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Introduction

The United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN-REDD Programme) held its third Policy Board meeting on 29-30 October 2009 at the World Bank offices in Washington D.C., United States. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Epiménides Díaz, Sub-Administrator General, National Environmental Authority (ANAM), Panama, and Mr. Olav Kjørven, Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations and Director of the Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The meeting was attended by 72 participants (see list of participants, Annex 1). The Policy Board welcomed guest representatives to observe the meeting from Argentina, Australia, Cambodia, Denmark, Ecuador, Mexico, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Forest Investment Program (FIP), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), as well as resource people from the Advisory Group on Rights, Forests and Climate Change and the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL). The objectives of the meeting were to consider country requests to join the UN-REDD Programme, to review progress made in National Programmes and consider funding allocations, and to provide strategic guidance on future activities of the programme (see agenda, Annex 2).

All documents and presentations are available on the UN-REDD Programme website and workspace.

Session I: Opening

Opening remarks

Mr. Kjørven opened the meeting, highlighting the complexity of the issues, the high stakes for REDD, and the need as a global community to find shared solutions. He noted that this was the first time the full composition of the Board was in place, with the completion of the selection of the full member and observers representing Civil Society Organizations. He highlighted that holding the Policy Board meeting back to back with the meeting of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Participants Committee once again helped provide for coordination and synergy between the two initiatives. As this was the last Policy Board meeting before Copenhagen, he encouraged members to highlight successes and provide guidance on future directions for the Programme.

Mr. Diaz welcomed the participants, and expressed his high expectation for a constructive meeting. He described the allocation of work between the co-chairs in leading the discussion over the two days, and sought approval for the draft agenda.

Decision by the Policy Board

1. The Board approved the agenda and acknowledged that the report of the second Policy Board meeting had been approved intersessionally.

Session II: Sharing information and experience

Update of activities and development of UN-REDD Programme Strategy

Mr. Yemi Katerere, Head of the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat, provided an update on the activities of the national and global programmes. He gave an overview of the status of each national

programme and described the activities of the global programme focusing on capacity development on measurement, reporting and verification (MRV), engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Civil Society organizations, work on multiple benefits from REDD, as well as on communications and knowledge management. The Secretariat, he added, has been actively cooperating and coordinating with many partners, notably with the FCPF Management Team.

He introduced the upcoming process and timeframe to develop a forward-looking strategy for the Programme, indicating that the final version of the strategy would be shared with the Policy Board during its 4th meeting in March 2010. The strategy will build on the lessons learned from the Quick Start phase and the inputs received from Policy Board members, and will be informed by the developments of the UNFCCC negotiations.

Secretary-General's High-Level Event on REDD

Mr. Charles McNeill, UNDP, briefed participants on the Secretary-General's High-Level Event on REDD that took place in New York on 23 September 2009. The organization of the event was coordinated by the UN-REDD Programme in partnership with the governments of Norway and Papua New Guinea (on behalf of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations). With fourteen heads of state, 100 countries and over 150 leaders of non-governmental and international organizations in attendance, the event underscored the alignment of North and South on REDD being a cost effective, relatively quick and efficient way to limit the release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and the impacts of climate change. The event underlined the importance of including REDD in a Copenhagen deal. It received significant attention from the global media and constituted a well recognized example of what the UN-REDD Programme can deliver to promote REDD and convene a wide range of strategic REDD stakeholders. The webcast of the event is on the UN-REDD programme website at www.un-redd.org.

Update on UNFCCC negotiations

An update on the UNFCCC negotiations was provided by Ms. Federica Bietta representing Papua New Guinea. She explained the key points to include: market and funds, scale of funding arrangements, institutional arrangements for readiness at the international level and broader negotiations frameworks (Kyoto Protocol or Long-term Cooperative Action (LCA)).

