Policy Board Composition

UN-REDD PROGRAMME

As of 7 July 2014

Summary of Rules of Procedure and Operational Guidance on membership of the Policy Board:

Countries

- *Each region shall have THREE members, up to a total maximum of nine countries. The members shall be invited to Policy Board meetings.*
- *The UN-REDD Programme shall provide funding for ONE representative of each member country to attend Policy Board meetings.*
- *The members of the region shall rotate. Programme countries in each region shall select the order of rotation through a regional self-selection process:*
    - *Country members will rotate twice per year, with one member from each region prior to each Policy Board meeting;*
    - *For each region, the country member that has served the Policy Board for the longest period at the occasion of rotation will be the one to rotate;*
    - *The tenure of country members lasts 3 Policy Board meetings.*

Donors

- *Up to NINE member seats are available for donors to the UN-REDD Programme Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF), who have signed a Standard Administrative Arrangement (SAA) with the Administrative Agent (the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, UNDP).*
- *If there are more than NINE donors, the donors shall rotate. The donors shall select the period (at least once per year) and order of rotation.*

Civil Society

- *ONE civil society representative shall be selected as a member of the Policy Board and THREE observers.*
- *ONE representative shall be from an organization from a developed country and the other THREE shall be ONE from each of the three UN-REDD Programme regions: Africa; Asia-Pacific; and Latin America-Caribbean.*
- *The Secretariat and the Participating UN Organizations shall facilitate the self-selection of the civil society representatives.*
- *The member shall rotate amongst the FOUR representatives so that the observers subsequently become the member. The civil society representatives shall select the period (at least once per year) and order of rotation.*
- *The tenure of civil society representatives lasts 4 Policy Board meetings.*
- *The UN-REDD Programme shall provide funding for the THREE regional civil society representatives to attend Policy Board meetings. The representative from the developed country shall be self-funded.*

Indigenous Peoples

- *Indigenous Peoples are represented by the Chair of UNPFII as the member and THREE observers, ONE for each of the three UN-REDD Programme regions: Africa; Asia-Pacific; and Latin America-Caribbean.*
- *The Secretariat and the Participating UN Organizations shall facilitate the self-selection of the regional Indigenous Peoples observers for each of the three regions.*
- *The tenure of IP observers lasts 4 Policy Board meetings.*
- *The UN-REDD Programme shall provide funding for the member and the three observers to attend Policy Board meetings.*

UN Agencies

- *FAO*
- *UNDP*
- *UNEP*

Observers and Ex-officio Members

- *UN-REDD Programme Partner countries countries*
- *Civil Society (see above)*
- *Indigenous Peoples (see above)*
- *UNFCCC Secretariat (Observer)*
- *Forest Carbon Partnership Facility represented by the World Bank (Observer)*
- *GEF Secretariat (Observer)*
- *Multi Partner Trust Fund Office, UNDP (ex-officio)*

- *All Partner Countries of the UN-REDD Programme can observe a Policy Board meeting:*
    - *The UN-REDD Programme shall provide funding for up to two Partner Countries per region, in addition to the region Programme Country Members of the Policy Board, to be sponsored to attend a Policy Board Meeting.*
    - *The sponsored observers in each region shall be selected through a regional self- selection process. Sponsored observer Partner Countries will be selected to observe one meeting only and should be selected annually.*

Co-chairs

- *The two co-Chairs will be selected from one of the participating countries and from one of the participating UN agencies. The co-Chairs shall rotate among the members at least once per year (from the time of the first Policy Board meeting). The country co-Chair will rotate among the members of the three regions (starting with Latin America).*

Recalling decisions of the Policy Board at the first Policy Board meeting in March 2009:

- *Each region shall have one full member and two alternate members, up to a maximum total of nine country representatives. The full members and alternate members shall be invited to participate in Policy Board meetings and inter-sessional decisions.*
- *The Policy Board agreed on co-Chairs for each Policy Board meetings - one participating country and one participating UN agency. The country co-Chairs will be selected from the three full members and will rotate among the three regional groupings, starting with Latin America. Subsequently, the Policy Board elected Panama, represented by Mr. Eduardo Reyes, as co-Chair.*
- *The countries selected as full members for their regional groupings: Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Indonesia, and Panama. Full members of each regional grouping shall rotate on the basis of alphabetical order.*
- *Civil Society Organizations (CSO) will be represented by one full member and three observers (ensuring a full member or observer from each of the three regions the UN-REDD Programme operates in: Africa, Asia & the Pacific, Latin American & the Caribbean – and also one CSO representative from a northern country). The CSO from the north (observer to the Policy Board) will participate at their own expense and is not covered by the UN-REDD Programme.*
- *Indigenous peoples will be represented by the Chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNFPII) and supported by three observers (one from each region).*
- *CSO representatives will follow a self-selection process to be facilitated by the Secretariat to identify the full member and the three observers.*

Recalling decisions of the Policy Board at the seventh Policy Board meeting in October 2011:

