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INFORMATION DOCUMENTS

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/INF/1) List of Documents

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/INF/2) Logistics Information Note

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/INF/3) Provisional List of Participants

Session I: Opening and Approval of Agenda

Significance:

- Any questions or suggestions to amend the agenda can be made.
- The Board will approve the agenda.

SUMMARY OF WORKING DOCS FOR SESSION I

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/I/1) Provisional Agenda

4-page provisional agenda for the Ninth Policy Board meeting.

Session II: Sharing Information and Progress

Background:

- This session will focus on: progress made since the Eighth Policy Board meeting from 13 countries as well as the Support to National REDD+ Action-Global Programme (SNA-Global Programme); an update of the Programme's overall financial status; update from the working group on the Country Needs Assessment (CNA), including UN-REDD/FCPF's joint response; a report back from the working group on the roadmap to review the SNA-Global Programme and introduction of the framework budget 2013-2014; an update by the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) on outcomes from the PC 11 and 12 meetings that have implications for the Programme's work on REDD+.

Significance:

- No formal decisions will be made on these topics; they are for information and discussion and present opportunities for all Members and Observers to present the views and concerns of their constituencies on these issues if desired.
- Some of the information presented may be used to inform decisions in sessions. For instance, "Report back from Working Group on the Roadmap to Review the Support to National REDD+ Action – Global Programme Budget" and the "Country Needs Assessment" will be used as a basis to make a decision on approving funding for the SNA-Global Programme in Session V.

SUMMARY OF WORKING DOCS FOR SESSION II

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/1) Semi-Annual 2012 Progress Report on Activities Implemented under the UN-REDD Programme Fund

This 22-page document is a full report on all national and global activities that have been carried out under the UN-REDD Programme's funding held in the Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF). This document provides a very useful overview of the entire Programme structure, activities executed and progress and is recommended reading. The report is accompanied by more detailed annexes outlining progress and expenditure for (a) the 13 countries currently receiving support from the UN-REDD Programme; and (b) the SNA-Global Programme.

Annexes to Semi-Annual Report:

- (UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/Annex/Bolivia)
- (UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/Annex/Cambodia)
- (UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/Annex/DRC)
- (UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/Annex/Ecuador)
- (UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/Annex/Indonesia)
- (UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/Annex/Panama)
- (UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/Annex/Papua New Guinea)
- (UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/Annex/Paraguay)
- (UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/Annex/The Philippines)
- (UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/Annex/Solomon Islands)
- (UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/Annex/Tanzania)
- (UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/Annex/Zambia)
- (UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/Annex/Viet Nam)
- (UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/Annex/Global Programme)

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/2) UN-REDD Programme Funding Framework

This 8-page document is a Funding Framework that is periodically submitted to the Policy Board by the Executive Coordinator of the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office. It includes information on fund availability and informs Policy Board decisions to approve new joint programmes. The document also presents more detailed information on amounts pledged, contributions received, amounts transferred to Participating UN Organizations and amounts approved for distribution to a Participating Organization but pending transfer.

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/3) Executive Summary of Joint FCPF & UN-REDD Programme Country Needs Assessment

A country needs assessment on REDD+ was commissioned by the UN-REDD Programme following a decision of the Policy Board that such an assessment be conducted to enable it to review its policies and align the Programme's support with the priority needs of countries. In the process, the Participants Committee of the FCPF also requested the Facility to undertake a country needs assessment and coordinate with the UN-REDD Programme, and the country needs assessment exercise was undertaken jointly. This document is a concise 8-page summary of the full Joint FCPF & UN-REDD Programme Country Needs Assessment (see document II/6 below).

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/4) UN-REDD Programme Response to Country Needs Assessment

This 6-page document summarizes the UN-REDD Programme's response to the Country Needs Assessment findings. The Programme is directly addressing findings from the CNA through activities under the relevant Programme Outcomes 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6. All the activities proposed in the document were collaboratively formulated by UN agencies based on their different but complementary expertise. Outcomes will be delivered collaboratively unless otherwise noted.

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/5) Report back from Working Group on the Roadmap to Review the Support to National REDD+ Action – Global Programme budget

This 5-page document presents the report of the working group on the roadmap to review the SNA-Global Programme Framework Document budget for the first year, taking into consideration the findings of the Country Needs Assessment (CNA). The Policy Board requested a self-selected working group to draft this roadmap. The working group was facilitated by the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat and was composed by representatives of Papua New Guinea (PNG) (partner countries), Norway (donors), FAO (Participating UN Organisations), Global Witness (CSO) and UNPFII (Indigenous Peoples). The working group undertook its activities in parallel with the Country Needs Assessment working group. Joint meetings were held and the CNA drafts and preliminary findings were made available to both working groups in order to ensure consistency of the roadmap with the CNA.