Highlights from the 4th meeting of the FCPF Participants Committee meeting

Mr. Werner Kornexl (first day) and Mr. Benoit Bosquet (second day) of the FCPF Facility Management Team provided the highlights of the 4th Participants Committee Meeting that had taken place earlier in the week, back-to-back with the Policy Board meeting. They recounted and summarised the ongoing coordination efforts with the UN-REDD Programme, including joint missions, a harmonized framework of readiness components, harmonized operational guidance on engagement of Indigenous Peoples and forest dependent communities and increased collaboration on some global activities such as measurement, reporting and verification (MRV).

The FCPF Participants Committee had requested the Facility Management Team (FMT) to establish a working group that would consider options for collaboration, review precedents and make recommendations for the consideration of the Participants Committee.

Feedback and decisions by the Policy Board

1. The Board welcomed the progress made in the UN-REDD Programme, and acknowledged the need to develop a strategy for the UN-REDD Programme 2010-2015, including a fundraising strategy. In this context it also noted that the main themes of the Global Programme, i.e. IP/CSO engagement, MRV and multiple benefits are closely interlinked and should be further integrated in the future.
2. The Board requested that the Secretariat allocate more time for discussion the key strategic items on the agendas of the future Policy Board meetings.
3. The Board applauded the successful outcome of the September 23 High-Level Event, the involvement of the Secretary-General, the commitment and the attention it gave to REDD issues. It encouraged the Programme to continue its involvement in advancing international commitment to REDD.
4. The Board expressed its satisfaction with the growing cooperation between the UN-REDD Programme and FCPF and emphasized their complementary roles. It welcomed the idea of the working group on options for collaboration. Given that the recommendations would concern both FCPF and the UN-REDD Programme, it requested the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat and the FCPF FMT to jointly develop the Terms of Reference, and further requested that the working group report also to the UN-REDD Programme Policy Board on its findings, conclusions and recommendations.

Session III: Requests to join the UN-REDD Programme

Arrangements for engaging with countries

Mr. Yemi Katerere introduced the Secretariat Note, pointing to the increasing number of requests from countries to join the UN-REDD Programme. While the current Programme funding is programmed for the nine initial “Quick Start” countries, the Secretariat outlined that there are many other benefits for participating countries. These relate to networking, knowledge sharing and creation, global and regional workshops and, last but not least, access to the UN-REDD Programme online collaborative Workspace (www.unredd.net), a community of practice that provides access to UN-REDD Programme documents and reports, dedicated country pages to contribute updates on the progress of national REDD readiness, a daily news feed with the latest REDD news, and the ability to network with a large community of REDD stakeholders.

Feedback and decisions by the Policy Board

1. The Board welcomed the inclusion of new countries to the UN-REDD family, called on donors to provide adequate funding, and requested the Secretariat to circulate future requests to participate in the UN-REDD Programme for approval as observers intersessionally, in advance of Policy Board meetings.
2. Upon their formal request to join the programme, the Board granted Argentina, Cambodia, Ecuador, Nepal and Sri Lanka observer status to the Policy Board.

Session IV: National Programmes

Financial status of the UN-REDD Programme

The UNDP Multi Donor Trust Fund Office, represented by Ms. Mari Matsumoto, provided an update of the financial status of the Programme. Before the third meeting of the Policy Board, US\$28.3 million had been allocated and US\$9.1 earmarked, leaving a balance of US\$14.2 million.

Overview status of National Programmes

Mr. Tim Clairs, UNDP, presented an overview of status and experience of the National Programmes to date, from scoping to implementation. He noted that 47% of funds available for National Programmes had already been allocated, with a projected 94% allocation rate, or US\$18.8m, by December 2009. While the allocation of US\$18.8m for initial capacity development assistance would not normally be considered excessive – especially in the context of the estimated \$3b readiness capacity needs over the next five years – the necessary assurance measures were set out. Highlighting the UN-REDD Programme’s “learning by doing” approach, documented on the Workspace, Mr. Clairs gave examples of how the UN-REDD Programme is supporting countries in their activities for each of the harmonized components of readiness.

