

Mission report – UN REDD (Tanzania) 22-29th July
Neil Burgess

This report outlines the work done in Tanzania by Neil Burgess and the UN REDD team between 22-29th July 2009. It follows the agreed itinerary that is presented in Annex 1.

22nd July.

Neil Burgess travel to Dar es Salaam from the UK

Evening meeting with Nike Doggart from the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group – a local NGO that is likely to receive REDD funds from the Norwegian Embassy in Dar es Salaam.

23rd July (Dar es Salaam).

Planning meeting at UNDP offices in Dar es Salaam including discussion with Gertrude Lyatuu (Head of Energy & Environment Department), Edward Kilawe (UN REDD representatives of FAO in Tanzania) and Mr. Christognus Haule (UNREDD focal point at MNRT). Final schedule for the mission was agreed and appointment with partners firmed up accordingly.

Also meetings with the UNDP Deputy Country director Programme Ms Louise Chamberlain to seek clarification on the mechanism proposed for funding flow between the various UN agencies and the UN offices in Tanzania. This was followed by a teleconference with Tim Clairs of UNDP in the afternoon to learn more on the issue of funding flow mechanisms and challenges within the UN system.

Evening was concluded by informal discussion with the UNDP Deputy Country Director Programme, and members of the UNDP Energy and Environment Department and the UN REDD mission team to Tanzania.

24th July (Dar es Salaam and Morogoro).

Morning - Meeting with Lota Melamari the director of WCST – a local NGO that has applied for funding from the Norwegian Embassy REDD funds, and which has been working on forest conservation in Tanzania for more than 20 years.

Morning – (10:00 to 14:00hrs) Participated in a panel interviews by phone with the 4 candidates being considered for the position of Technical Advisor to the UN REDD programme in Tanzania. Writing up of notes from those interviews.

Travel to Morogoro in afternoon.

The team had an opportunity for evening informal discussions with Professor Pantelo Munishi of the Sokoine University of Agriculture who is probably the person in Tanzania with greatest amount of relevant data on forest carbon.

25th July (Morogoro)

Meeting with head of the Tanzania Forest Research Institute (Dr Nshebemuki) to gather his input on the UN REDD programme and the issue of TAFORI permanent sample plots for forest status and growth around the country.

Meetings with Prof. Seif Madoffe, Dr Boniface Mbilinyi and Prof. Rogers Malimbwi from Sokoine University of Agriculture who have been involved with forest health monitoring, forest condition monitoring, forest inventory, and remote sensing of forest change in the Eastern Arc, Coastal Forests and Miombo woodlands. Methodological details and processes were discussed between the FAO component of the UNREDD project for Tanzania, and the already completed work in the country.

Brief meeting at Eastern Arc Centre with available CARE Uluguru staff. Staff of the Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund and the Tanzanian Nature Reserves Unit of FBD were not available in their offices.

Travel back to Dar es Salaam in the afternoon.

26th July (Sunday)

Morning - updating proposal and annexes.

Lunch - meeting with Soren Dalsgaard the advisor to the National Forest Inventory project that is linked to the UN REDD programme via FAO.

Afternoon - Meeting with Corodius Sawe the head of Nature Reserves for FBD in Tanzania and core member of the national team that developed the national REDD strategy and action plan. Gathered FBD perspectives on the UN REDD project process.

Emails and general housekeeping in late afternoon and evening.

27th July (Dar es Salaam)

Considerable discussion within UNDP and involving other parts of the UN system on the proposed financial flow mechanisms for the project. Involving Tim Clairs and FAO by email, Niklas Hagelberg on the phone; the UNDP Deputy Country Director and the UNDP Country Director (Alain Noudehou).

The preferred mechanisms from the point of view of UNDP, FAO and UNEP based out of Tanzania was written down and added to the UN REDD proposal for Tanzania. This was circulated to all players involved in the process in UNDP, UNEP and FAO head offices. Some issues were raised and no clearly agreed way forward could be identified and agreed. Eventually it was decided that a teleconference between all parts of the UN system involved with the Tanzanian UN REDD work will be needed. The consultant team in Tanzania referred the financial and operational procedures for this UN REDD proposal to the permanent UN staff to resolve.

Afternoon – meetings at WWF Tanzania office with their forestry staff involved with forest conservation work in the country and with regard to their proposal that is in the second round of updating for the Norwegian

REDD funding. People met were Prof Shadrack Mwakalila, Mr Peter Sumbi and Mr David Hoyle.

28th July (Dar es Salaam)

Morning meeting at the offices of the Forestry and Beekeeping Division with broader group of stakeholders involved with REDD work in Tanzania. See notes and list of attendees for that meeting (Annex 2).

Lunchtime - detailed meeting with representative of the indigenous peoples groups in Tanzania on how they might be able to participate in the REDD work for that country.

Afternoon - Work on updating the annexes for the project proposal.

29th July (Dar es Salaam)

Further discussions at UNDP on the financial flow mechanisms. No further resolution achieved. Issue parked once more pending the phone conversation.

Rest of the day working on updates to the main text of the National Joint Programme document.

Neil Burgess - meeting with representative of the Clinton Foundation at the airport on way out of country. Clinton does not have funds to implement their proposed mechanism for carbon accounting, using an Australian system, and are seeking funds and partners for that work.

Travel back to the UK overnight (Neil Burgess)

Mission team included the following:

Neil Burgess – Team leader

Gertrude Lyatuu – UNDP Member;

Edward Kilawe - FAO, Member

Christognus Haule – MNRT, Member

With inputs from Niklas Hagelberg (UNEP) by telephone

Annex 1. A final schedule for UNREDD Mission 22 – 30 July:

Date	Activity	Venue	
23 rd	Initial discussion on finalization of the document (UNDP and MNRT)	UNDP	9 – 15;00
	Tel. conference with Tim		15:30
24 July	Interviews for the UNREDD advisor Travel to Morogoro	UNDP	10- 15 hrs 15:00 hrs
25	Discussion with professors at SUA	Morogoro	08:00 – 13hrs
	Travelled back to Dar		14:00 hrs
27 July	Writing and discussion on Implementation arrange	UNDP	
28 July	FBD & Dr. Kilahama VPO, Yanda, Simon (REDD Task Force)	MNRT –	9:00 – 12;00
	Writing	UNDP	Afternoon
29 July	Writing	UNDP	Morning
	Clinton Foundation	At airport	19:00hrs?