

Strategy Group (SG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting 17 December 2012

Participants:

SG members

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Secretariat: Mette Løyche Wilkie, Sharon McAuslan

1. Update on Doha – negotiations and events and the implications for our work

- a. Secretariat to circulate mission report from Doha asap .
- b. SG members undertook to consider how to support countries with the UNFCCC negotiations, including regarding discussions on REDD+ institutional arrangements, including proposals for a potential REDD+ Committee. MG to review the outstanding issues and propose where the Programme and/or Agencies might have a role in taking some of these areas forward. Secretariat to include on a subsequent SG agenda.

2. Update on funding

- a. The SG welcomed the update on actual funding pledges/commitments and promising discussions taking place with existing and potential donors. The SG noted thanks and congratulations for the work done by the Secretariat, MG and SG members in restoring confidence in the Programme, reflected by the recent pledges.
- b. Secretariat to liaise with Norway regarding finalization of their additional funding commitment, and prepare notification for inter sessional approval by the Policy Board, in due course. Norwegian funds will be predominantly channeled through the MPTF-O (for additional NPs), with Secretariat to explore options for remaining elements (including proposed UNDP-led component).
- c. AM to further liaise with German Government. MG to provide support regarding 'safeguards' package to send to BNZ in response to concerns raised about Programme safeguards.
- d. ER is arranging a mission to visit the GEF Secretariat in early 2013, to continue co-funding discussions.
- e. SG to consider future combined agency efforts for Resource Mobilisation, building on useful missions in 2012.

3. ToRs for External Evaluation

- a. MG to review draft ToR/timeline and share comments/revised draft with the SG before the draft is finalized and circulated to the Policy Board in early 2013.

4. PB Review

- a. SG members requested the MG to provide proposals for desired outcomes/common messages, to enable to the agencies to respond to discussions on the revision of the Policy Board with one voice. The SG agreed it could be dealt with by email if timing of the next SG meeting doesn't facilitate early discussion.

5. AoB

Information:

- a. PB10 likely to be 24-27 June in Lombok, Indonesia, followed by field trip and then FCPF meetings. Secretariat is awaiting the formal letter of offer from Indonesia
- b. Tunisia has sent a request to join the Programme which will be submitted to the Policy Board inter sessionally.

Head of Secretariat handover:

- a. IT will circulate a message to the PB regarding the outcome of the recruitment process.
- b. The SG welcomed the plans made for the handover, including Mette's extended secondment. SG members will continue to monitor the handover until Mario has relocated to Geneva.

Hosting arrangements:

- a. SG members committed to reflect on the Secretariat hosting arrangements, including the points and questions raised by VV and IT. The item will be considered at a future SG meeting (preferably at a face to face meeting).

Next call

- a. Next call to be arranged end of Jan/early Feb if possible, followed by a face to face meeting in March/April. Secretariat to propose options.