

**Minutes**  
**Support to National REDD+ Action /**  
**Global Programme Coordination Group Teleconference**  
**5 February 2013, 13.00 CET**

**Attendance:**

FAO: Tiina Vahanen, Maria SanzSanchez

UNDP: Charles McNeill

UNEP: Tim Christophersen

UN-REDD Programme Secretariat: Thais Linhares-Juvenal, Helena Eriksson

**Agenda, GPCG**

1. Approval of draft agenda
2. SNA budget revision to include additional activities to be funded by the Norwegian contribution-technical and political implications
3. AOB

**1. Approval of draft agenda**

Agenda approved.

**2. SNA budget revision to include additional activities to be funded by the Norwegian contribution-technical and political implications**

The Secretariat provided an update on the SNA budget revision needed to accommodate the additional funds from Norway (USD 13 million) and the need for the Programme to agree on additional activities to be funded by this contribution.

In its call on 23 January 2013, the MG gave the GPCG the mandate to discuss the technical and political implications of the proposal sent to Norway by the Secretariat in December and to prepare a proposal to the Policy Board of the second SNA budget revision (the first one was approved at PB9). Although the proposal was approved by Norway it is important to reassure that it is in line with the Policy Board's priorities and perceptions.

The options of fund allocation being discussed to date are; 1) community based REDD+; 2) additional NPs; and 3) restoring the budget of Stakeholder Engagement.

A Norwegian mission to Geneva will take place 7-8 February and the topic will be addressed.

Of the two major choices of allocating the extra funds to NP or to SNA, the Group agreed that it is appropriate to allocate the funds to SNA. To which outcome/s need to be further reviewed, as well as the related technical and political implications, in consultation with PB (or wider).

➤ **Actions:**

4.1. Charles will share a draft concept note with GPCG by 15 Feb (to MG by 20 Feb) on allocation of the extra allocation and possible activities related to community based REDD+, which includes potential collaboration with GEF on the small grants mechanism<sup>1</sup>, a precaution of not raising expectation and a propose a consultation process (PB intersessionally for comments or wider outreach).

4.2. The outcome of the consultation will guide the next steps/any need for modification of the proposal to Norway with the final decision to be taken at PB10.

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<sup>1</sup> The background here is to merge UN-REDD funds to GEF funds in countries which have access to the small grants mechanism so UN-REDD can scale up the support community based REDD+, especially through local communities and IPs. The UN-REDD proposal is support to "community based REDD+" and not a "small grants mechanism" which is a label used by GEF.

4.3. The Secretariat will update Norway on the suggested approach of consultation.

4.4. The Secretariat will seek clarification from Norway on the meaning of “commitments of new fund allocation by 2013”.

**3. AOB**

UNEP updated the Group on discussions held with David Kaimowitz of the Ford Foundation, who alerted about situation with COONAPIP in Panama.