- *Agreed to rotate member seats of REDD+ countries and donors, effective as of the eighth Policy Board meeting. In Latin America, Ecuador will replace Bolivia; in Africa, Nigeria will replace Tanzania; and in Asia-Pacific, Cambodia will replace Indonesia. The donor representatives announced they had agreed to rotate and share seats but would announce details on how this would happen before the end of the year.*

Recalling decisions of the Policy Board at the tenth Policy Board meeting in June 2013:

- *In consideration of the need to enhance participation and partnership of key stakeholders in the Policy Board, and in consideration of the desire of all Policy Board Members and stakeholders to expand the potential funding base for the Programme, the UN-REDD Programme Rules of Procedure and Operational Guidance are amended as follows, with regard to the membership of countries and donors on the Board of the UN-REDD Programme:*
    - *Three (3) Members of the UN-REDD Programme countries per region, up to a total of nine (9) Programme Country Members. The Programme countries in each region select the period (at least once per year) and order of rotation.*
    - *All the Programme Countries members of the Board are full members and no member should be henceforth considered alternate. Up to nine (9) donors, increased from the current limit*

of the three (3) largest donors. If and when there are more than nine (9) donors, a rotational system will be applied.

- *The representation of other constituencies (indigenous peoples, Civil Society Organizations and UN Agencies) on the Policy Board remains as per standing Rules of Procedure and Operational Guidance.*

Recalling decisions of the Policy Board at the tenth Policy Board meeting in June 2013:

- *In response to the Review of the Policy Board Structure, the Policy Board took note of the recommendations contained in the response of the Working Group and decided the following:*

a. Rotation of countries:

i. *Programme country members will rotate twice per year, with one member from each region prior to each Policy Board meeting;*
ii. *For each region, the Programme country member that has served the Policy Board for the longest period at the occasion of rotation will be the one to rotate;*
iii. *The tenure of Programme country members lasts 3 Policy Board meetings;*
iv. *As of the Eleventh Policy Board meeting, Programme country members resume rotation to allow two new countries per region to take their position at the Twelfth Policy Board meeting;*
v. *The UN-REDD Programme Rules of Procedure and Operational Guidance will be amended accordingly.*

b. Observers:

i. *Additional sponsorship of observers (up to 2 partner countries per region) to attend Policy Board meetings.*
ii. *Sponsored observer partner countries will be selected to observe one meeting only and will be selected annually.*
iii. *The UN-REDD Programme Rules of Procedure and Operational Guidance will be amended accordingly.*

Table 1 - Composition of the Policy Board as of **7 July 2014**

Country/Organization	Status
Latin America and the Caribbean	
Argentina	**Member**
Bolivia	Observer
Chile	Observer
Colombia	Observer
Costa Rica	Observer
Ecuador	**Member**
Guatemala	Observer
Guyana	Observer
Honduras	**Member**
Mexico	Observer
Panama	Observer
Paraguay	Observer
Peru	Observer
Suriname	Observer
Africa	
Benin	Observer
Cameroon	Observer
Central African Republic	Observer
Côte d'Ivoire	**Member**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Observer
Ethiopia	Observer
Gabon	Observer
Ghana	Observer
Guinee Bissau	Observer
Kenya	Observer
Madagascar	Observer
Malawi	Observer
Morocco	Observer
Nigeria	**Member**
Republic of Congo	**Member**
Republic of Chad	Observer
Republic of Equatorial Guinea	Observer
Tanzania	Observer
Tunisia	Observer
South Sudan	Observer
Sudan	Observer
Uganda	Observer
Zambia	Observer
Asia-Pacific	
Bangladesh	**Member**
Bhutan	Observer
Cambodia	**Member**
Indonesia	Observer
Lao PDR	Observer

Malaysia	Observer
Mongolia	Observer
Myanmar	Observer
Nepal	Observer
Pakistan	Observer
Papua New Guinea	Observer
Solomon Islands	Observer
Sri Lanka	**Member**
The Philippines	Observer
Viet Nam	Observer
Donors	
Denmark	**Member**
European Commission	**Member**
Japan	**Member**
Luxembourg	**Member**
Norway	**Member**
Spain	**Member**
Civil Society Organizations (CSO)*	
Africa: NGO Coalition for Environment (NGOCE)	Observer
Asia-Pacific: Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)	Observer
LAC: Asociación de Forestería Comunitaria de Guatemala Ut'z Che' (AFCG UT'Z CHE')	**Member**
Industrialized Countries: Environmental Defense Fund	Observer
Indigenous Peoples Representative Organizations (IP)	
United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)	**Member**
Africa: Community Research and Development Services (CORDS)	Observer
Asia-Pacific: Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN)	Observer
LAC: Coordinadora Andina de las Organizaciones Indigenas (CAOI)	Observer
UN Agencies	
FAO	**Member**
UNDP	
UNEP	
Ex-officio	
MPTF Office	**Ex-officio member**
Permanent Observers	
UNFCCC Secretariat	Observer
FCPF FMT	
GEF Secretariat	
Independent Advisory Group on Rights, Forests, and Climate Change (IAG)	
Rights and Resources Initiatives (RRI)	Observer

*CSO member seat identified prior to each Policy Board meeting during the CSO consultation/planning meetings.