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

**Meeting Minutes of 26 November 2018 FINAL**

**10h00 Geneva/Rome**

**Attendance:**

MG members and alternates

FAO: Margo BuszkoBriggs, Tiina Vahanen

UNDP: Josep Garí

UNEP: Gabriel Labbate

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Mihaela Secrieru

1. **Myanmar mangrove initiative**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. Secretariat to reach out to NICFI to clarify their interest in receiving a proposal from UN-REDD and any additional information. *Done*
2. FAO to check and confirm to the MG on potential meeting with NICFI during COP24 in Katowice

*Additional elements of the discussion*

UNDP brought to the MG’s attention an e-mail exchange that suggested the opportunity for Norway to finance a UN-REDD proposal on REDD+ and mangroves in Myanmar.

Agencies requested additional background information on Norway’s intention and expectations.

1. **AOB: Update on Lower Mekong initiative**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. FAO to share with MG the notes from the meeting with Norway (being prepared by Akiko);
2. A-P regional team to develop an additional two-pager requested by Norway to strengthen the narrative of the draft proposal; first draft to be ready by end of November;
3. Next steps on proposal development: informal check-in point MG/NICFI at COP24 in Katowice, then MG agreement on final proposal and formal submission to Norway by end of December.

*Additional elements of the discussion*

FAO updated the MG on Norway’s feedback on the draft proposal shared with Norway, including the need for: (i) a stronger narrative through a supplementary two-pager document, to highlight China’s involvement, a stronger role for ASEAN and INTERPOL, and adding a mangroves component; (ii) decoupling this proposal from the broader discussion on the future of UN-REDD; and (iii) highlighting potential new donors in the proposal, such as Korea and Japan who are working on the same countries.