



# Provisional Annotated Agenda

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UN-REDD PROGRAMME ELEVENTH  
POLICY BOARD MEETING

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8-10 December 2013  
Geneva, Switzerland

## Annotations for the Eleventh Policy Board Meeting (PB 11) Agenda

All meeting documents can be downloaded from the [UN-REDD Workspace](#) and the [PB webpage](#)

Sunday, 8 December

### Pre Policy Board Information and Knowledge Sharing Sessions

#### 1. Sharing national experiences in strengthening transparency, accountability and integrity for REDD+ (75 mins)

**Context:** Drawing from the experience gathered in the context of the UN-REDD Programme through targeted support and national programmes, the session will bring together representatives of UN-REDD Programme partner countries (Kenya, Nepal and DRC) in order to generate a better understanding of the linkages between REDD+ readiness and implementation and good governance.

**Background documents:** (1) [A corruption Risk Assessment for REDD+ in Kenya. 2013. Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources & UN-REDD Programme](#); and (2) [Sharing National Experiences in Strengthening Transparency, Accountability and Integrity for REDD+. 2013. UN-REDD Programme](#)

**Expected PB action:** For information

#### 2. Support to the development of national approaches to safeguards (75 mins)

**Context:** The session reports on progress on the development of the Programmes conceptual framework for supporting the development of country approaches to safeguards with a focus on two tools to support countries to apply this framework: (1) a decision support tool to map priority needs, identify relevant tools and guidance and improve coordination across related initiatives; and (2) a revised benefits and risks tool intended to help national actors to understand how the Policies, Laws and Regulations (PLRs) already in place relate to the Cancun safeguards and to identify gaps in the PLR coverage of the safeguards, as well as measures to address those gaps.

**Background documents:** [UN-REDD framework for supporting the development of country approaches to safeguards](#); brief concept notes explaining each tool.

**Expected PB action:** For information.

#### 3. Stakeholder Engagement: Proposed approaches for addressing grievances related to REDD+ (75 mins)

**Context:** The introduction of REDD+ in participating countries is likely to influence the dynamics of conflicts over forest resources, and on land, oil, gas, minerals and other valuable resources in forested areas. This session will present both the proposed UN-REDD Programme approach to

(1) addressing grievances related to Programme activities; and (2) supporting countries to strengthen and establish national-level grievance mechanisms to address REDD+ related grievances and conflicts.

**Background documents:**

[Guidance Note on Grievance Mechanisms](#) (Draft)

[Cambodia - REDD+ Grievance Mechanism - Assessment Report](#) (Final)

[Cambodia Grievance Mission Presentation](#)

[Suriname - REDD+ Grievance Mechanism - Assessment Report](#) (Draft)

[Honduras - REDD+ Grievance Mechanism - Assessment Report](#) (Draft Outline)

**Expected PB action:** For information

**4. Introduction of new technical areas and overview of the proposed SNA workplan and budget revision 2014 (45 mins)**

**Context:** The Secretariat will introduce the SNA workplan and budget revision 2014.

**Background documents:** SNA workplan and budget 2014 revision document and submission form

**Expected PB action:** For information

**5. Private Sector Engagement (45 min)**

**Context:** This will be a knowledge sharing session on the relevance of developing critical information and knowledge on REDD+ risks and opportunities that can improve private sector decision making on REDD+ and catalyze transformational change; of supporting frameworks and enabling conditions required to effectively engage the private sector; and mobilization of private capital along productive supply chains by improving the risk-return profiles of key REDD+ related activities as well as developing investment instruments that allow investors to reduce the 'forest footprint' of their investments.

**Background documents:** The Role of the Private Sector in REDD+: The Case for Engagement and Options for Intervention ([English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#))

**Expected PB action:** For information

**6. REDD+ Academy (45min)**

**Context:** It is evident that there is a need for a REDD+ capacity development initiative which can match the scale of this global challenge and enable systematic, focused capacity development to deliver REDD+ on the ground. In fact, Parties to the UNFCCC have requested that information on REDD be better coordinated in order to address the wide range of tools and information available. To address these issues, an innovative capacity development initiative, the REDD+ Academy, is being developed. The 'REDD+ Academy' will be established to provide a strong framework for national level capacity building in which the needs of participants are tied to the delivery of on-the-ground REDD+ readiness activities through a long-term and sustainable learning experience. The REDD+ Academy would address the key issues mentioned above in a systematic, coordinated approach to build REDD+ capacity with a focus on the national and regional level. This information session will provide an introduction to the REDD+ Academy and

the process for further development as well as discussion about the importance of improving capacity development in countries.