Country presentations– progress made and plans for Copenhagen

Mr. Léon Kanu Mbizi, National REDD Coordinator, presented progress made in Democratic Republic of the Congo. He highlighted how the country had entered the implementation phase, established a Decree forming a National REDD Committee for coordination and conducted consultations and awareness-raising activities in several provinces. Studies of the drivers of deforestation and MRV in collaboration with the University of Kinshasa, expert meetings to work on the reference scenario as well as budgeting, work planning and monitoring activities are also being undertaken with support from the UN-REDD Programme. Mr. Kanu Mbizi then pointed to activities towards COP-15 in Copenhagen such as a short REDD economics exploratory study, the logical framework to draft the national REDD strategy, terms of reference of the MRV plan, and the signing of the REDD Decree.

Mr. Felician Kilahama, Tanzania, presented his countries’ development and implementation activities, highlighting the upcoming launch of the Programme later in the month. Priority implementation activities have been identified and include consultations, training and pilot projects. Tanzania has set up a National Task Force entrusted to lead the process of developing the National REDD Strategy and focusing on the current state of knowledge of forest cover and other MRV aspects, and participatory forest management. A website (www.reddtz.org) is operational as a means to communicate with the global community. Tanzania is hosting a Southern African Development Community (SADC) REDD Conference on 18-20 November 2009 to share lessons learned in the region, and is planning a series of events and materials to showcase at COP-15.

Mr. Agus Sarsito, Indonesia, gave an overview of progress made since the second Policy Board meeting last June. He explained how the Ministry of Forestry had undertaken a review process of

the National UN-REDD Programme across all departments. Despite the elections and the Ramadan period, the Ministry of Forestry finalised its review and endorsed the final draft at the end of September. The National UN-REDD Programme is currently being considered by BAPPENAS, the National Planning Authority, and is expected to be released shortly. Pak Agus reported that information has been disseminated to stakeholders, harmonization with the FCPF R-PP will be ensured by the Ministry of Forestry, and an agreement with Australia to conduct a joint study on legal frameworks has been reached.

Mr. Gunther Joku provided a brief overview of progress made in Papua New Guinea, highlighting the US\$3.8 million earmark approved by the Policy Board intersessionally. He also reported on the Cabinet policy review that will focus on analysis of the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, economic implications and benefit-sharing mechanisms, drawing on experience in the mining and petroleum sector. Papua New Guinea, Mr. Joku concluded, intends to use this report to promote a low carbon development strategy. Ms. Bietta added that MRV is a large component of Papua New Guinea's activities for REDD, led by the Office of Climate Change with technical support from FAO. A national forest inventory will be undertaken with support from Australian universities, a land monitoring system with a Brazilian agency, enabling a proper forest greenhouse gas inventory. Finally, it was confirmed that PNG will move forward with the Initial National Programme, which can therefore be signed by remaining parties.

Mr. Cuong, Viet Nam, briefed the Board on the inception workshop at the national level to launch the beginning of implementation activities. The workshop was successful, attended by a large number of stakeholders, and the government is now planning a workshop at the local level. Viet Nam is putting in practice linkages between multi-stakeholder REDD networks and national decision-makers. A REDD benefit distribution study has already produced substantive and technical products, based on previous payment for ecosystem services experiences in Viet Nam. These results will be presented by the Government of Viet Nam during a side event at COP-15, where the initial outcomes of the National UN-REDD Programme have been identified as a priority for Viet Nam by the Prime Minister. Finally, Mr. Cuong requested the UN-REDD Programme to work with the FCPF in managing the US\$200,000 FCPF preparatory grant.

Ms. Doris Villarpando, Bolivia, presented the preparatory steps since June 2009 for the formulation of the national UN-REDD programme. Bolivia has formed a national REDD team and has reactivated the technical and political committees. Dialogues and coordination between all stakeholders are taking place towards a unique and logical framework for REDD readiness activities. Consultations are being undertaken with indigenous and peasant communities, highlighting the particular Bolivian context where indigenous rights are protected by law. In addition, Ms. Villarpando explained the expected timeline for the elaboration of the national programme. The first draft is scheduled for November 2009 and then to be submitted to the Secretariat in January 2010.

