

Minutes
SNA - GPCG Telephone Conference Call
6 August 2013

Attendance:

FAO: Maria SanzSanchez

UNDP: Tim Clairs

UNEP: Tim Christophersen and Julie Greenwalt

Secretariat: Mirey Attalah, Clea Paz and Helena Eriksson (Chair)

Agenda

- 1. Approval of agenda**
- 2. WB's concept note "Forests and Trees in Sustainable Landscapes Action Plan FY 14-16"**
- 3. Revised SNA workplan and budget 2013-2014 - need for signature / revised project document?**
- 4. Targeted support**
Pending replies
Draft application form
- 5. AOB**

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

- 2. WB's concept note "Forests and Trees in Sustainable Landscapes Action Plan FY 14-16"**
The Secretariat has received a call for comments on the concept note of the WB's Action Plan. The Plan will lay out how their work on forests over three years will contribute to building resilient and sustainable landscapes, and how it will build on the 2002 Strategy, Sustaining Forests. The plan will also describe the priorities for supporting green growth outlined in the WB's Environment Strategy 2012-2022, Toward a Green, Clean, and Resilient World for All, and the WB Agricultural Action Plan (FY13-15) (www.worldbank.org/ard/forestationplan). The Group took note of the wide scope of the paper (for example, agriculture overlaps with other areas), but did not consider it necessary to comment on the concept note.
➤ Secretariat to send a reply to the WB (*Done – Sent on 30 Aug.*)

- 3. Revised SNA workplan and budget 2013-2014 - need for signature / revised project document?**
The Secretariat sought the Group's feedback on any agency requirements for a revision of the SNA project document, in light of the changes approved at PB9 (workplan and budget review across outcomes and outputs) and PB10 (revised outputs 4.1, 4.3, 4.4 & new output 4.6 [CBR+]). The MPTF-O had informed the Secretariat that there is no strong need for a revised project document from their side if each agency does not require it. To facilitate tracking of changes and to increase transparency, it could, however, be useful to revise the document to have all updates in one accessible document. UNDP mentioned that CBR+ is a part of stakeholder engagement and not an added component. The Group did not regard it as necessary to revise the document and neither UNDP nor UNEP needed a revised signed document for internal use. FAO came back shortly after the conference call with the same information.

- 4. Targeted support**
Pending replies
The responses to Guatemala (regarding requested support to capacity building on legal aspects of REDD+ through an assessment of existing legislation on tenure and property rights, US\$ 21,000)

and to Cameroon (regarding requested support to coordination of the FLEGT and REDD+ mechanism, US\$ 35,800, within a larger proposal) are pending. Both are referring to FAO, which is about to provide inputs to the response letters from the Secretariat.

Draft application form

With reference to the agreement at the dedicated Targeted Support Conference call on 19 February, 2013, of making an application form available for countries, the Secretariat mentioned that a proposed form will be shared for comments. Comments from regional/country colleagues would also be appreciated.

Further, the Group mentioned the status of targeted support commitments and disbursements in relation to the planned expenditures and suggested that it could be useful to have an update from each agency. As a follow up on the first focused call on targeted support and the lesson learned background notes, and to allow for a discussion of the more fundamental issues, a separate call on targeted support could be valuable (no decision). UNDP mentioned its updated background note and willingness to share it with the Group.

- Secretariat to share a draft targeted support application form for comments (*Done - sent on 15 Aug. with comments requested by 30 Aug.*)

5. AOB.

- The Secretariat highlighted the importance of sharing information on planned publications early in the process (the clearance procedures etc will be addressed in the KM strategy).
- The official holiday in Geneva on 8 August was noted.