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/II/6) Joint FCPF & UN-REDD Programme Country Needs Assessment

This 215-page document is the full report laying out the findings of the assessment and has been summarized in document II/3 above.

Session III: Implementation of National Programmes

Background:

- This session presents an update on progress in the implementation of National Programmes; a panel discussion on lessons learnt from implementation; and reports from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Indonesia, and Viet Nam on the results and completion of their National Programmes.
- In addition, the session presents an update on the high-level mission to Bolivia and proposals on the future of Bolivia's National Programme, for the Board's consideration.

Significance:

- The Board will be expected to discuss and make consensus decisions on the proposals under the "Enhancing Implementation of National Programmes" document (see summary of this document below for guidance).
- There will be a discussion on the recommendations of the high-level mission to Bolivia and the Board will be expected to come to a consensus decision on the way forward for Bolivia (see summary of the High-Level Mission Report below).
- The Board will be asked to agree with the process of "completing" the 3 National Programmes.

SUMMARY OF WORKING DOCS FOR SESSION III

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/III/1) Enhancing Implementation of National Programmes

This 4-page document puts forward a number of issues for the consideration of the Board to improve practice and delivery of National Programmes. Lessons learned from implementation and the progress reported by existing National Programmes show that there are a few countries facing

severe challenges to implementation, some of them reporting no activities over a year after receiving the first transfer of funds due to several factors including changes in government, changes of authorities and delays in hiring project personnel. Since NPs generally have a budget of 3-4 million US\$ and the funds are transferred once the NP has been finalized and signed, this results in a large amount of funding being tied up.

Given the above, the Secretariat proposes the following items for consideration by the Policy Board:

For existing National Programmes the Board is being asked to approve the following:

- To encourage rapid progress from finalization of the National Programme document to implementation of the National Programmes, the Board decides that the inception workshop must be conducted and a Programme Management Unit (PMU) must be set up no later than six months from the date of the first transfer of funds.
- The Board decides that if it is not possible to conduct the inception workshop and set up a PMU within six months, the country is requested to ask the Board for an extension to be considered inter-sessionally, justifying the reasons for this.
- The Board also decides that for National Programmes with a duration of more than 3 years in need of a non-cost extension, the request shall be submitted inter-sessionally to the Board, justifying the reasons for the request.

For future National Programmes the Board is invited to exchange views on other means for enhancing delivery and implementation of National Programmes, including, but not restricted to:

- Having flexible sizes for National Programmes in relation to absorption capacities and country circumstances. Possible options:
 - Equal allocations per region/with different sizes of National Programmes
- Having all future National Programmes funds transferred in tranches, with the disbursement of the second tranche being conditional upon delivery of the first tranche
- Further revision of the application of the criteria to prioritize countries for new National Programmes

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/III/2) Bolivia's High Level Mission Report

In 2008 Bolivia made a submission to the UN-REDD Programme and drafted its National Programme document (or National Joint Programme (NP)) in order to receive funding which was released in December 2010. However, due to the country's position in the UNFCCC related to REDD+ (i.e., Bolivia's disapproval of carbon markets) and due to Bolivia's difficulties to engage the country's key indigenous peoples network, Bolivia was unable to make further progress with its NP and proposed to "replace" its NP with a new national initiative - *Joint Mitigation and Adaptation Mechanism for the Integral and Sustainable Management of Forests (MMA-MISB)*, a non-market based approach to manage forests in the country.

Upon the request of Bolivia, the Policy Board recommended to urgently send a high-level mission to Bolivia including Policy Board members (including the two IP and CSO Observers for Latin America and the Caribbean) and UN-REDD Secretariat representatives to discuss the review of the National Programme, and tasked the mission to draft a report to the Policy Board on whether the proposed changes are within the scope of UN-REDD. Based on this, the Board would decide if it should invite Bolivia to submit a revised National Programme during its Ninth Policy Board.

An analysis of how Bolivia's National Programme approved by the Policy Board, and the MMA-MISB may or may not complement each other, as well as an assessment of the feasibility for implementation, is provided in this 48-page report. Based on the report and a presentation by

Bolivia, the Policy Board is expected to discuss possible options for the future of Bolivia's National Programme, including the continuation of the Programme as approved by the Policy Board, but taking into account the recommendations from the mission, as well as other possible options.

