



Annotations to the Draft Provisional Agenda

UN-REDD PROGRAMME TWELFTH
POLICY BOARD MEETING

7-9 July 2014

Lima, Peru

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Monday, 7 July

Pre-Policy Board Information and Knowledge Sharing Sessions

1. SNA Work Plan and Budget 2015 (1.5hrs)

Context: The Secretariat will introduce the Work Plan and Budget Revision 2015 for the UN-REDD Programme's Support to National REDD+ Action: Global Programme Framework 2011-2015 (SNA), highlighting its main components, objectives and how Policy Board inputs have been considered. The session aims at providing clarifications for Policy Board members and observers on the proposed work plan and budget in preparation for the Policy Board meeting.

Background documents: SNA Work Plan and Budget Revision 2015 document including response matrix related to Policy Board priorities (UNREDD/PB12/2014/VI/6a)

2. Implications of the Warsaw UNFCCC COP19 decisions for the UN-REDD Programme (45min)

Context: In response to the request from the Policy Board at PB11, the Secretariat and FAO will present the relevant decisions for REDD+ adopted by the UNFCCC COP at its nineteenth session in Warsaw in 2013. The presentation will focus on the 'Warsaw Framework for REDD+', together with earlier COP decisions, and its implications for the work of the UN-REDD Programme.

Background documents: N/a

3. National REDD+ Strategies (1hr 30min)

Panel members: Sri Lanka, the Zambia

Context: Flowing from the previous session on the Warsaw framework, drawing on lessons learned from existing National Programmes and aiming to bring in experiences from partner countries that have taken different paths in implementing REDD+, the session aims at answering one critical question: "Have REDD+ strategies been conducive to results-based payments: lessons learned and good practices". The session will take place in the shape of a panel with each country introducing their thinking and their approach to grounding REDD+ in broader development processes.

Background documents: N/a

4. Social Inclusion for REDD in Latin America' by the Mesoamerican Alliance of Peoples and Forests (AMPB) (30min)

5. Update on the Secretary-General's Climate Summit (30min)

Context: UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is convening world leaders for a Climate Summit in New York on 23 September 2014. The Summit will serve as a public platform for leaders at the highest level to: i) Catalyze ambitious action on the ground to reduce emissions and strengthen climate resilience; and ii) Mobilize political will for an ambitious global legal agreement by 2015 that limits the world to a less than 2-degree Celsius rise in global temperature. The Summit will discuss several topics: Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, Agriculture, Transportation, Cities, Short-Lived Climate Pollutants, Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Finance, and Economic Driver, as well as Forests. The UN-REDD agencies, together with the World Bank, are driving forward work on the Forests action area. This session will focus primarily on the opportunities for REDD+ countries to participate.

Background documents:

- For more information about the Climate Summit, see:
<http://www.un.org/climatechange/summit/>
- For more information about the action areas, including the Forests action area:
www.un.org/climatechange/summit/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2014/05/ASC_Brochure_13-May-2014_latest.pdf

6. REDD+ beyond 2015 (1hr 45min)

Context: As a preliminary step in the preparation of a new UN-REDD Programme strategy, a panel of experts will be invited to offer their perspective on lessons learned through REDD+ since 2007-2008 and visions for the future of REDD+. The contributions by the panelists will address the opportunities and potential for enhanced efforts to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

Background documents: Information Note on Roadmap for Development of the UN-REDD Programme 2016-2020 Strategy ([English](#), [Español](#), [Français](#))

6. Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) panel on Status of Forest Carbon Rights and Implications for Communities, the Carbon Trade, and REDD+ Investments (1hr)

Context: This panel will review the findings of new research on the status of carbon rights, as well as the status of legal frameworks to trade carbon, in 23 low and middle income countries, representing 66 percent of the total forest area in set of countries. The research was conducted by over 50 national legal experts in these 23 countries and coordinated by RRI and the Ateneo de Manila School of Government. Study authors will briefly present the findings and then open the floor for a facilitated discussion of the findings and the implications for future efforts by UN-REDD and other REDD+ initiatives.

