**Operations Teleconference Minutes –1 December 2009**

1. **Query from French Permanent Representative to UNEP:**

Niklas provided an update on discussions with a French diplomat in Nairobi about France’s interest in REDD and financing REDD. If there is genuine interest a proposal should be submitted through the representative in Nairobi.

**Key Issues**

1. What is our funding strategy; can we go forward with such proposals and how should this request be handled
2. Should explore prior finds from France and interim financing group, and Wangari’s proposal of 30 million euros
3. Diplomat should confirm French commitment to UN-REDD

**Agreed Action**

1. Niklas to follow-up; to get clarification on different agencies and how various REDD funds are being channeled (ie. through the Agence France de Development (AFC) and in relation to the DRC
2. **Request by the Congo Basin Forest Fund to be an observer to UN-REDD Programme:**

The Congo Basin has shown interest in UN-REDD and is willing to contribute new financing if possible. At the G20 meeting in London HoS discussed with Prof. Wangari how UN-REDD could provide help, and that UN-REDD could work with Prof. Wangari to discuss how the additional funds could be allocated through discussions with HoS to finance UN-REDD activities in the region, and which Norway is keen on as well.

**Key Issues**

1. Brazil Amazon Fund, CBFF and Norwary are interested in working with UN-REDD on MRV, and Co-chair Paul Martin and Prof. Wangari should be contacted for further discussions here
2. DRC is interested in contributing some of their UN-REDD funds to a regional approach
3. CBFF can commit to and be a funding sources in the region
4. There is a need to express costs of UN-REDD programme proposal in Congo
5. In addition to the Congo Basin’s interest, Soloman Islands, Nigeria, Gabon and Congo Brazzaville have also expressed interest in UN-REDD

**Agreed Action**

1. Serge to send a message to the Secretariat today so that Yemi can be a part of the teleconference schedules on December 2 between Norway, CBFF and Amazon Fund$
2. Alberto is working on an MRV proposal
3. UN-REDD to create an MRV working group
4. Yemi and Ravi to prepare points and objectives for meeting with the CBFF at COP15 with inputs from Serge and Alberto
5. Serge to advise on meeting date and venue at COP15 & MOU with CBFF to implement a specific REDD programme
6. Serge to send Yemi his contact number in Copenhagen
7. Tim Clairs to send out a message to the NP WG to clarify this issue as soon as possible
8. Working group on new requests to join UN-REDD to come up with recommendations to bring back to the wider group regarding these new requests
9. **COP15:**

Update on progress with respect to the Climate Express Journey, side events and delegations to the conference

**Key Issues**

1. Presentation scheduled at 17.30 for the Climate Express Journey, format proposed – “REDD as part of the solution” presentation on UN-REDD followed by Q&A
2. Edelman “Support REDD+” event we need 4-5 UN-REDD staff to attend VIP event and as many as possible to the Gala, with Achim to speak; if Achim cannot speak Yemi is the back-up

**Agreed Action**

1. Yemi is confirmed to attend the Climate Express Journey, Yemi to make presentation and once Estelle is confirmed to attend Isabelle to follow-up with Julie Marks to replace Tim Clairs seat with hers
2. Estelle to provide support and distribute media kit on Climate Express
3. Veerle confirmed for VIP event, Ibrahim and Olav TBC; Yemi and Tiina have rsvp’d
4. Isabelle following up with Achim to talk at Gala
5. Agreed to have a daily meeting at COP15 for all attending from UN-REDD for a check-in, update – venue and time TBD
6. **Allocation of DANIDA funds:**

Agencies have requested that funds be made soon.

**Key Issues**

1. It would be good to get an inter-sessional approval, and to get the request sent out before the holidays, and if so it is combined with the allocation for national programmes
2. Need to agree on share of funds within agencies
3. Denmark highlighted that it wants MRV and IPs/CSOs to be a focus

**Agreed Action**

1. Elspeth to look at old emails from Tim K., Peter and Charles to see breakdown for MRV and IPs/CSOs
2. Tiina to follow-up and to contact Tim K, Peter and Charles on share of work and indicatives of budget
3. **Confirm Dates for PB4 meeting:**

Venue is in Nairobi, dates set are for 17-19 March 2010

**Key Issues**

1. Confirm day 1 as proposed for field trip, meaning the meeting will be 2 days
2. Nina has requested a room with interpretation for IPs/CSOs to meet

**Agreed Action**

1. Julie to follow-up on possibility of a meeting room for IPs/CSOs and to confirm whether field trip is possible with further details
2. **Letter from PM Gordon Brown to UN and WB:**

A letter was received from the PM signed on behalf of Norway, PNG, Guyana and Costa Rica addressed to the UN S-G and WB President

**Key Issues**

1. Letter requests the initiatives under the two organizations to propose an innovative institutional architecture capable to cope with the anticipated scaling up of REDD+

**Agreed Action**

1. UN-REDD response to go out this week and will be signed by the UN S-G and WB President
2. **Other Business:**

Niklas highlighted that with regard to the future of UN-REDD documentation a system was currently being put in place