

Strategy Group (SG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 16 July 2012

Participants:

SG members

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Secretariat: Yemi Katerere

Others: Mette Loyche-Wilkie, FAO; Sharon McAuslan, Secretariat

AOB

- For future SG meetings, include agenda item reviewing previous decisions at beginning of meeting, and prepare consolidated table/list of SG decisions (*Secretariat*)

1. Arrangements for transition to new Head of Secretariat – update on progress

- Further handover meeting planned early August (YK and MLW)
- Ibrahim to circulate proposed dates for candidate interviews (IT, 16.07.12)
- SG members to use networks to identify good candidates, and provide suggestions/contributions towards written assessment element of interview (SG)

2. Tier 2

- SG members agreed to move ahead with Tier 2 funding modality (i.e. under the UN-REDD Programme) in both VN, and in DRC:
 - i. If feasible, signing should take place prior to PB9. For Viet Nam this will be at agency level, and for DRC will need to be confirmed, but if not by agencies, a clause or paragraph should be included relating to the role of the agencies (*MG*)
 - ii. When designing a fund management arrangement, seek advice from MPTF-O as trustee, regarding what type of arrangement is suitable (*Secretariat, immediately*)
- Informal consultation on Tier 2 with limited group of countries, e.g. PNG, Vietnam, DRC and possibly a country from LAC and donor countries, to be arranged prior to PB9. Clear objectives to be developed in advance (*MG to arrange, possibly back to back with UNFCCC meeting in early Sept*).
- Information Session for all Policy Board members and observers to be arranged at PB9, on evening of 25 October, before PB9 starts on 26 Oct. (*MG*)
- Tier 2 ToR should reflect role of SG in Tier in providing oversight (*MG*)

3. Management note for improved delivery of the UN-REDD Programme: timeline for finalization

- Management note to be circulated to SG for intersessional consideration and endorsement, if possible. If outstanding issues remain, the note will be considered at next SG meeting (*SG*)
- Note to be circulated by mid August, if possible (*MG*)
- Outreach plan to be developed to accompany dissemination of management note (*Secretariat/MG*)

4. Review of Policy Board structure: process and timeline

- Recommend to WG to delay timeline for PB review, to avoid rushing such an important exercise and also to provide opportunity for additional group consultations at PB9, with draft report containing recommendations to be submitted early 2013 (*Secretariat, ...*)
- SG endorsed the revised plan and requested the secretariat to proceed with recruitment of the best consultants.

5. Resource mobilization

- Organise donor's consultation to hear their views and concerns rather than fund-raise. Possible venue for this is Brussels. (Eduardo to check with the EU).

- A separate meeting with Norway as the key donor to the UN-REDD Programme to be organized in Oslo. As much as possible the donor's consultation and the Oslo meeting should be organized back-to-back. All members to attend if possible, although not essential. *(AM to pursue Norway meeting with SG)*
- Arrange meeting with new GEF CEO and consider other missions. *(VV to raise at GEF meeting in early August, and report back to SG).*
- Develop communications material to publicize results, including dissemination through social media *(Secretariat to coordinate, may require additional capacity, e.g. consultant).*
- Plan communication events to take advantage of opportunities at COFO and Doha COP 18 , and elements of achievements/results to be prepared for the donor's consultation and visit to Oslo *(Secretariat/MG)*

6. Next SG meeting

- Next meeting to be arranged in early August *(Secretariat to coordinate dates with SG members offices)*
- Priority items to include
 - i. draft PB9 agenda
 - ii. review of previous decisions
 - iii. the planned donor consultation/trip to Norway
 - iv. Tier 2 ToR