

Request for Policy Board Inter-Sessional Decision on inviting countries to submit proposals for new National Programmes at the 11th Policy Board meeting
31 May 2013

Recalling decision 10 (a) taken by the Policy Board at the fifth Policy Board meeting¹, decisions 19, 20 and 21 taken at the sixth Policy Board meeting², and decision 10, and 18 taken by the Policy Board inter-sessionally³:

Also recalling, decision 2 taken by the Policy Board at the eighth Policy Board meeting⁴:

Noting that during the ninth Policy Board meeting Indigenous Peoples and Civil Society Policy Board members informed the Secretariat that they will be represented in this working group by the new observers from civil society and Indigenous peoples, CAOI (IP Latin America) and UT'Z CHE' (CSO-Developing Countries) respectively.

Noting section 1.1 of the UN-REDD Programme Rules of Procedure allowing for decisions of the Policy Board to be made between meetings (referred to as "Inter-Sessional" decision-making).

Responding to the request of the Policy Board to ensure continued national programming, based on the available funds, the working group applied the updated Criteria, and ranked all partner countries. The ranking included updating rating for Criteria 1, 2 and 3 for all countries, reflecting updated information from the voluntary REDD+ partnership database, poverty, and updating the current status in the countries for criteria 2. The following countries resulted prioritized in the ranking: Cote d'Ivoire followed by Uganda for the African region, Bangladesh followed by Mongolia for Asia-Pacific and Argentina followed by Honduras for Latin America. For this group of countries and based on lessons learned from implementing National Programmes, the working group stressed the importance of submitting realistic work-plans and budgets based on absorption capacity and each country's particular circumstances.

¹ The decision is recorded in the Report of the fifth Policy Board meeting, available at:

http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=4321&Itemid=53

² The decision is recorded in the Report of the sixth Policy Board meeting, available at:

http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=5260&Itemid=53

³ The decision is recorded at:

http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=5523&Itemid=53

⁴ The decision is recorded in the Report of the eight Policy Board meeting, available at:

http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=7039&Itemid=53



Given the above, the Policy Board members are hereby requested to approve the following:

The Board approves, on a no objection basis, to invite Argentina, Bangladesh, and Cote d'Ivoire to submit National Programmes for consideration at the eleventh Policy Board meeting. Based on previous experience of delivery in other countries, these National Programmes shall have a maximum duration of three years with work-plans and budgets being realistic for this duration, and responding to the existing needs and absorption capacity of the countries. If time for preparation is not sufficient, the above mentioned countries are asked to submit an estimate of their budgetary needs and confirm their intention to submit National Programmes by the twelfth Policy Board meeting.

The working group also recommended that based on the information submitted by Cote d'Ivoire, Bangladesh, and Argentina at PB11, Uganda, Mongolia, and Honduras should be invited after PB 11th to prepare National Programmes for consideration at the twelfth Policy Board meeting (or 13th PB meeting if time for preparation is not sufficient) using any remaining funds available.