Background documents:

- RRI – Ateneo de Manila University Publication: Status of Forest Carbon Rights and Implications for Communities, the Carbon Trade, and REDD+ Investments ([English](#), [Español](#), [Français](#))
- RRI Publication: What Future Reform: Progress and Slowdown in Forest Tenure Reform Since 2002 ([English](#), [Español](#), [Français](#))

7. Strengthening inclusive governance of the REDD+ mechanism: Experiences from Peru (1hr)

Context: The information session will be oriented towards analyzing the results obtained and lessons learned from the project's implementation during the period July 2012 - March 2014 in Peru. The session's structure will facilitate interaction between several panelists representing the project's main stakeholders, including the Ministry of Environment and the two national-level Indigenous Organizations: Interethnic Association for the Development of the Peruvian Amazon (AIDESEP) and Council of Peruvian Indigenous Nationalities (CONAP). Each of these actors will be called upon to reflect on their role in the project's implementation, their viewpoints regarding the results achieved, as well as suggested next steps that could orient the UN-REDD Programmes technical support in the future.

Background documents: N/a

Tuesday, 8 July

Session 1a - Welcome and introduction by Co-Chairs (15min)

Context: The 2014 Policy Board Co-chairs will open the meeting, welcome participants and observers and present their introductory remarks.

Background documents: N/a

Expected PB action: For information

Session 1b – Opening remarks by the UN Resident Coordinator, Ms. Rebeca Arias (15min)

Session 1c – Opening speech by the Minister of Environment of Peru, H.E. Mr. Manuel Pulgar-Vidal (15min)

Session 1d – Review and approval of the agenda (15min)

Context: Presentation of the agenda by the Co-chairs for approval of the Policy Board. The Co-Chairs will also remind the Board of their roles and responsibilities as well as of rules of conduct during the meeting.

Background documents: Draft Provisional Agenda and Annotations to the Draft Provisional Agenda (UNREDD/PB12/2014/I/1d/Rev.1)

Expected PB action: Approval of the agenda for the Twelfth Policy Board

Session 2a - Overview of progress and results (40min)

Context: The Secretariat will provide an overview presentation highlighting progress and results since the Eleventh Policy Board meeting.

Background documents: N/a

Expected PB action: For information

Session 2b - Financial status of the UN-REDD Programme Fund (15min)

Context: The financial status of the UN-REDD Programme Fund as of 31 May 2014 will be presented by the MPTF Office.

Background documents: UN-REDD Programme Funding Framework (UNREDD/PB12/2014/II/2b)

Expected PB action: To take note of the updated Funding Framework of the UN-REDD Programme presented by the Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) Office.

Session 2c - 2013 Annual Report of the UN-REDD Programme (45min)

Context: The UN-REDD Programme 2013 Annual Report will be presented for approval.

Background documents: 2013 Annual Report of the UN-REDD Programme Fund with annexes (UNREDD/PB12/2014/II/2c and Annexes)

Expected PB action: To approve the UN-REDD Programme 2013 Annual Report.

Session 2d- Update and progress of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) since the 16th Participants Committee (PC) meeting (15 min)

Context: The Forest Carbon Partnership Facility and the Carbon Fund will provide an update to inform the Policy Board of the key decisions taken at PC 16th in December 2013, and provide a general summary of discussions held during 17th PC just preceding the Policy Board's Twelfth meeting.

Background documents: N/a

Expected PB action: For information only.

Session 2e - 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:

- SNA Work Plan and Budget 2015
- Implications of the Warsaw UNFCCC COP19 decisions for the UN-REDD Programme
- National REDD+ Strategies
- Update on the Secretary General's Climate Summit
- REDD+ beyond 2015
- Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) presentation

Background documents: n/a

Expected PB action: For information only.

Session 3a – Programme Evaluation (Part 1) (1hr)

Context: This session on the Programme Evaluation is split into two parts. The report of the Programme Evaluation (2013-14) will be presented during day 1 by the Evaluation Team leader. The UN-REDD Programme Management Group will then present the draft Management Response to the recommendations directed at the participating UN Organizations. The Policy Board Co-Chairs will subsequently invite the Policy Board to convene a working group with a view to consider the response to the recommendations directed at the Policy Board, and to report back during Session 8 on day 2, when a Policy Board Management Response should be presented for approval.

