Minutes
SNA - GPCG Telephone Conference Call
3 September 2013

Attendance

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Agenda

1. **Approval of agenda.**
2. **CBR+ - An update on the status of the CBR+ and discussion on the work in the near future.**
3. **Additional funding for Norway.**
4. **Targeted support – draft application form.**
5. **AOB.**

1. **Approval of agenda**
   The agenda was approved.

2. **CBR+ - An update on the status of the CBR+ and discussion on the work in the near future.**
   After an introduction by the Secretariat mentioning recent communication with countries on CBR+, UNDP provided an update on the work on CBR+. UNDP is working on the detailed Project Document including the operational aspects and the set of indicators for the pilot phase of the CBR+. UNDP has reached out to regional / country partners and others for feedback on the selection of pilot countries; Initially two countries per region with a possible selection among DRC, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia, Bolivia, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, PNG, The Philippines, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam. The CBR+ Concept Note presented at PB10 is being updated. A grant up to US$ 50,000 can be issued. 8-12 grants are planned during the pilot phase. This builds on the UNDP managed Small Grants Programme (SGP) which has historically focused on bioversity, climate change, land degradation and water. Clarifications sought by the Group included:

   Mechanism of selection of grants? The established SGP National Steering Committee in each country will be used with the inclusion of the REDD+ expertise from the NP Steering Committee (reps. from government, IP, CSO, technical expertise and UN-REDD Programme).
   Mechanism of selection of countries? As they stand the countries potentially retained include Cambodia, Sri Lanka, DRC, Nigeria, Ecuador, Panama and Paraguay. The Group inquired if the governments have been consulted/approached to confirm their interested, and if not how that would be done to ensure national ownership without raising expectations of all the UN-REDD partner countries.

   Synergies with NP? It is critical to not separate community work from the rest of REDD+ readiness work in the countries, especially the NPs. Remarks were made regarding Cambodia and Panama, especially related to management of expectations and potential impacts to NP implementation. After conclusion of the pilot phase, it is suggested that CBR+ is included in the NP handbook.

Coordination? Clarification needed on the role in coordination of the National REDD+ Focal Point/Coordinator as well as the NP Project Management Unit (PMU) versus the CBR+ Coordinator. The REDD+ Coordinator/PMU will be a member of the SGP Steering Committee.

Administration costs?
The costs will depend on the country and the level of the grant/capacity building and should not be underestimated especially since monitoring, evaluation etc are important parts. The already established SGP mechanism is a source of information since it has run for long period.

Performance based payment? The grant-based provision of resources may conflict with the performance based funding principles; areas of support of the CBR+ should be clarified so as to dispel this. ToT, benefit sharing, land rights, drivers of deforestation, testing concepts, and models, designing landscape approaches, local conflict mechanism etc were mentioned as examples of possible CBR+ work.

Recommendations:

- UNDP to share the criteria for country selection and send the latest version of the Concept Note (being updated).
- UNDP to prepare a short note clarifying communication with national governments and the coordination with National Programmes including (i) linkages between the Small Grants National Committee and the National Programmes steering Committee; contribution to the national readiness process; programmatic alignment with National Programmes**.**
- The selection process of pilot countries should be brought into the SNA-GPCG discussion and the final selection of countries should be approved by the MG.

3. Additional funding from Norway.

With regard to the restored funds from the SNA Workplan and Budget Review 2013-2014, the draft proposal sent to Norway on 23 Aug. currently refers to both years. UNDP and UNEP clarified that they only regard a restoration of 12 months (2014) needed, while FAO mentioned that there is a need for the two year funding. The requested funds for restoring the 2013 budget, if approved, can be allocated to land tenure. After a more clear view on the perspectives of approval of the funding request by Norway, a work plan and budget should be prepared, including the activities that will extend towards 2015.

4. Targeted support - draft application form.

The item was postponed to next call.

5. AOB.

No other business was reported.