

Proposal for UN-REDD governance arrangements 2016-2020

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Rationale for governance reform

The current UN-REDD Programme (2009-2015) only allows allocation of new funds up to 31st December 2015. To receive new funding and make new allocations, the UN-REDD Programme requires the following:

- a new **strategic framework** (2016-2020), setting the Theory of Change, priorities and key approaches;
- a set of **governance arrangements**, revised and tailored to the new strategic framework, and
- A new **agreement** between the donors and the MPTF, on the basis of the two above elements and an MoU between MPTF and the UN-REDD agencies.

Recap of key steps to date

- ✓ Review of the Policy Board (2013) and external evaluation of UN-REDD (2014);
- ✓ Lessons learnt in 2011-2015, including feedback from UN-REDD stakeholders;
- ✓ Consultation with Policy Board members (on the basis of a paper circulated on 13th March 2015);
- ✓ Discussions during a UN-REDD governance expert meeting (held in Geneva, 24th April 2015);
- ✓ General considerations of institutional design and reform, including best practices, and guidance from the UN Development Group (UNDG) and the MPTF (which is the UN-REDD administrative agent)

Recap key proposals circulated on 13 March

Key elements proposed:

- Policy Board, Executive Board and National Steering Committees with complementary functions
- Two separate funding facilities with two separate Executive Boards
- Multi-stakeholder participation on Policy Board and National Steering Committee only

Feedback on proposal of 13 March

- Strong support to split strategic and operational functions
- Strong support to Executive Board
- Two facilities with two executive board considered burdensome
- Clarification needed on separation between readiness and implementation
- Clarification of roles of National Steering Committees
- Composition of different bodies and request to keep CSO/IP part of allocation decisions

Revised proposed governance arrangement

- A broad **Policy Board**, focusing on strategic functions (monitoring progress towards the Programme's strategic framework), with roles in international coordination/dialogue and knowledge-management;
- One small **Executive Board**, to improve efficiency of operational decisions;
- Multi-stakeholder **national steering committees**, systematically created for every national programme, to guide and oversee implementation at the national level.

Participation of each of the core stakeholders of the UN-REDD Programme is envisaged in all 3 levels of governance. The following table below outlines the key features of the proposed governance arrangement.

Overview of Governance Arrangement

Policy Board

Function: strategic guidance

Composition: multi-stakeholder (same as now)

Meeting: 1/year



Executive Board

Function: allocation of funds

Composition: multi-stakeholder (small group)

Meeting: As needed (virtually/face-to-face)



National Steering Committee

Function: country workplan and budget

Composition: multi-stakeholder

Meeting: As needed (as per country priorities)

At a glance

	National Steering Committees	Executive Board	Policy Board
Key Role	Programme implementation National priorities	Fund Allocation Programme Operation	Strategic guidance Knowledge exchange
Function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work plans and budgets • Reports • Evaluations • Revisions • Technical guidance <p><i>Earmarked funds:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget allocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results framework • Consolidated report • Oversight • Eligibility and prioritization of countries • Budgets at outcome level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend issues • Review progress and consistency • Exchange lessons • Collaboration with other initiatives • Discuss developments
Composition	<p>At least one representative from each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government • CSO (self-selected) • Indigenous Peoples (self-selected) • UN country representative • UN-REDD lead advisor <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donors may participate • Other stakeholders may be invited 	<p>Representatives from all constituencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner Countries • UN agencies • Donors • CSO and IPs 	<p>As per current PB composition</p>
Size	As needed	Small and executive	Broad
Meetings	As needed	As needed	Once a year
Facilitation	PMU and UN country office	UN-REDD Secretariat	UN-REDD Secretariat

Feedback from Information Session

- Discussion on the functions of Policy Board and Executive Board, especially regarding approval of eligibility criteria and results framework
- Clarification on the linkages and information flow between Policy Board, Executive Board and National Steering Committees
- Clarification on the role of National Steering Committees with a request to emphasize their country-specific nature and respect for national circumstances
- Welcome multistakeholder composition of Executive Board and importance of determining specific composition highlighted

Next steps: road map

- Policy Board 14 to consider key elements of proposed new governance structure
- A revised information paper will be circulated by the Secretariat no later than 15 June 2015, on which Policy Board members will have one month to provide comments
- Comments received will be taken into account in the governance arrangements underpinning the Memorandum of Understanding between the UN agencies and the Standard Administrative Agreement between donors and the Multi-Partner Trust Fund.

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Thank You

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