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Safeguards Coordination Group
Support to National REDD+ Action / Global Programme
4 December 2014, 4 PM CET

ATTENDANCE:

FAO: Caroline DeVit and Kristin Devalue
UNDP: Kim Todd
UNEP: Lera Miles, Daniela Carrion and Amor Torre-Marin and
Safeguards Coordinator Steve Swan
Secretariat: Thais Linhares Juvenal and Mirey Atallah (support: Helena Eriksson)

1. Approval of draft agenda

The draft agenda was approved with a change of order, starting with the global level items.

2. GLOBAL

a) Suggested Global Workshop, May 2015, Thailand (See e-mail with concept note from Lera, 28 Nov)

Pros and cons of a global safeguards workshop were discussed. The safeguards work has reached a level of obtained results and lessons learned across regions are being noted and collected. This calls for a global level workshop. At the same time comments at the latest PB meeting call for reduced frequency of workshops. Back to back with KM workshop in Bangkok in May was discussed or in the margins of PB14 in Washington DC in May 2015. The Coordinator suggested that it might make for clear messaging to countries and a more coherent workshop to uncouple safeguards from multiple benefits/spatial planning in any global or regional event. Although clear linkages between these two Outputs under the existing Outcome 5 are acknowledged, a more focused workshop on the country approach to safeguards might be more productive, and multiple benefits/spatial planning might benefit from being framed under NS/Aps in separate event(s).

➤ It was agreed to reflect on whether to have a global workshop and bring up the item again.

b) Safeguards review – timeline, scope and any clarifications on ToR (See e-mail from Steve, 1 Dec and last version of ToR)

The ToR is now considered cleared with the latest comments reflected. The SCG to provide the SG Coordinator with informants' contact details. The draft will be a key document for the SCG planning meeting in Jan 2015.

c) Planning for SCG Meeting, January 2015

Dates and location of the SCG meeting were discussed taken the timing of the retreats of UNEP and UNDP and the UN-REDD mini-retreat in the same month - January. The dates 27-28 January, directly after the mini-retreat, seem most appropriate and doable for the SCG members. SCG members to confirm their availability and that Geneva works for all.

d) COP20 – safeguards, any specific contents or alerts related to the Lima meeting

The SG Coordinator gave an update on the presentation of Meridian's safeguards paper at the side-event. It was a well-attended event and the paper ("REDD+ safeguards: Practical considerations for developing a summary of information") seemed to have been well received, as communicated by other co-authors.

e) Status/next steps for UN-REDD Programme Strategy 2016-2020 (see email from Helena on 4 Dec)

The Secretariat summarized the steps of the Strategy Framework document compilation as also communicated by email. UNEP is taking on the responsibility to put together the first draft on safeguards and additional benefits. How additional (multiple) benefits relates to safeguards was

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briefly discussed. Secretariat will come back to UNEP on the query on the reasoning to having these areas split in the document while treated currently as one work area by the Programme.

3. AFRICA

a) DRC - Targeted support request received.

Some initial comments by the Group on the request were raised, especially to the linkages with WWF's work. To be further discussed.

b) Chad - Targeted support proposal.

FAO summarised Chad's interest in support on safeguards and made reference to the message sent to the group on the potential TS request. SCG to come back with comments in writing.

3. ASIA & Pacific

No highlights were mentioned.

4. LAC

Ecuador TS request (proposed item by UNDP). UNDP has agreed to financially support the items listed in the request, UNEP has sent suggested items to be included if country would like to ¹. The extension of a SIS consultant with FAO support was highlighted. The country will send a follow up message on the consultancy extension and cost to be included in the total amount approved.

The next SGC call will take place on 19 December 2015.

¹ No official demand has been communicated by the country for these items (?)