

# **Transition to 2016: Arrangements for the Executive Board including nomination of interim 2016 members, Assembly and other consultation processes**

**15<sup>th</sup> Policy Board meeting  
San Jose, Costa Rica  
9-10 November 2015**



# Overview

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# Process

- 2013 June, December: PB10 Lombok PB11, Geneva
  - Report of Review of Policy Board Structure
  - Long term (restructure), short term (efficiency, rotation), donor membership
- 2014 June: Programme Evaluation Report
  - Recommendations: simplify governance / clarify roles / broad representation
- 2014 November : PB13, Arusha
  - Secretariat to revise draft Strategic Framework 2016-20, including governance options & circulate for comments

# Process 2015

- February : revised governance options to PB
- April: Comments on governance options
- April: expert meeting
- May: revised governance paper to PB
- May PB14, Washington: acknowledged transparent and participatory consultative process / agreed final consultation
- June 2015: revised governance paper to PB for final consultation
- July 2015: comments received from Colombia, Mexico & Norway
- August – October 2015: discussions with donors, UN and MPTF to draft governance arrangements
- November PB15: information document and session

# Summary of Feedback

- Principles: inclusiveness, transparency, accountability, consensus-based decisions and participation
- Lean, balanced and efficient body established for operational and fund allocation decisions
- Broader body established for advice to programme
- All constituencies represented at all levels
- Liaison with constituencies - supported by UN-REDD
- National level adapted to national circumstances



# Governance Structure

- Programme Assembly
- Executive Board
- National Steering Committees

# Programme Assembly

- **Key features**
  - An expansion of the Policy Board for broader exchanges
  - Enhances principles of transparency and inclusiveness
  - Enabling participation of all stakeholders
- **Composition**
  - Partner countries, donors, IPs, CSOs, UN agencies, private sector
- **Frequency of meetings**
  - Every 2 years
  - Back to back with major REDD events for cost/time efficiency

# Programme Assembly

- **Functions**

- Share knowledge, experience, REDD+ best practices
- Discusses progress, challenges, lessons learned, developments in international REDD+ processes and initiatives and potential impacts on and synergies with the Programme
- Promotes collaboration with other initiatives
- Constituencies nominate EB representatives



# Executive Board

- **Key features**
  - The locus of oversight and decision-making
  - Small and balanced
  - Inclusive discussions, consensus decisions
  - Support for liaison between representatives and their constituencies
- **Composition**
  - 9 representatives (7 members, 2 permanent observers)
  - 3 donors, 3 developing forest countries, one IP, one CSO, one UN agency
- **Frequency of meetings**
  - 2 or more times a year

# Executive Board

- **Functions**

- Provides oversight and operational guidance to UN-REDD Programme , also current programs
- Approves criteria for receiving support, reviewing proposals, prioritizing projects
- Approves proposals for funding
- Allocates funds
- Reviews reports and monitors progress
- Endorses UN-REDD Programme Results Framework
- Coordinates with other initiatives

# National Steering Committees

- **Key features**
  - Established in partner countries with a National Programme
  - Inclusive and transparent
  - Builds on existing structures where applicable
- **Composition**
  - Multi-stakeholder
  - Adapted to national circumstances
- **Frequency of meetings**
  - Determined nationally

# National Steering Committees

- **Functions**

- Oversees design and implementation of programme document
- Oversees and monitors use of resources
- Reviews reports, monitors and evaluates the country programme
- Approves programme or budget revisions
- Ensures programme is managed to mitigate risks

# Response to reviews & recommendations

- Inclusiveness & transparency → All UN-REDD constituencies are represented in all bodies, & reports published
- Lean & efficient balanced decision making → Executive Board of nine balanced representatives
- Broader advisory body → Assembly for broadest possible consultation
- Support for liaison with constituencies → Included



## Next steps

- November 2015: Governance arrangements finalized and included in agreement between donors, UN and MPTF
- 18 December 2015: Deadline for nomination of interim (2016) representatives and alternates of each constituency to the Executive Board
- March/April 2016: First meeting of the Executive Board
- June 2016: First meeting of the UN-REDD Programme Assembly

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