**Teleconference Notes**

**7 February, 2011**

**Attendance:**

FAO: Alberto, Denise

UNEP: Ravi, Julie, Niklas

UNDP: Nina, Estelle, Asako, Gaya

Secretariat: Clea, Cheryl, John, Reem, Onye, Linda

1. **UNDP updates**

The third and final regional FPIC workshop was held last week in Arusha, Tanzania. Approximately 60 persons participated in the workshop including IPs, local communities, Government reps and hunters gatherers. The FPIC guidelines are now being finalized and will be ready in approximately 3 weeks.

The guidelines will be mainstreamed into the UN-REDD work such as the NP monitoring.

UNDP participated on a high level event at UNFF9 along with FAO (Eduardo Rojas), Administrator Helen Clark emphasized the role of safeguards.

TimC had a fruitful visit in the UN-REDD Secretariat in Geneva. The Secretariat encouraged Ravi and Alberto also to come for a visit to the Secretariat.

1. **UNEP updates**

A UNEP UN-REDD retreat was held last week of January bringing together regionally based UNEP UN-REDD staff. During the retreat the team reflected on past performance and how lessons learned could be drawn and implemented in the new Global Programme as well as delivery to National Programmes. Thomas Enters is writing a report.

UNEP is also preparing a flurry of forest related communication material (books, audio visual material) in relation to the International Year of Forest that will be launched during the UNEP Governing Council. The focus is on forest role in green economy and sustainable development. A side event on this topic will also be held.

World Environment Day this year will be in India and material is being prepared focusing on how media can support forests.

1. **FAO updates**

A meeting with GEO is on-going in Rome. FAO is collaborating with GEO to have open and frequent satellite images for REDD+ countries. So-called “national demonstrators” of a GEO led initiative from 10 countries are presenting their work on RS. Also representatives of another ten countries are attending the meeting. FAO is also meeting with Google Earth Engine representatives.

A pilot course will be organized in Rome the first week of March to train executives on MRV&M . UN-REDD team members are welcomed to participate.

A MoU between FAO and Coalition of Rainforest Nation has been signed to establish a broad level of collaboration between the two signees focused on capacity building on REDD+.

1. **Secretariat updates:**
	1. **Policy Board**

The final provisional agenda has been circulated internally and is also available on the workspace. Invitation letters will be sent out shortly. The Secretariat is working closely with the FCPF, host country and regional and country teams to coordinate preparations. We are still waiting to hear back from the host county regarding a number of logistical arrangements and requested a call to clarify these details, but have not heard back from them. In any event we have a contingency plan for venue, interpretation and accommodation in conjunction with the FCPF. A call is scheduled for tomorrow with regional team staff members to discuss coordination.

The time slot for the advisor group was debated. Concern was raised that the country portion of the agenda be granted more time than the IAG presentation. A comment made highlighted that the IAG plays a key advisory role to the Board and should be given this opportunity. Also part of the discussion was related to the placement of the item on criteria for funding for new NPs and that it might confuse people if it did not come after the requests for funding allocations. It was agreed that the Secretariat would take that into consideration and adjust the agenda accordingly.

* 1. **National Programmes**

Independent reviewers are being identified for Nigeria and Ecuador. Agencies were asked to suggest reviews. Ideally the reviewers would be part of the FCPF roster. However, external reviewers can also be added to the roster.

Working Group on criteria for funding of new NP has developed a draft document. Inputs were received last week from the WG and a final draft will be circulated and sent out by the end of business today.

A mission to Paraguay is taking place this week to complete the road map and to finalize the Programme Document. Paraguay has made a remark that the 6 months countdown to the signature of the National Programme should start only when the final Policy Board report was sent out and not from the day of the Policy Board. The Secretariat has responded that the countdown starts from date of approval.

Also a mission to Panama has taken place last week to discussing how to move forward with the NP and regarding the nomination of a new focal point.

A call with PNG and the agencies, and another call between the agencies were held to follow up on the Board decision and to clarify the process. The suggestion from PNG is for the agencies to internally agree on the budget and clarify how the agencies can deliver the programme. This week FAO and UNDP will discuss the budget, and even though UNEP would not participate on implementation, they will review the document.

* 1. **Global Programme**

The Global Programme Framework Document is being elaborated in consultation with the agencies. Last week a CG teleconference call was held, issues on how to move forward was decided:

* + the overall framework figure was adjusted
	+ expecting inputs from agencies today Monday 7 Feb for comments on GP Framework Document,
	+ another dead line for tomorrow Tuesday 8 Feb for feedback on assumptions that the funding framework is based on

Agencies agreed to provide their initial outputs and budget proposals, in order to form an overview for CG discussion on how the entire Global Programme funding framework is folding. Another teleconference call is scheduled for Wednesday to continue discussions.

The annual progress report from the MDTF Office will also be sent out this week for agency feedback.

* 1. **Communications and Events**

The 2010 Year in Review is coming along well. Over 20 people have downloading and uploaded feedback. The Secretariat is now addressing the comments. A quick final review will be made by the Communication Group and then the document will go to translation end of this week.

February newsletter is being prepared and the dead line for contributions is next Monday 14 Feb.

2011 communications and event plan is being consolidated this week.