Amendment to Rules of Procedure for the Meetings of the Participants Committee

Whereas:

1. Section 12.01 of the Rules of Procedure for the Meetings of the Participants Committee (Rules of Procedure) provides that: “the Rules may be amended by the Participants Committee at any meeting provided at least fourteen days notice of the proposed amendment has been given to the Members and the observers identified in Section 11.7 (a) and (b) of the Charter;”

2. Section 6.01 of the Rules of Procedure provides that: “The Participants Committee may decide to conduct its Meetings by videoconference, teleconference or other electronic means;”

3. Rules of Procedure do not include a provision on the selection of co-chairs and the establishment of contact groups; and

4. The Facility Management Team has received a number of requests from the members of the Participants Committee to amend the Rules of Procedures to include these provisions.

The Participants Committee,

Decides to amend the Rules of Procedure as follows:

1. Add Section 5.03:

   “5.03 Two co-chairs are selected for each Participants Committee Meeting to help the chairperson conduct business, based on nomination from the Bureau of the Participants Committee as described in section 7.03 of these Rules, one from among REDD Country Participants and one from among the financial contributors (i.e., the Donor Participants and Carbon Fund Participants collectively) who are members of the Participants Committee.”

2. Amend Section 7.01 to add, “financial contributors (i.e.)”:

   “7.01 Up to eight members of the Participants Committee, including five REDD Country Participants and, up to three financial contributors (i.e., Donor Participants and Carbon Fund Participants collectively), shall serve as the Bureau of the Participants Committee to liaise with and provide guidance to the Facility Management Team during intercessional periods.”

3. Add Section 7.03:
“7.03 The Bureau will submit nominations of co-chairs two weeks prior to each Meeting for approval by the Participants Committee members at the start of the Meeting and information of the Facility Management Team.”

4. Add Sections 13.01 – 13.02

“XIII. Contact Groups

13.01 Contact groups may be established by co-chairs, during the Meetings, to prepare draft resolutions and decisions and report back to the plenary for further consideration and adoption.

13.02 Contact groups shall represent a balanced composition of interested financial contributors (i.e., the Donor Participants and Carbon Fund Participants), REDD Country Participants, and the observer groups as described in section 11.7 of the Charter. Facility Management Team staff will facilitate Contact Groups.”