Background documents: Final Evaluation report and Agencies draft management response

Expected PB action: For information

Session 4a – Update on development of new National Programmes (1hr)

Context: In its inter-sessional decision 23, the Policy Board invited Mongolia, Honduras and Uganda to present National Programmes by PB13. While Mongolia will present its REDD+ readiness roadmap and financial allocation for approval by the PB (see session 6a), Honduras and Uganda will present the status of REDD+ implementation so far and plans for submission. The session will be an opportunity to discuss the pipelining approach and to review the process for the invitation of new countries in view of the addition of 8 new partner countries since the last

ranking was undertaken. The Secretariat will provide an overview of the existing process and a proposal for the constitution of a new pipeline for consideration by the PB.

Background documents:

- (i) Policy Board Inter-sessional Decision 23;
- (ii) Updated document on Criteria to Prioritize countries for new National Programmes;
- (iii) Discussion paper on proposed approaches to pipelining.

Expected PB action:

- (i) To take note of the proposed timeline and intention of Honduras and Uganda.
- (ii) To take a decision regarding the approach to the National Programmes pipeline.

Session 4b – Introduction to the performance dashboard for National Programmes (1hr)

Context: As the portfolio of National Programmes has grown steadily since the initiation of the UN-REDD Programme and the first 9 pilot countries, the Policy Board has incrementally requested the Secretariat to provide the Board with an analytical basis for assessing progress of National Programmes. Following the initial presentation of bottlenecks provided at PB11, and in view of the growing and maturing National Programme portfolio, this session is intended to present Board members with a proposed dashboard providing quantitative and qualitative data relative to the National Programmes in order to enable portfolio oversight and a more holistic assessment of progress. This session also includes a discussion presentation by Ecuador on “constraints, complexities and opportunities” in implementing REDD+.

Background documents: Discussion paper on dashboard

Expected PB action: For information.

Session 5a – Country Specific Support under the SNA (45 min)

Context: The provision of country specific support under the “Support to National REDD+ Action – Global Programme Framework 20112015” has continuously increased and has become an important tool for more tailored and timely delivery of support by the UN-REDD Programme. The presentation aims at providing an updated status of delivery of backstopping and targeted support and clarify options available for country specific support under the SNA, namely backstopping, targeted support and country needs assessment.

Background document: N/A

Expected PB action: For information.

Session 5b – Update on the REDD+ Academy (45 min)

Context: The Policy Board, at its eleventh meeting, approved the activities to undertake a large-scale, systematic capacity building effort by the UN-REDD Programme, tentatively titled 'REDD+ Academy', and requested a progress update to be provided at the twelfth Policy Board meeting. To date, the development of the REDD+ Academy has made significant progress. One-day Design Workshops have been held for the Asia-Pacific region (on 7 May 2014), for Africa (on 13 May 2014), for Latin America and Caribbean (on 29 May 2014) with the participation of 38 UN-REDD partner countries and CSO and Indigenous peoples representatives. The workshops generated

positive and constructive input on the scope, objectives, curriculum and design of the REDD+ Academy. Indonesia (for Asia-Pacific) and Nigeria (for Africa) offered to host the first sessions of the regional REDD+ Academy in 2014 and 2015.

Background document: [Report from three regional design workshops](#).

Expected PB action: For information.

Wednesday, 9 July**Session 5c – Update on Support to Community-Based REDD+ (30 min)**

Context: At the tenth UN-REDD Programme Policy Board meeting, in June 2013, in Lombok Indonesia, an allocation of US\$4 million from the Government of Norway was approved for support to Community-Based REDD+ (CBR+). CBR+ will deliver grants directly to indigenous peoples and local communities to empower them to fully engage in the design, implementation and monitoring of REDD+ readiness activities, and develop experiences, lessons, and recommendations at the local level that can feed into national REDD+ processes. CBR+ is being delivered in partnership with the UNDP-GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP), and grants will be disbursed using SGP's tried-and-tested, decentralized grant delivery mechanism. This session will provide an update on the current status of CBR+ and the progress being made in each of the pilot countries.

Background document: Guidance Note on Support to Community-Based REDD+

Expected PB action: For information.