Mr. Miguel Lovera, Paraguay, described the process of the development of the national programme since the new administration took office, emphasizing the commitment to clarity and consultations. He described the coordinating arrangements between SEAM, INFONA and CAPI, the leading Indigenous Peoples organizations in the country. The draft programme is planned to be submitted to the Secretariat by December 2009. Until then, and towards COP-15, Paraguay is adjusting its policy

on forests and climate change, and will lead a workshop to discuss its position with regard to the upcoming climate change negotiations.

The presentation by Ms. Anna Masinja, Zambia, underscored progress made towards developing the national programme. Zambia has developed an institutional framework, held three workshops with stakeholders to raise awareness and build consensus, and has held the final workshop to review the forest policy. A consultant is being hired to review the never implemented Forest Act 7 of 1999. The implementation strategy, Ms. Masinja stressed, will rely on forest-dependent communities. A readiness roadmap has been developed, and a draft zero of the national programme is being circulated.

Feedback by the Policy Board

1. The Board thanked all country representatives for their comprehensive presentations, and noted with appreciation the significant and rapid progress made by countries in developing their National Programmes, having them approved by the Board, finalizing them and releasing the funds for implementation. It supported the intention of countries to highlight REDD and their readiness progress at COP-15.
2. The Board took note of emerging approaches, particularly as regards establishing national readiness management arrangements and increasing stakeholder engagement. It welcomed the Secretariat's commitment to the document and shared them and expressed the need for better disclosure of National Programme Documents prior to Policy Board meetings.
3. With regard to the intersessional decision taken to earmark an additional US\$3.8 million for the full National Programme of Papua New Guinea, the Board confirmed the process for earmarking of funds.
4. The Board agreed that earmarking does not represent an approved allocation of funds. A funding allocation request for the subsequent National Programme must still be submitted for consideration in accordance with the UN-REDD Programme Rules of Procedure and Operational Guidance, including a stakeholder consultation and necessary reviews.
5. The Board also emphasized the need to build on existing initiatives, and encouraged countries to engage in regional activities, such as the SADC REDD event, noting that similar activities could be considered in Latin America and Asia Pacific.

Consideration of funding allocations for the National Programme of Panama

Panama submitted its draft national programme for funding approval, with a presentation by Mr. Adrian Benedetti and an intervention by Mr. Betanio Chiquidima of COONAPIP (Coordinadora Nacional de los Pueblos Indígenas de Panamá), the national organization of Indigenous Peoples in Panama. Mr. Benedetti explained the process undertaken by the new administration and the UN-REDD team since the last Policy Board's decision to earmark up to US\$5.3 million for the UN-REDD Panama Programme. He highlighted the extensive dialogue established with COONAPIP that had designated six technical people to work with the government and UN-REDD team. The outputs of the draft programme are divided into two main results: (i) governance and institutional capacity, and (ii) MRV.

Feedback and decision by the Policy Board

1. The Board gave feedback on the arrangements for joint work with FCPF; additional steps to study and address key drivers of deforestation; and emphasized the need for explicit linkage with national development processes.
2. Having heard the presentation of Panama and the response by the Secretariat, the Board approved Panama's funding allocation request for its National Programme of US\$5.3 million. It requested the Secretariat to ensure the issues raised in the Submission Form and those highlighted in the discussion are incorporated in the final National Programme document.

Presentations by observer countries

Observer countries Argentina, Cambodia, Ecuador and Sri Lanka gave short presentations on their current REDD-related activities and the areas where they could benefit from support by the UN-REDD Programme.

Mr. Leandro Carlos Fernandez from Argentina explained its national land governance system and plans and studies to link existing legislation to future REDD activities. Argentina's strategy will focus on three aspects: governance, with a REDD working group currently working on a proposal; distribution mechanism systems; and management of land tenure. He highlighted the pertinence of increased cooperation with bordering UN-REDD countries Paraguay and Bolivia towards a regional initiative on REDD.

