



PRE-LPAC MEETING

MEETING MINUTES 2014

28th October, 2014
Conference Room, PNG FA
Port Moresby

ATTENDANCE

OCCD

1. Ms. Gwen Sissiou Director, REDD+ and Mitigation Division
2. Mr Joe Pokana Manager, REDD+

PNGFA

3. Dr. Ruth Turia Director, Policy & Planning Directorate
4. Mr Goodwill Amos Manager, REDD+ & Climate Change
5. Mr Gewa Gamoga Climate Change Officer
6. Mr Dambis Kaip Manager, Policy & Aid Coordination

UNDP

7. Ms Gwen Maru Programme Analyst, Energy & Environment, UNDP
8. Mr Arthur Neher Programme Manager, UN-REDD Programme
9. Ms Doe Kwarara Programme Assistant Finance & Admin, UN-REDD Programme

MEETING AGENDA

1. Introduction/Welcome
2. Background of FCPF Project Document
3. Discussions
4. Next Steps/Follow-up

AGENDA ITEM 1: INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Ms Gwen Maru welcomed PNGFA, OCCD and UN-REDD teams for attending the meeting and apologized for the late start. Ms Maru introduced Ms Doe Kwarara as the new PAFA to UN-REDD and outlined the agenda for the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 2: BACKGROUD OF FCPF PROJECT DOCUMENT

Ms Sissiou gave a brief back ground on the development of the PNG's REDD+ Readiness project to be supported by the World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF). The project proposal was developed after an in-house discussion led by OCCD back in 2012 on the premise that PNG's UN-REDD National Program will end in 2013 with little progress on Components 1 -Management

Arrangement and Component 5 -Stakeholder Engagement due to inadequate funding allocation. Thus, PNG's proposal to FCPF is an extension and support for the ongoing UN-REDD implementation. At



least two Technical Working Group meetings were held to discuss proposals with the relevant stakeholders.

In March 2013, the FCPF proposal was submitted to the World Bank and was approved by FCPF committee in Washington. Following the approval, OCCD requested UNDP to be a delivery partner based on current experiences in terms of ease of implementation. As per UNDP programme implementation guidelines, OCCD was requested to use the former's template and further project appraisal process referred to as Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC). UNDP and OCCD have been working on the details as implementing partners, which agreements are presented in a project document (Pro-Doc). During this process since July, it was clear that some of the activities require the involvement of PNG National Forest Authority (PNGFA).

Ms Sissiou apologized for not involving PNGFA in the development of the project and invited PNGFA to use this opportunity to review the scope to identify key areas for its involvement in implementation. Ms. Maru made reference to the Free Prior Inform Consent (FPIC) and Social and Environmental Safeguards (SES) workshop held in July where OCCD and PNGFA agreed to field test those guidelines in demonstration sites.

AGENDA ITEM 3: DISCUSSION

Discussion on approach

Dr. Ruth Turia noted that there were only two components in the FCPF project document, whereas the UN-REDD National Programme had five components.

Regarding the components in the Pro-Doc, Dr. Turia noted that most activities under Component 1 are already at different phases of implementation with the support of UN-REDD programme. As such, PNGFA proposes to review the current activities however Ms. Maru explained that since the current scope of activities have been approved, it is proposed that detail activities including review of progress be undertaken for the formulation of yearly implementation plans of both PNGFA and OCCD. Mr Arthur Neher agreed to the observation made by Dr Turia, but mentioned that all activities that could not be completed under UN-REDD, or needed more elaborate attention, these could be taken care of under FCPF. Therefore, there is an overlap of activities between FCPF and UN-REDD, which gradually will phase-out by end of December 2015.

Regarding Component 2 of the Pro-Doc, Dr. Turia identified linkages with current activities under different other initiatives on REDD+, including the UN-REDD Programme. For instance, assessment of national circumstances are (or will be) taken care of by UN-REDD, studies to the drivers of deforestation including REDD+ benefits are part of the current National Forest Inventory (NFI), existing Land laws and regulations relate to the ongoing ILG identification process, and strengthening forest law enforcement is part of the current LEAF project with PNGFA. However, on the latter, as well as on some other activities Dr Turia was not clear what was meant to happen.

Mr Joe Pokana responded by saying that FCPF will complement activities that are not fully supported by the UN-REDD Programme. For instance, UN-REDD focused more in MRV while FCPF will focus on safeguards and bit more in pilot areas and measures for forest.



Dr. Turia recommended to pull out all activities relating to UN-REDD and identify any gaps that can be supported by FCPF.

Mr Goodwill Amos said that PNGFA could look at activities that can be solely supported by FCPF.

Ms. Gwen Maru summarized the discussion that OCCD and PNGFA will outline what needs to be done and who is responsible for each activity. Both will work on a joint work annual work plan and assessment of activities and their status. Based on expected gaps after the UN-REDD Programme finishes in 2015, key activities for FCPF will be identified.

