

**Minutes on the First Audio Conference
of the FCPF International Organizations Group**
February 17, 2009, GEF Conference Room, Washington DC

Summary of key discussion and next steps:

- Participants agreed the Terms of Reference of the FCPF IOs group as attached hereto. They also welcomed that GEF to serve as the IOs observer until the end of October 2010.
- By the end of February, 2009, IOs group members should email GEF on their thoughts on what the IOs observer should bring to the Participants Committee in Panama, as well as information on their REDD initiatives relevant to the developing countries that are participating in the FCPF readiness mechanism (REDD Country Participants).

Time and Venue

8:30 to 10:00 on February 17, 2009 at the GEF conference room (G 6-073)

Participants

Organization	Name	Title
ICRAF	Jonathan Haskett	Principal Scientist, GRP-5 Climate Change
IFAD	Jesús Quintana	Programme Manager, Global Environment and Climate Change Unit, Programme Management Department
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UNCBD	Jaime Alexandra Webbe	Programme Officer - Dry and Sub-humid Lands and Biodiversity and Climate Change
	Tim Christophersen	Programme Officer for forest biodiversity
ECLAC	Georgina Nunez	Expert
UNFF	Maria Pohjanpalo	Associate Expert
The World Bank	Benoit Bosquet	Lead Carbon Finance Specialist
GEF	Gustavo Albert Fonseca	Team Leader, Natural Resources Team
	Daigo Koga	Environmental Specialist, Natural Resources Team

Agenda

- Adoption of agenda
- Adoption of the Terms of Reference for the FCPF IOs group
- Key discussion points of the PC meeting in Panama
- A way forward

Key discussion points:

- *Terms of Reference of the FCPF IOs group agreed.* Participants of the conference agreed on the Terms of Reference for the FCPF IOs group and that the GEF will serve as the IOs observer until the end of October 2010.
- *The involvement of the UNPFII to be confirmed.* GEF is going to contact the Executive Secretary of International Alliance of Indigenous People to confirm whether UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) has been a member of the Indigenous Peoples and Forest Dwellers group for the FCPF.

- *Key issues to be discussed in Panama.* The FCPF FMT highlighted two key issues in the Participants Committee meeting in Panama:
 - (1) Selection of remaining countries that will enter into the Readiness mechanism
There could be a contentious discussion on whether it is reasonable to limit the remaining seats to five, given that 12 countries have already expressed formal interest to participate in.
 - (2) Presentation and discussion of Readiness Plans (R-Plans)
The FCPF FMT expects to have substantive discussions on some of R-Plans with the participants hoping that such discussions will pave a way for their approval before or at the next PC meeting June, 2009.
- *GEF's potential contribution to fill financial gap of the FCPF.* GEF proposed that it will be willing to finance a couple of GEF eligible countries to implement their R-Plans provided that enough financial resources would not be available for the FCPF. The FCPF FMT welcomed this idea as far as the GEF adopt the same approach, procedures and criteria under the FCPF framework.
- *Information sharing of the REDD related initiatives of IOs group members.* ITTO suggested that it is important that the IOs observer will share information of REDD related initiatives of IOs group members in Panama. For this purpose, interested IOs should follow the steps described in the ways forward below.

Ways forward

- *Reviewing R-PINs and sharing information on REDD related initiatives*
 - GEF will send the list of 11 countries¹ that have already submitted R-PINs to all the IOs group members as soon as possible.
 - Then GEF will send R-PINs of particular countries to any interested IOs group members upon request.
 - These IOs should review them and email back the information of their initiatives relevant to REDD Country Participants to GEF **by the end of February.**
- *Making available information on REDD related initiatives of the IOs members that can be of interest to members of the FCPF Participants Committee.*
 - Provide to the IOs observer relevant information (e.g. *ITTO REDDES Thematic Programme*) to be brought up during the FCPF Participants Committee **by the end of February** (and thereafter before each Participants Committee Session).
- *Sharing thoughts on the issues that the IOs observer should bring to Panama.* IOs group members should email their thoughts to GEF **by the end of February.**

¹ The 11 countries are: Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chile, El Salvador, Equator Guinea, Guatemala, Honduras, Mozambique, Suriname, Tanzania, and Thailand. On top of these countries, there is one R-PIN for regional REDD for the Lower Mekong.

- *Next FCPF Participants Committee after Panama: **June 15 to 17, 2009 in Switzerland.***
It will be organized back-to-back with the UNREDD at the same venue.

Attachments

- Agreed Terms of Reference of the IOs Group for the FCPF (as of February 2009)
- Draft Agenda for the FCPF Participants Committee in Panama (March 11 – 13)