

**Strategy Group (SG) of the UN-REDD Programme**  
**Decisions of meetings of 7 and 9 August 2012**

**Participants:**

SG members

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Note: The discussion on the agenda item of draft management note was held on 7 August. Due to time shortage the remaining agenda items were discussed on 9 August. The decisions from the two days have been combined.

**Decisions:**

*7 August 2012*

1. Draft management note on improved delivery of the UN-REDD Programme
  - a. Secretariat to update the draft management note on basis of comments received during SG meeting as well as submissions received electronically. SG to provide track change edits.
  - b. Agreed to attach internal review summary as an annex to the management note.
  - c. Agreed to revise the note ASAP so it can be disseminated without further delay.

*9 August 2012*

1. Draft PB9 agenda
  - a. Secretariat to update the draft PB agenda on basis of comments received during SG meeting.
  - b. Gender presentation to be a stand-alone item.
  - c. Agreed to revise the agenda to give sufficient time for consultations between introduction of budget and decision.
  - d. Agreed to schedule MG & SG pre-meeting in the morning with the information session on Tier 2 in the afternoon. A note with MG members' consolidated views on Tier 2 and its operationalization will be presented to SG.
  - e. Agreed to list expected decisions next to each agenda item to facilitate for the chair.
  - f. Agreed on informal consultations with donors and specific countries well ahead of PB.
  - g. At the occasion of Bisrat's presence in Brazzaville request clarity on process of any MoU amendments.
2. Update on recruitment
  - a. Out of 130 applications, 6 candidates have been shortlisted and are undertaking written tests containing two questions. Interviews to be held 13-14 Aug (either partly on 13 Aug or all interviews on 14 Aug).
  - b. Share list of shortlisted candidates to be interviewed. (Ibrahim)
  - c. Interview panel to confirm their availability.
3. The planned donor consultation/trip to Norway: Feedback on dates and discussion on preliminary agenda.
  - a. Face-to-face meeting is preferred. Important to meet with NGOs etc.

- b. Agreed to propose 2 Oct for Norway visit. (Mette to contact Norway)
  - c. Agreed to propose 5 Oct for visit to EC, Brussels.
- 4. Next meeting: week beginning [3?] Sept
  - a. Date and agenda to be proposed by email. (Secretariat)