UN-REDD
2. Interim financing, strong partnerships and scaling up is essential
3. **Any Other Business**
4. 4th Policy Board
   1. Ravi proposed a day allocated for a field trip at the next meeting, and everyone agreed to include this plan; and asked if there were any roles for Anegla Cropper and Achim Steiner to play at the meeting, if so, identifying those roles now would be essential
5. Indonesia signing onto the programme
   1. Tim Clairs announced that Indonesia would soon sign onto the programme
6. Press Release on Spain’s contribution and on agencies commitment to the programme
   1. Anna raised concerns over combing the above topics into one release and suggested to make two separate releases
   2. The group decided to hold a call to continue to discuss this following the closing of the meeting