**Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme**

**Meeting Minutes of 25 September 2018 FINAL**

**15h30 Geneva/Rome**

**Attendance:**

MG members and alternates

FAO: Margo BuszkoBriggs, Tiina Vahanen

UNDP: Elspeth Halverson, Josep Garí

UNEP: Dianna Kopansky, Gabriel Labbate

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Mihaela Secrieru

1. **EB2 Agenda**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. Secretariat to provide revised agenda incorporating feedback by the MG – *done*
2. Agencies to provide outline (1 para) and Info Note (1 page) for each KM session they lead on – by 28 Sept (*done by Secretariat for UNSG Climate Summit session*)

*Additional elements of the discussion*

Reflections on the Programme’s 10year anniversary were noted as an important element to be brought into the Board discussion, including at the start of the meeting through the Chair’s remarks and opening roundtable with Members, as well as at the end of the morning sessions through a final roundtable which will allow members to reflect on progress heard, UNRP 10yrs, and reflect on expectations on REDD+ looking ahead.

The discussion on the KM sessions of the agenda was also an opportunity for UN Environment to introduce their work on characteristics/conditions of a platform for international REDD+ transactions. NICFI invited UN Environment to support its work on this area, which is closely related to the ongoing work by UN Environment under UN-REDD on forest offsets and the aviation market.

Suggestions were provided on how to better position and streamline the KM and update sessions and noted it was important to cast these as a dialogue. The agenda has been adjusted to build on these comments.

1. **Update on Lower Mekong initiative**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. Agencies supported the proposed roadmap and division of work (as per FAO email on 21 Sept) for the development of the project proposal to be submitted by 30 October to Norway
2. UN Environment an UNDP confirmed their teams’ commitment to continue contributing to the proposal development until submission. Celina is the focal point for UNDP and Emelyne for UN Environment.
3. The project proposal will not be presented at EB2 as a separate item, but may be opportune to briefly introduce it from a resource mobilisation perspective for the Board’s information (to be decided as we move towards the EB).

*Additional elements of the discussion*

Agencies noted the tight timeline and steps ahead to meet the 30 October deadline. They stressed that is the document to be presented to Norway, while not necessary long, must be solid, robust and attractive demonstrating UNREDD added value, with a focus on the theory of change and the results framework. Working on an on-line version will allow faster inputs and clarity of progress. FAO will have the leading role of drafting and submission, including the contributions from the other agencies (notably the regional team). Agencies also noted the need for sufficient time for the regional team to input, to ensure common agreement on a robust theory of change and results-based framework.

The MG will take stock of the RBF, outcomes, outputs and activities and discuss implementation modalities and budget at the next MG call on 2 Oct.

1. **Other agenda items** (pledge from Luxembourg; update on SG Climate Summit) and AOB (COP24 event; Strategy Group call on 2 October) to be dealt with by email and/or brought back to next MG call.