

Strategy Group (SG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting 11 Oct 2013

Participants:

SG members: Eduardo Rojas, Xiangjun Yao, FAO; Elizabeth Mrema, UNEP

Apologies: Veerle Vandeweerd, UNDP (briefed separately subsequent to the call)

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1. GEF

Summary

The SG thanked the Secretariat for the draft discussion note (DN) prepared in advance of Eduardo's forthcoming meeting with the new GEF CEO, and also to inform future interactions between other members of the SG and the GEF CEO. Feedback from the SG noted:

- The importance of not overlooking the option of joint National Programmes. Whilst this is already mentioned in the DN, need to further clarify how this would work and what the constraints are;
- That the note would be better structured around (1) why; (2) What; (3) How for a UNREDD/GEF collaboration;
- In terms of the next steps envisaged in the DN, the SG supported the general approach outlined, although concern was raised that an intervention from the floor during the UNREDD CEB event at COP may be premature. It was instead suggested to organize a private discussion in the first instance, and a proposal was made to invite the GEF CEO for a lunch with the SG following the SG retreat.

Action points:

- a. The DN will be revised to incorporate feedback provided during the meeting, and recirculated by the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat on Monday 14 Oct. In addition to the revised DN, a shorter summary that can be shared with the GEF Secretariat will be provided (distilling the main issues).
- b. The UN-REDD Programme Secretariat will assess the potential for joint programming with GEF, for both countries in the UN-REDD Programme pipeline as well as other partner countries.
- c. The UN-REDD Programme Secretariat will liaise with the GEF Secretariat to explore opportunities for initial consultations during forthcoming meetings in Oslo and Warsaw, including the possibility of lunch with the GEF CEO and SG on 18 Nov. Eduardo will also extend this invitation during the meeting in Washington on 15 October.
- d. Similarly, Eduardo will encourage the GEF CEO to attend PB12 (June/July 2014) and for GEF officials to attend PB11 following several years of absence. The venue of PB12/13 is to be confirmed but expected to take place in LAC, followed by Africa.
- e. The UN-REDD Programme Secretariat will brief Veerle in her absence.