Mr. Goodwill Amos noted that within the project management set-up, a Steering Committee was missing unlike the current one for UN-REDD. In this respect, it would be recommended to revisit the FCPF guidelines on this and if such body was mentioned and could be established under the current arrangements, hence taken up in the current Pro-Doc. Ms Gwen Sissiou agreed to look into this.

Dr. Turia confirmed that there are five project sites but only two were confirmed supported by PNGFA. These two, April Salumei and Central Suau, have all ground works completed, where project design document developed/being developed and ready for investors to get involved. The other three –Eastern Highlands, WNB and West Sepik- could be supported by FCPF. Mr. Goodwill Amos supported this suggestion, because if the current pilot areas do not achieve the intended output of demonstrating how the REDD+ mechanism works, it could have negative response to overall REDD+ Readiness in PNG, thus affecting the other pilot areas.

Because PNGFA is mentioned as the implementing entity on the first page of the Pro-Doc, Dr Turia expressed her wish that PNGFA would be a signatory to the Pro-Doc. Ms Gwen Maru agreed to see to this possibility as it should have no implication for the actual implementation arrangements. Practical arrangements can be included in the actual management arrangements listed in the Pro-Doc (Section 5).

Ms. Gwen Maru suggested that PNGFA could look at all activities under each components in UN-REDD identify gaps and include in a more detailed joint work plan.

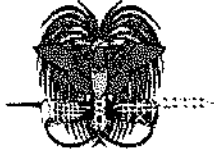
Agreements

It was agreed that:

1. The FCPF project activities would phase-in from the UN-REDD activities that would come to an end in 2015. An integrated UN-REDD/FCPF work plan will be prepared by UN-REDD, while a comprehensive work plan for FCPF need to be prepared by the new National Project Manager, still to be recruited; until recruitment UNDP and OCCD will assist.

Action: UN-REDD PMU and FCPF National Programme Manager (as interim arrangement UNDP and OCCD)

2. At the time of preparing the annual work plan the actual activities under FCPF will be assessed and appropriate division of tasks between OCCD and PNGFA will be prepared.
Action: OCCD and PNGFA



3. Based on gaps left by the UN-REDD Programme, keys areas will be identified and further worked on under FCPF.
Action: OCCD and PNGFA
4. The possibility of a Steering Committee for FCPF will be assessed by OCCD.
Action: OCCD
5. Eastern Highlands, WNB and West Sepik are considered the priority demonstration sites under FCPF while East Sepik and Milne Bay will benefit from any training opportunities on REDD+ This will be further detailed in the annual work plan.
6. It will be assessed if PNGFA can be a signatory to the Pro-Doc without any implication to the implementation arrangements between OCCD and UNDP.
Action: Gwen Maru

Discussion on Project Document format

Some inconsistencies in the Pro-Doc were discussed. These included:

Page 8 erroneously makes reference to Figure 1 on page 7. If this should be Figure 2, than this figure is missing. This mistake was noted by OCCD and will correct (Action: Gwen/Joe).

Acronyms GDANCP, MAFF & MOE are not on the List of Acronyms on page 4.

Page numbering in the document is inconsistent, e.g. the next page after page 14 is page 25, followed again by page 16.

It was noted that the Pro-Doc makes mention of ending in September 2018. Mr Goodwill Amos asked if this date can be extended to December 2018. Ms Gwen Sissiou agreed to look into this.

Agreements

It was agreed that:

1. Errors in the Pro-Doc will be rectified.
Action: OCCD
2. It will be verified if the end date can be extended to December 2018.
Action: OCCD

AGENDA ITEM 4: NEXT STEPS / FOLLOW-UP

Ms Maru outlined the further steps to be followed for final agreement on, and signature of the Pro-Doc. She concluded that an agreement was reached between OCCD and PNGFA on the outline of this



Pro-Doc and that implementation arrangements will be discussed and agreed upon during the preparation of the first annual work plan.

The changes discussed in this meeting will be made to the final version of this document, and together with the Minutes of the Meeting will be sent to all participating in this meeting for final review.

It was noted that the National Planning Department need to be notified, but only as per email. Based on the experience of a long turn-around time, it was suggested that Mr Pokana would directly contact National Planning and send the formal meeting minutes to avoid unwanted delays.

After all agree to the Minutes, these will be used for the obligatory UNDP Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) process, in which PNG government (by means of OCCD and PNGFA) and UNDP as main Implementing Partner appraise the project proposal and acknowledge it being in line with national priorities. As part of the LPAC, UNDP will appraise the project.

After the LPAC, the Minutes and revised management arrangements of the Pro-Doc will be submitted to go to the UNDP Regional Office / HQ for further approval and prior to ultimate signature by UNDP, OCCD and PNGFA

Agreements

It was agreed that:

1. These meeting minutes form the basis of the LPAC meeting as the meeting was more related to appraising the project proposal.
2. Mr Pokana would directly contact Department of National Planning and Monitoring informing them of the completed processes.

Action: Joe Pokana

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at around 11.00am.

Ms Gwen Sissiou, Director, REDD+ and Mitigation Division, OCCD

Dr Ruth Turia, Director, Forest Policy & Planning Directorate, PNGFA

10.11.14

Date

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