

**Minutes**  
**National Programmes and**  
**Support to National REDD+ Action (Global Programme) Coordination**  
**Combined Teleconference**

**18 December, 14.30 CET**

**Attendance:**

FAO: Maria SanzSanchez

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UNEP: Tim Christophersen, Julie Greenwalt

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

**Agenda:**

NP

1. Size of next round of NPs to be invited to present proposals.
  - i. The NPWG agreed that the size of the next round of proposals should be around USD 2 M, but in Doha it was suggested that we should encourage countries to prepare USD 4 M proposals, but asking only for the first tranche (USD 2 M until 2015). Need to clarify this, before requesting the call from the Policy Board working group.
  - ii. It was also suggested to carry out a needs assessment for each NP. Need to discuss views on how to do this.
2. Revision to the NP Handbook - the Handbook needs to be revised to incorporate minor procedural updates. Should we also review the list of tools, approaches and guidelines?

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3. Draft minutes from the GPCG concalls held on 6 Nov, 20 Nov and 14 Dec.
4. Topics for thematic discussions and coordination; GPCG to provide topics for enhanced coordination.
5. AOB.

**1. Approval of draft agenda**

Agenda approved with agreement to omit the suggested item on debriefing from Doha.

**2. Size of next round of NPs to be invited to present proposals.**

- The group agreed that is important to consider country needs and capacities as well as absorption capacity, and the Programme should have a flexible approach to the size of NPs.
- Based on an outreach to regional staff by UNDP it seems that smaller allocations for NPs is the preferred option (amounts of USD 4 million are too high).
- It is important to make reference to PB decisions regarding enhanced delivery of NPs, and processing no-cost extension requests.
- Regarding the timeline, references should be made to the timeline of the Strategy (2011-2015), mentioning that the Strategy will be revised. Until the revised Strategy is approved, NP duration should not exceed December 2015.
- The above should be communicated in an open dialogue with countries and UN-REDD staff during their planning efforts of realistic NP budgets responding to real priorities and needs.
- It was also suggested to undertake a rapid needs assessment analysis during the scoping phase of each NP, and for the case of Colombia, the in-depth CNA could inform this exercise.

### **3. Revision to the NP Handbook**

- With regard to the question of amending the section of tools, approaches and guidelines in the NP Handbook, the group agreed that this should be postponed until the Communication and Events Group has provided further clarification on the different categories of publications the Programme develops and/or contributes to. Thereafter the list in the Handbook can be compared with the list in the conceptual framework being developed by the Safeguards Coordination Group.

### **4. Draft minutes from the GPCG concalls held on 6 Nov, 20 Nov and 14 Dec.**

- One additional point to be added on the Targeted Support (TS) topic of the minutes of 14 Dec.
- Regarding this topic (TS), the group agreed to have a call on Costa Rica's TS implementation in the week of 7 Jan.
- By Thursday 20 Dec, the Secretariat requested inputs from the agencies on the message regarding Costa Rica's TS. (See email from Thais, dated 11 Dec).
- The group was reminded of the pending inputs to the TS request from Pakistan.
- The Secretariat will shortly share an incoming TS request from Myanmar.

### **5. Topics for thematic discussions and coordination; GPCG to provide topics for enhanced coordination.**

- The suggested topics included TS, Community based REDD+ 'facility', Multiple Benefits (MB) and Safeguards (especially since the policy brief on MB has been published and the one on safeguards will shortly be released).

### **6. AOB.**

- UNEP shared the news received during the call of Norway's allocation of USD 35 million to the Trust Fund.
- UNDP updated the group on an 'Information UN-REDD day' which is suggested to take place in Geneva on 8 Feb. 2013, taking the opportunity of staff travelling for the UNDP retreat. Different thematic topics will be covered with external REDD+ related experts participating.
- For the above event, UNEP to confirm availability of Geneva based staff of UNEP's Finance Initiative.
- Secretariat suggested inviting external speakers to the thematic discussions/calls of this group.

The next SNA (Global Programme) Coordination concall will be held on Tuesday, 8 January 2013, 14.30 CET.