**Background documents:**

**Expected PB action:** For information

## Monday, 9 December

### Session 1a - Welcome and introduction by Co-Chairs

**Context:** The 2013 Policy Board Co-chairs on behalf of Board members will open the meeting with introductory remarks and welcome participants and observers.

**Background documents:** n/a

**Expected PB action:** For information

### Session 1b – Review and approval of the agenda

**Context:** The Co-chairs will review the sessions of the agenda, covering Co-chair roles and responsibilities and conduct during the meeting, and move to request approval from the Policy Board members.

**Background documents:** Draft Agenda and Annotated Agenda ([UNREDD/PB11/2013/I/1b/Rev.1](#))

**Expected PB action:** Approval of the agenda for the Eleventh PB (with possible amendments)

### Session 2a - Overview of progress and results since the Tenth Policy Board (25 min)

**Context:** The Secretariat will provide an overview presentation highlighting progress and results since the last meeting.

**Background documents:** n/a

**Expected PB action:** For information only

### Session 2b - Semi Annual Update 2013 of the UN-REDD Programme (30min)

**Context:** The UN-REDD Programme Semi-annual update 2013 will be presented for review and discussion.

**Background documents:** Semi-Annual 2013 Progress Update on Achievements under the UN-REDD Programme Fund with annexes ([UNREDD/PB11/2013/II/2b + annexes](#))

**Expected PB action:** To endorse and take note as appropriate of the items presented in 2b and 2c.

### Session 2c – Financial status of the UN-REDD Programme Fund (30min)

**Context:** The financial status of the UN-REDD Programme Fund as of November 2013 will be presented by the MPTF Office.

**Background documents:** Funding Framework ([UNREDD/PB11/2013/II/2c](#))

**Expected PB action:** To endorse and take note as appropriate of the items presented in 2b and 2c.

### Session 2d – Report back from information and knowledge sharing sessions (30min)

**Context:** A summary of the main outcomes arising from the information and knowledge sharing sessions will be presented:

- Sharing national experiences in strengthening transparency, accountability and integrity for REDD+
- Support to the development of national approaches to safeguards
- Stakeholder Engagement: Proposed approaches for addressing grievance related to grievance
- Private sector engagement
- REDD+ Academy

Feedback from the proposed SNA workplan and budget information session will be addressed under session 3a.

**Background documents:** n/a

**Expected PB action:** For information only.

### **Session 2e – Support to national management of REDD+ funds (45 min)**

**Context:** The session aims at: (i) exploring and identifying the skill-sets and expertise that were deployed by the UN-REDD Programme in support for the establishment of the DRC national fund and in order to provide the technical and quality assurance services to secure compliance with international standards and set the foundations for a transition to nationally managed fund; (ii) to enabling the sharing of experience among countries covering issues such as trade-offs between national ownership and donor expectations; the type of and sequencing of quality assurance and technical assistance services; organization at a national level for institutional anchoring of fund management and technical oversight.

**Background documents:**

**Expected PB action:** For information only.

### **Session 2f – Tenure and REDD+ (30min)**

**Context:** Responding to previous requests by the Policy Board, this session will present an update on tenure issues in the context of REDD+.

**Background documents:** [Tenure and REDD+ Policy Brief](#)

**Expected PB action:** For information only.

### **Session 3a – SNA workplan and budget revision 2014 (1hr)**

**Context:** This session comprises a presentation of the SNA workplan and budget 2014 and will request an approval by decision of the PB.

**Background documents:** SNA Workplan and Budget Revision 2014 Document ([UNREDD/PB11/2013/III/3a + annex](#)) and Submission Form ([UNREDD/PB11/2013/III/3b](#)), including background and updated workplan and budget for 2014 addressing new areas and expanded activities.