Mr. Omaliss Theo from Cambodia gave a presentation of REDD activities in Cambodia. He explained that REDD will be integrated in the forestry programme by the end of 2009. He mentioned the creation of a technical working group that includes partners from the private sector, UN agencies, international and local NGOs; the upcoming inclusion of REDD in the National Forest Programme; the clear policy decision made on benefit sharing to local communities (at least 50% of revenues); and the national workshops conducted. Involvement in the UN-REDD Programme, Mr. Theo suggested, could include developing a roadmap, coordinating activities of the technical working group, consultation and awareness raising and setting up a national MRV system. Given that Cambodia also participates in the FCPF, an ensuing discussion pointed to the on-the-ground capacity of the UN-REDD Programme, which the World Bank may not be in a position to offer at the moment.

Mr. Marco Chiu from the Government of Ecuador focused his presentation on ongoing REDD readiness activities. He detailed the elements of the REDD national strategy, noting that they require capacity building of government and civil society partners; a participatory process; the mobilization of financial resources; and cross-sectoral planning. Mr. Chiu also pointed to the necessary management of timber demand. Ecuador's existing Payment for Ecosystem Services 'Socio-Bosque', under a constitutional mandate, already provides lessons learned and is being consolidated. Mr. Chiu then shared the ongoing efforts towards developing a national REDD strategy, the legal and institutional framework, the social and environmental standards in partnership with the CCBA, the national forest inventory, and the next steps for a disseminating information for national use. The UN-REDD Programme, he concluded, could support co-financing, an economic evaluation, and a greenhouse gas monitoring and reporting system. The discussion focused on complementarity in areas where Socio-Bosque is present, consultation with Indigenous Peoples and the partnership with the International Tropical Timber Organization.

Finally, Mr. Anura Sathurusinghe introduced REDD in Sri Lanka and presented the status of the forestry sector, challenges and limitations and suggested areas of collaboration. Thirty to 40% of the forests are considered degraded, representing a highly fragmented ecosystem that is considered a biological hot spot. Initiatives to review policy and legislation to address climate change, engaging in partnerships with communities and the private sector, MRV, an assessment and monitoring of the biological status of forests, and capacity building and research are all considered. The UN-REDD Programme's expertise and support could be of help for coordinating action between multilateral and bilateral partners, developing the roadmap and facilitating knowledge sharing, he concluded.

Feedback and decisions by the Policy Board

The Board commended the countries on the wealth of ongoing initiatives and expressed willingness to explore ways to support these countries. It agreed that the scale and scope of the support to additional countries has to be addressed in the future strategy, including considerations of capacity, funding and criteria for participation.

Session V: Next steps in the UN-REDD Programme

Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Civil Society Organizations

Mr. Charles McNeill, UNDP, delivered the presentation on engagement of Indigenous Peoples and civil society and described the steps that the UN-REDD Programme and FCPF are taking towards harmonization of their activities on stakeholder engagement. The management teams of both initiatives have drafted an aligned guidance that adopts the principles and guidelines of the UN-REDD Programme and the practical guidance to design and carry out consultative processes for the FCPF. These guidelines are to be considered as a living document and will undergo peer reviews by pilot countries, IP/CSO representatives as well as UN-REDD and FCPF members. Furthermore, a recourse mechanism is being developed to address rights violations and other grievances and to support conflict resolution. Mr. McNeill also elaborated on the possibilities for UN-REDD programme to apply the free prior informed consent (FPIC).

Ms. Jutta Kill gave a brief presentation on the Advisory Group on Right, Forests and Climate Change that has been established to provide expertise on how stakeholder rights are safeguarded in the UN-REDD Programme.

