Strategic Direction Group of the UN-REDD Programme

Decisions of Informal Meeting of 4 December 2011

Date of meeting: 4 December 2011 **Location:** Southern Sun Hotel, Durban

Participants:

FAO: Alexander Mueller- Assistant Director-General, Natural Resources Management and Environment Department and Eduardo Rojas-Briales - Assistant Director-General Forestry Department

UNDP: Veerle Vandeweerd – Director, Environment and Energy

UN-REDD Programme Secretariat: Yemi Katerere- Head

Note: Members of the SDG attending the UNFCCC Cop 17 decided to have an informal meeting. The group agreed to consult Ibrahim Thiaw on all decisions.

Decisions:

- 1. Minutes of SDG meetings:
 - a. To be cleared within two weeks (Yemi)
 - b. Once approved to be shared with CG. The SDG to receive approved minutes of CG meetings (Yemi)
- 2. SDG and CG ToR:
 - a. Revise ToR to reflect decision-making role of the SDG and circulate (Yemi)
- 3. DRC Audit:
 - a. Check on progress and if none then follow-up with Josep Gari to ensure that a letter for the RC to respond to the Minister is drafted within two weeks (Yemi)
- 4. Internal Review:
 - a. Final version of the report to be sent to SDG (Yemi)
 - b. SDG to decide how the report is to be handled (SDG)
- 5. Retreat:
 - a. SDG retreat to be planned for the weekend before PB8 meeting (Yemi)
 - Possible items for retreat include: i) fund raising strategy taking into account outcomes
 of COP 17; ii) vision for the Programme, and; iii) agency plans beyond the UN-REDD
 Programme.
- 6. Review of MoU between the 3 agencies:
 - a. Review the MoU in light of the SDG TOR and decisions of the Berlin and Durban meetings and assess if Secretariat needs to revise document (Yemi)
 - b. Inform SDG whether this work requires a legal expert (Yemi)
- 7. Country Needs Assessment:
 - a. Keep SDG informed of progress (Yemi)
 - b. Boundaries of the assessment to be informed by the Programme documents
 - c. Results to be presented to the Policy Board by the PB sub-group
 - d. ToR should be guided by decisions from COP 17
- 8. Office for REDD Coordination in Indonesia:
 - a. Follow-up with Regional Bureau (Veerle)
 - b. Each agency to follow up on progress (SDG)