

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.

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 	As per current PB composition
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

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.

Questions and feedback

1. Questions of clarification
2. Feedback on structure on key roles
3. Feedback on functions
4. Feedback on composition and size
5. Feedback on roadmap

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