Feedback by the Policy Board

1. Norway, UNFPII, the regional representatives of Indigenous Peoples, the representative of CSOs from developed countries and IUCN commended the progress made on engaging stakeholders. Many participants noted that the responsibility for inclusion is a continuous and shared task and countries need to concretely demonstrate support for stakeholder participation.
2. A number of participants stressed the importance of due diligence, transparency, safeguards, harmonization of the UN-REDD and FCPF efforts and stressed the role of independent monitoring.
3. Bolivia proposed FPIC should be a prerequisite for funding and reminded the Board that information rarely reaches the local levels of the society.

Monitoring, reporting and verification

Mr. Peter Holmgren, FAO, gave a presentation on the latest developments on MRV noting that this work area is generally considered as a corner stone of enabling REDD and appears to be priority area of most UN REDD countries. Support to national MRV systems is hence also a priority for the UN-REDD Programme activities, both in-country and at the global level. The UN-REDD Programme is currently elaborating principles on MRV to strengthen country capacities and guide countries on MRV options. The focus is on developing comprehensive, user-friendly and affordable methods. A significant new tool for MRV was launched recently by FAO. This is a portal to freely download Landsat images for 1990, 2000 and 2005 and analyze forest area change covering the entire globe on a systematic grid. It is available on both the Google Earth and the FAO homepages. By intensifying the sample grid, this methodology would be readily available to be applied at the national level on REDD. Mr. Holmgren also pointed out the importance on engaging with science in order to draw the right conclusions, and concurred with the utility of independent monitoring.

Feedback by the Policy Board

1. In response to questions from Paraguay and the representative of CSOs of Africa, the Board concluded that involving local people is already a part of the inventory practices in some countries but agreed that MRV at the local level should be further developed.
2. The representative of CSOs from developed countries suggested that the terms 'robust' and 'transparent' should be included in the REDD negotiation text on MRV.
3. A number of participants highlighted that monitoring systems need to go beyond carbon.
4. Confirming that MRV is a high priority and comparative advantage of UN-REDD Programme, Norway asked the programme to develop a proposal for a more extensive plan to support national MRV systems.

Multiple Benefits

Mr. Barney Dickson from UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Center gave a presentation on the UN-REDD work on multiple benefits, explaining that the REDD+ concept, which is now widely accepted in the negotiations, will broaden the potential to deliver multiple benefits. The UN-REDD Programme has undertaken consultations with pilot countries on multiple benefits. The consultations show that multiple benefits vary greatly from country to country and is a very complex and rich concept. The work also focused on identifying who the beneficiaries of multiple benefits are. The UN-REDD programme is also developing tools for addressing trade-offs and guidance and measures for promoting multiple benefits.

Feedback by the Policy Board

1. IUCN pointed out the need to clarify how the UN-REDD programme will manage the expectations raised and the importance to manage trade offs and recommended that this work should involve all stakeholders and go hand-in-hand with work on MRV.

Session VI: Other matters and closing of the meeting

Denmark joining the UN-REDD programme

Denmark announced its decision to fund the UN-REDD programme for US\$ 2 million, effectively becoming the second donor to the UN-REDD Programme and a full member to the Policy Board. The Board welcomed this development and encouraged other donors to join, given the growing interest for REDD countries to join the programme and the support that the UN-system has demonstrated it can provide to build country capacity for readiness.

Next meeting

1. Given the wish to continue close cooperation with FCPF, the need to take into account the outcome of COP-15 and the practicality of flight connections, the Board expressed its preference of having the next meeting in Africa. It requested the Secretariat to explore the dates and the venue and inform the board without delay.
2. Recognizing the amount of paper used for copies, the Board agreed to minimize the printed copies of the meeting documents, and preferred the distribution of the meeting material in electronic copies.

Closing remarks

Mr. Kjørven and Mr. Díaz both noted the progress that had been achieved and the efficient operation of the Policy Board, providing guidance on the future of the programme, both for the members countries and the agencies on their work on REDD readiness. Co-chairs thanked the Board members for their hard work, commitment and very stimulating discussions, and expressed their hope for scaling up of efforts in favour of a safer, low carbon future – a great deal of which can be achieved through REDD.