Session IV: International Support Functions

Background:

- Updates will be made on progress in the implementation of the SNA-Global Programme activities, including presentations on the advancements made in the development of tools and methodologies to support national REDD+ actions in the areas of: National Forest Monitoring Systems for REDD+; Multiple Benefits and a Green Economy; and Gender and REDD+.
- No formal decisions will be made on these topics; they are for information and discussion only and present opportunities for the Members and Observers to present the views and concerns of their stakeholders on these issues if desired.

SUMMARY OF WORKING DOCS FOR SESSION IV

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/IV/1) National Forest Monitoring Systems for REDD+

This 39-page note developed by the UN-REDD Programme describes the elements in National Forest Monitoring Systems (NFMSs) as they relate to REDD+ under the UNFCCC and describes the UN-REDD approach to Monitoring and Measurement, Reporting and Verification (M & MRV) requirements. It also outlines the methodological proposals of UN-REDD to implement a NFMS that will allow country Parties to comply with the REDD+ requirements through a sustainable stepwise approach.

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/IV/2) Implementing Gender-sensitive, Effective and Sustainable REDD+ Strategies

This 2-page note was developed by the UN-REDD Programme and outlines ways to integrate gender equality and women's empowerment principles into UN-REDD's work and REDD+ strategies. The ideas presented in this note will be discussed during the Information Session on Gender on 25 October between 9-10 am and in the main Policy Board session on 27 October at 9:30 am.

Session V: Funding Allocation Requests

Background:

- The Support to National REDD+ Action - Global Programme Framework 2011-2015 (SNA) and associated budget were approved by the Policy Board during its 8th meeting. At this same session, the Board approved the allocation for year 1 and requested budget review for year 2 to be undertaken by the UN agencies. In this session a presentation will be made of the review of the SNA workplan and budget and the Board will be requested to approve the budget for years 2 and 3 (2013-2014). The SNA encompasses all funding provided for international support functions, specific support to countries, and Secretariat. The international support functions provide for development of standards for safeguards, governance work (e.g., anti-corruption guidance; participatory governance assessments, gender), benefit sharing, the participation of IPs and CSOs in the Board and more broadly (e.g., development and implementation of stakeholder engagement, FPIC and grievance guidelines), multiple benefits etc. Country-specific support provides for targeted support, including backstopping to National Programmes. The Secretariat services include the overall coordination of the UN-REDD Programme, including monitoring and reporting, organization of Policy Boards, communications and knowledge management.

- The budget request has undergone a 14% reduction from the amounts originally requested in August 2011 under the 2011-2015 Framework document.

Significance:

- Members and Observers may ask questions on proposed workplan and budget.
- The Board will be requested to come to a consensus agreement on the following:
 1. Approve a two-month no-cost extension of year 1 budget to 31 December 2012, with a view to align the budget cycle with the reporting cycle and the calendar year (1 Jan - 31 Dec – note: previously it ran from Nov-Oct);
 2. Approve the two-year workplan and budget for years 2 (US\$ 23,426,093) and 3 (US\$ 24,152,674) of the SNA-Global Programme Framework 2011-2015 and the funding allocation request for year 2 (1 Jan-31 Dec 2013) of US\$16,198,759.

SUMMARY OF WORKING DOCS FOR SESSION V

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/V/1) Submission Form - Support to National REDD+ Action—Global Programme Framework 2011-2015 Budget Review 2013-2014

This 15-page document is the official submission from the three UN-REDD UN organizations (FAO, UNDP, UNEP) to the Board outlining the request for funding and the process that was followed to develop the budget, and providing breakdowns by the different UN organizations.

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/V/2) Support to National REDD+ Action-Global Programme Framework 2011-2015 Budget Review 2013-2014

This 39-page document provides a narrative explanation on the budgetary changes to the different outcome areas and presents a full, detailed budget, including a breakdown of what percentage of the budget will go directly to support national actions.

Session VI: Strategic and Policy Issues

Background:

The Board is presented with an update by the working group on the review of the Policy Board, and a report back from the Tier 2 information session held on 25 October 2012 for the Board's consideration and decision.

Significance:

- These items are for information and discussion and present opportunities for the Members and Observers to present the views and concerns of their constituencies on these issues if desired.

Session VII: Any Other Matters

Background:

- A proposal by the UN-REDD Secretariat to move Policy Board meetings previously held each March to June is being put forward to the Board. The second meeting of the year will continue to be held in October or November each year.

Significance:

- The Board will need to come to a consensus agreement on this request.

SUMMARY OF WORKING DOCS FOR SESSION VII

(UNREDD/PB9/2012/VII/1) Proposal to Move March Meetings of the Policy Board to June

This 1-page document outlines the rationale for proposing that the March Policy Board meetings should now be held in June for a number of reasons (e.g., reporting cycles and requirements; alignment with the FCPF meetings etc.).