

UN-REDD PROGRAMME



14th Policy Board Meeting Washington, D.C. (21-22 May 2015)

Decisions and Conclusions

Decision #1: *The Policy Board members approved the agenda for the Fourteenth Policy Board.*

Decision #2: *The Policy Board approved the Sixth Consolidated Annual Progress Report of the UN-REDD Programme Fund 2014 (UNREDD/PB14/2015/II/2a) and took note of the Funding Framework of the UN-REDD Programme.*

Decision #3: *2016-2020 Strategic Framework*

The Policy Board:

- i. Welcomed the outcome of the process to develop the strategic framework 2016-2020 and endorsed the overall direction of the strategy as outlined in the UN-REDD Programme Strategic Framework 2016-2020 (UNREDD/PB14/2015/III/3);*
- ii. Recognized that the strategic framework 2016-2020 will be complemented by a fully narrated results framework, further refining the arrangements for Programme delivery at global and national level, and a governance structure that ensures effective and operational governing of the Programme; and*
- iii. Requested the Secretariat to share a thorough and referenced response to how the strategy follows up to the findings and recommendations of the external evaluation.*

Decision #4: *2016-2020 Governance Arrangements*

The Policy Board acknowledged the consultative process carried out to date on the new governance structure for the 2016-2020 UN-REDD Programme and welcomed a process to finalize this as follows:

- i. *A revised information paper with a complete description of the governance structure will be circulated by the Secretariat no later than 15 June 2015, on which Policy Board members and observers will have one month to provide comments;*
- ii. *Comments received will be considered in the governance arrangements underpinning the Memorandum of Understanding between the UN agencies and the Standard Administrative Agreement between donors and the Multi-Partner Trust Fund.*
- iii. *Furthermore, the Policy Board discussed the following features of the governance structure of the UN-REDD Programme:*
 - a) *One Policy Board, one Executive Board and National Steering Committees will work under the guiding principles of inclusiveness, transparency, accountability, consensus-based decisions, and participation;*
 - b) *The current Policy Board constituencies will have the right to be represented at all levels of Programme governance;*
 - c) *Members of the different governing bodies should ensure consultation and feedback to their respective constituencies. The UN-REDD Programme should endeavor to support these consultations;*
 - d) *The Executive Board will be composed of at least one representative per constituency. Partner Countries will have one representative per region;*
 - e) *National Steering Committees will be established according to country needs and national circumstances following a minimum composition of government, indigenous peoples, civil society organizations and the UN. Donors may be part of the National Steering Committees and other relevant stakeholders may be invited as per agreement at country level;*
 - f) *UN-REDD National Steering Committees may also service other platforms as appropriate and decided at country level in line with UN-REDD requirements;*
 - g) *The Policy Board will provide overall advice to the Programme; and*
 - h) *A small and lean Executive Board will take operational decisions, including allocation of funds.*

Decision #5:

- i. *The Policy Board welcomed the informal presentations of Chile, Myanmar and Peru.*
- ii. *In view of the thorough presentations and advanced stage of preparation and the need to close National Programmes by the end of 2017, the Policy Board recommended that the full submissions be considered for approval of fund allocation on an inter-sessional basis.*
- iii. *The Policy Board requested the Secretariat to provide it with the background information for consideration, once available, and in particular, for ensuring all national level approval and consultation processes are applied. Furthermore, the secretariat is requested to enable*

intercessional discussions and endeavour to overcome any technological or language barrier that could prevent participation of all relevant stakeholders.

iv. These inter-sessional decisions are to be taken on exceptional basis.

Decision #6: *The Policy Board acknowledged and congratulated Ecuador on the completion of their National Programme and their significant progress on REDD+. The Policy Board endorsed the recommendations from the final evaluation and associated responses and encourages Ecuador to sustain its efforts.*

Decision #7: *The Policy Board approved the proposal to hold its next meeting, the Fifteenth Policy Board meeting, during the week of 1 November 2015 in Guatemala, back to back with the FCPF Participants Committee.*