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Agenda

UN-REDD PROGRAMME

October 2009



**Agenda
UN-REDD Programme
3rd Policy Board Meeting**

**29 - 30 October 2009, Washington D.C., USA
Venue: The World Bank**

Wednesday, 28 October

19:00	<i>Reception & welcome dinner for participants</i> One Washington Circle Bistro Restaurant 1 Washington Circle NW, Washington D.C., 20037
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DAY I: Thursday, 29 October

Room: Eugene Black Auditorium, H building
The World Bank, 600 19th H Street, NW, Washington D.C.

8:30	Registration of Participants	Participants List (UN-REDD/PB3/2)
Session I: Opening		
9:00	Welcome by co-chairs Introduction of observers	
9:15	Approval of Agenda	Provisional Agenda (UN-REDD/PB3/1)
Session II: Sharing information and experience		
9:30	Overview on progress – key developments since the 2 nd Policy Board Meeting	
9:50	Briefing of the Secretary-General's High-Level Event on REDD that took place in New York on 23 September	Press Release (UN-REDD/PB3/3)
10:10	Highlights of the 4 th Participants Committee Meeting of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)	
10:30	<i>Tea break</i>	
Session III: Requests to join the UN-REDD Programme		
Consideration of country requests to join the UN-REDD Programme and recommendations to invite countries with the greatest potential to learn and contribute towards REDD		
10:50	Arrangements for engaging with countries requesting to participate in the UN-REDD Programme, including observer status, technical support, knowledge platforms, networks and other means	Note by the Secretariat (UN-REDD/PB3/4)

	Consideration of ways to expand the number of UN-REDD Programme countries and related additional funding needs	
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
Session IV: National Programmes (NPs)		
Decisions on funding allocations, update on the status of those NPs that had funding allocations approved at the 1 st Policy Board meeting and short presentations by countries seeking to join UN-REDD Programme		
13:30	Review of country progress, including expectations of country achievements by Copenhagen (Africa: DRC, Tanzania and Zambia; Latin America: Bolivia and Paraguay; Asia-Pacific: Indonesia, PNG and Viet Nam) Funding status	Note by the MDTF Office -Funding Framework (UN-REDD/PB3/5)
15:10	<i>Tea break</i>	
15:30	Consideration of new funding allocation requests Panama	NP Documents, Summaries and Submission Forms (UN-REDD/PB3/6ai-iii)
17:00	Consideration of a common outline between the UN-REDD Programme and FCPF on REDD readiness components	Note by the Secretariat (UN-REDD/PB3/7)

DAY II: Friday, 30 October**Room: MC13-121 (Floor 13, room 121) The World Bank, Main Building, 1818 H Street, NW, Washington D.C.**

Session IV: National Programmes (NPs) - Continued		
Decisions on funding allocations, update on the status of those NPs that had funding allocations approved at the 1 st Policy Board meeting and short presentations by countries seeking to join UN-REDD Programme		
9:00	Observer country short presentations: Argentina, Cambodia, Ecuador, Nepal, Sri Lanka	
Session V: Next steps in the UN-REDD Programme		
This item focuses on key developments and future plans, including on specific work areas such as engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Civil Society Organizations (IP/CSO); measurement, reporting and verification (MRV); and multiple benefits of REDD, seeking guidance by the Policy Board on future action		
9:30	Introduction – moving forward strategically	
10:15	<u>IP/CSO engagement:</u> Application of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) and recourse mechanism in the UN-REDD Programme Harmonization with the FCPF of the “Operational Guidance: Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Other Forest Dependent Communities”	Operational Guidance update (UN-REDD/PB3/8)
	<u>MRV activities:</u> National MRV systems Partnerships to develop C-MRV systems and greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories Biomass and carbon measurement and monitoring	
	<u>Multiple benefits:</u> Updates on development of tools, methods and partnerships	
11:30	<i>Tea Break</i>	
Session VI: Any other matters and closing of meeting		
11:50	Wrap up: summary of decisions and conclusions Any other matters Scheduling of the next Policy Board meeting	
12:50	Meeting ends	