Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme Decisions of meeting of 18 June 2014

Participants:

MG members and alternates

FAO: Adam Gerrand, Maria Sanz Sanchez

UNDP: Charles McNeill, Tim Clairs

UNEP: Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Thais Linhares Juvenal

Apologies: Edoardo Zandri

Others

Sharon McAuslan, Mike Speirs, Mirey Atallah

1. Approval of minutes of previous week (11 June)

a. Approved subject to any comments sent by Fri 20 June.

2. Programme Evaluation

- a. As a result of the late delivery of the final report by the Evaluation team, the MG revised the timetable for preparation of the draft MR to allow MG inputs until Tuesday 24 June, final discussion and MG clearance on Wed 25 June, and review by the SG between 25 and 30 June, in order to enable posting as an information document on 30 June. It was agreed that if in the course of preparing the draft MR, issues arise that require further resolution before PB, the fallback option is to hold the written draft back, and present the main elements of the draft MR during the PB session.
- b. Despite the delays, the MG agreed that the objective for PB12 is to reach closure on the Evaluation process, with the Agencies MR finalized after PB and circulated to the PB for information.
- c. Actions: MG to send any further feedback by Tues 24 June; Secretariat to send alert to SG to confirm final report has been received and MR is expected to be shared on 25 June.

3. Strategy Roadmap

- a. The MG cleared the draft roadmap prepared as a PB information document, subject to some minor additions to clarify that the operational and financial closure of the Programme would occur at the end of 2017 and 2018 respectively.
- b. The MG were comfortable with the internal roadmap for development of the Strategy, including an MG retreat during the week of 8 September in Geneva. It was confirmed that Meridian would provide ongoing support to the Strategy process, particularly related to the online and regional consultations, with their existing contract extended.
- c. Actions: Secretariat to continue outreach with PB members regarding the roadmap.

4. NP pipeline

- a. Given the the exhaustion of the current pipeline with the NP submissions of Honduras, Mongolia and Uganda, the MG endorsed the proposal for PB12 to agree a process to establish a new pipeline, including a process for the invitation of new countries (via submission of interest) in view of the addition of 22 new partner countries since the last ranking was undertaken. It was also noted that whilst the MG agreed that the pipelining discussion should be tabled in Lima in order to start the ball rolling (with the background paper made available in advance as a PB document), the discussion would not be pursued if the atmosphere of the meeting was deemed uncooperative.
- b. Actions: TC1 to provide feedback to Mirey following the call; Secretariat to send draft PB paper for quick MG review on Friday 20 June.

5. REDD+ Academy update

- a. UNEP confirmed the appointment of a REDD+ Academy Coordinator Levis Kavagi, who will shortly begin reaching out to the Agencies to receive inputs for the REDD+ Academy Learning Modules, including identification of technical focal points.
- b. The PB12 REDD+ Academy session will focus on an update, with several countries lined up in advance to react.
- **6. UNEA update:** not dealt with due to time pressure separate e-mail update sent by Secretariat.
- 7. Quick update on PB Preparation: Postponed until 25/June
- **8. AOB**: N/a
- 9. Next weeks call: 3pm CET, 25 June 2014.