**Expected PB action:** Consideration of the revision of the 2014 workplan and budget.

**Session 4a – Sharing experiences from implementation: Country perspectives from implementation (2.5hrs)**

**Context:** The basic principle of country-peer assist: bringing together a group of peers to elicit feedback on a problem, project, or activity, and draw lessons from tangible knowledge and experience<sup>1</sup>. As additional countries reach a mature stage in the implementation of their National Programmes (NP), the purpose of this session is to capitalize on this knowledge and share experience, from a country perspective, with the other participating countries. The session will build on five evaluations: (i) the Programme evaluation (currently underway); (ii) the mid-term reviews for Cambodia and the Zambia; and (iii) the final evaluations for Indonesia and Tanzania.

**Background documents:** Documents will be posted as soon as available

**Expected PB action:** To respond to the discussions of the session and endorse the recommendations from the draft final independent evaluations of the Indonesia and Tanzania NPs.

**Tuesday, 10 December****Session 5a & 5b – National Programmes: Bangladesh, Argentina and Côte d'Ivoire (2hrs)**

**Context:** Argentina, Bangladesh and Cote d'Ivoire were invited in August 2013 through an intersessional decision of the PB to submit their NPs at PB 11 or PB 12. This session entails the presentation of progress to date, the elements of the NPs and the foreseen envelope and initiation dates. Bangladesh will formally request the approval of their National Programme and fund allocation through PB decision. Argentina and Cote d'Ivoire will present an update on the development of their R-PPs, including indicative fund allocation, with commentary from Ecuador and DRC.

**Background documents:** Bangladesh R-PP; [Submission form](#); Validation meeting minutes. Cote d'Ivoire and Argentina draft R-PPs.

**Expected PB action:** To assess Bangladesh's R-PP and consider its fund allocation request; to take note of the update and budget envelopes of Argentina and Cote d'Ivoire's NPs.

**Session 5c – Panama (1 hr)**

**Context:** Following the independent investigation and mid-term evaluation of the UN-REDD Programme in Panama undertaken earlier in 2013, the session will present an update on the redrafting of the National Programme and next steps (to be further defined following the outcome of the COONAPIP's General Assembly in late November).

**Background documents:** As per the request of the Government of Panama, documents for this session will be provided subsequent to COONAPIP's General Assembly in late November.

**Expected PB action:** The expected PB action will be confirmed following the outcome of the COONAPIP General Assembly.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on [www.kstoolkit.org](http://www.kstoolkit.org)

**Session 6a – Update on the Review of the Policy Board Structure (1hr)**

**Context:** Following the decision taken at PB10, there will be an update on the response to the issues raised by the Review of the Policy Board.

**Background documents:**

**Expected PB action:** To consider the update/response to the Review.

**Session 7a – Update on the Programme Evaluation (45min)**

**Context:** The Evaluation Team will present an update on the status of the Programme Evaluation.

**Background documents:** [Draft inception report](#)

**Expected PB action:** For information and any feedback.

**Session 8 – Update and progress of the FCPF since the 15<sup>th</sup> Participants Committee meeting (15 min)**

**Context:** Traditionally the FCPF provides an update to the Policy Board. The FCPF will inform the Board on the key decisions taken at PC 15<sup>th</sup> in June 2013, and the agenda planned for the 16<sup>th</sup> PC meeting taking place after the Policy Board meeting.

**Background documents:** n/a

**Expected PB action:** For information only

**Session 9a – Next Policy Board meeting (15min)**

**Context:** The Co-chairs will present a proposal on the location and dates of the next meeting.

**Background documents:** n/a

**Expected PB action:** To endorse the proposal of the Co-Chairs.

**Session 9b – Decisions and conclusions (45min)**

**Context:** The Co-chairs will review the decisions and conclusions of the Policy Board meeting in consultation with members for their feedback and approval on the substantive content only.

**Background documents:** n/a

**Expected PB action:** Consideration of the decisions as summarized by the Co-Chairs

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