Session 6a – SNA Work Plan and Budget 2015 (1hr)

Context: In order to ensure continuity of delivery of support by the UN-REDD Programme from the first day of January 2015, the fifth revision of the SNA work plan and budget will be presented to the Policy Board for approval. The Secretariat will make a presentation on the proposed revision of the Work Plan and Budget for 2015, providing details on its main components and on the strategic approach adopted, increasingly focused on strengthened capacity to backstop national programmes and targeted support. The work plan and budget priorities received from the Policy Board and how these have been addressed will be summarized.

Background documents: SNA Work Plan and Budget Revision 2015 (UNREDD/PB12/2014/VI/6a and annex), including response matrix of Policy Board work plan and budget priorities, and Submission Form.

Expected PB action: Consideration and approval of the SNA work plan and budget revision 2015 and associated fund allocation.

Session 6b – Presentation of National Programmes (2hrs 15min)

Context: Argentina, Cote d'Ivoire and Mongolia were invited through inter-sessional decision 23 to submit their National Programmes. This session entails the presentation of R-PPs, the key elements to be supported by the UN-REDD Programme through National Programmes and the foreseen envelope and initiation dates. In the case of Argentina and Cote d'Ivoire, the presentations will also aim to address recommendations from PB11. These three countries will formally request the approval of their National Programme and fund allocation through Policy Board decision. The Secretariat will present a succinct overview of the independent reviews.

Background documents: Argentina, Cote d'Ivoire and Mongolia R-PP; Submission form; Validation meeting minutes; Executive summaries and annexes as provided.

Expected PB action: To consider and approve Argentina, Cote d'Ivoire and Mongolia's National Programme and associated fund allocation.

Session 7a – Quality assurance standards for Tier 2 (45 min)

Context: As of PB6, the Policy Board identified the need for supplementary funds to National Programmes and requested the Secretariat to develop options for the utilization of the Tier 2 mechanism. Following a process of review of Tier 2 ToR, the Policy Board, at its 9th meeting, approved the establishment of the Tier 2 mechanism, its associated ToRs and endorsed the association of the first two Tier 2 Programmes, namely Vietnam and DRC. Furthermore, PB9 requested the Secretariat to provide clarification on principles, criteria, guidelines and quality assurance procedures referred to in the Tier 2 ToR as well as on level of compliance requirements. The Secretariat will deliver an overview of quality assurance elements of relevance.

Background documents: Tier 2 Terms of Reference (PB 9 decision 16)

Document clarifying Elements of quality assurance for Tier 2

Expected PB action: To consider the proposed elements of quality assurance for Tier 2

Session 8a –Development of the Programme Strategy (45min)

Context: Given the current Programme Strategy and MOU between the three agencies expire at the end of 2015, the strategic importance of the Warsaw Framework, the gathering of lessons-learned through the external evaluation, as well as the overarching evolution of REDD+; it is an auspicious time to embark on the development of the UN-REDD Programme Strategy for the next five year period – 2016-2020. On the basis of the information session organized prior to PB12 and the information note prepared for PB12, this session will provide the opportunity to discuss the process for development of the 2016-2020 Strategy.

Background documents: Information Note on Roadmap for Development of the UN-REDD Programme 2016-2020 Strategy

Expected PB action: Take note of Information Note and provide recommendations.

Session 8b - Programme Evaluation (continued from Session 3a) (1hr)

Context: This is the second half of the session on the Programme Evaluation, where it is anticipated that a Policy Board working group convened the previous day will present a draft management response to the recommendations of the UN-REDD independent evaluation addressed to the Policy Board for approval.

Background documents: Final Evaluation report and Agencies draft management response. Policy Board draft Management Response to UN-REDD independent evaluation (report from the working group)

Expected PB action: Approval of the management response to the UN-REDD independent evaluation recommendations directed to the Policy Board.

Session 9a – Next Policy Board meeting (10min)

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

Background documents: n/a

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

Session 9b – Decisions and conclusions (35min)

Context: The Co-chairs will recap the decisions taken during the Policy Board meeting for any outstanding feedback and final approval.

Background documents: n/a

Expected PB action: Consideration and approval of the decisions taken during the Policy Board meeting as summarized by the Co-Chairs.
