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

**Meeting Minutes of 9 October 2018 FINAL**

**15h30 Geneva/Rome**

**Attendance:**

MG members and alternates

FAO: Margo BuszkoBriggs, Tiina Vahanen

UNDP: Elspeth Halverson, Josep Garí

UNEP: Gabriel Labbate

Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Mihaela Secrieru

1. **EB2 Preparations**

*Decisions and Actions:*

1. Agencies to provide inputs to questions raised by Norway in their feedback to the 2019 workplan and budget. Secretariat to consolidate and respond to Norad – by 10 October
2. Agencies and Secretariat to share draft PPTs for EB sessions – by 12 Oct
3. FAO to share the pending Info Notes for their two KM sessions ASAP
4. Pre-EB MG meeting in Rome on 17 October – PM, time to be defined

*Additional elements of the discussion*

The Secretariat reported back on main issues highlighted by Norad during the pre-EB check-in call (9 Oct, with Lars Andreas and Vania), for which MG members should be prepared to speak to during the EB, as follows:

* Remaining concern about financing overlapping/already-financed activities, pointing at activities carried-over from 2017/TA and asking to be reassured these are not overlapping with what is budgeted for 2019;
* Request for information and practical examples on how the Programme cooperates with other entities and/or initiatives to maximise synergies at country level (e.g. Colombia, Congo, Indonesia, Myanmar, Viet Nam), as well as on how we work together within UN-REDD at country level (e.g. Viet Nam: synergies being developed between TA, NP and potentially with the Lower Mekong initiative in the future.
* Request for updating the narrative accompanying the 2019/TA budget, in particular Colombia.

Agencies also agreed to build on momentum created by the [joint article by Heads of Agencies](http://www.un-redd.org/single-post/2018/10/03/Forests-A-natural-solution-to-climate-change-crucial-for-a-sustainable-future) with regards to the future of UN-REDD post-2020 by inserting references to the article and to the Programme’s 10 year anniversary in the Chairperson’s speaking notes, the Secretariat’s report of progress, minutes of the meeting, etc.