



**Voluntary meeting on the coordination of support for the
implementation of activities referred to in
Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70 (REDD-plus)
8 December 2014, Lima, Peru**

Co-Facilitators' Summary of Key Messages from the Meeting

Introduction

In accordance with decision 10/CP.19, paragraph 4, the COP encouraged national entities or focal points, Parties and relevant entities financing REDD+ activities to meet on a voluntary basis to address the needs and functions related to the coordination of support for the implementation of the activities and elements related to REDD+, as identified in paragraph 3 of this decision.

The first voluntary meeting was co-facilitated by H.E. Ambassador Antonio Garcia Revilla, COP 20/CMP 10 Presidency (Peru) and Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow, COP 19/CMP 9 Presidency (Poland). The co-facilitators were welcomed by participants of the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Parties, their REDD+ focal points and other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, indigenous peoples groups, entities financing and/or implementing REDD+, intergovernmental organizations and UN agencies.

This first meeting considered procedural matters to facilitate discussions as encouraged by the COP in its decision 10/CP.19, paragraph 7.

Opening

In their opening remarks, the co-facilitators encouraged participants to freely express and exchange views on the coordination of support for the implementation of REDD-plus outside a negotiations context. Their aim is to make the conversations as inclusive and transparent as possible. They invited views on procedural matters to guide the discussions.

At the outset, the co-facilitators informed the participants on their appointment of four rapporteurs to assist them with the preparation of the summary of outcomes from the meeting. The rapporteurs were: Michael Bucki (European Union), Yaw Osafo (Ghana), Iwan Wibisono (Indonesia), and Emilio Sempris (Panama).

Consideration of procedural matters

(a) Facilitation of the voluntary meetings

- Participants welcomed the arrangement for the COP Presidency and the out-going Presidency to co-facilitate future voluntary meetings.
- The appointments of the rapporteurs at this first meeting were welcomed by almost all the participants. Some participants proposed that in future meetings, rapporteurs from civil society could also be selected. Reporting by the Earth Negotiations Bulletin was also proposed.

(b) Status of the voluntary meetings

- Views on the status of the voluntary meetings differed. Most participants shared the view that these meetings should maintain an informal and voluntary character.



- Some participants emphasized that these meetings might make recommendations to be considered as provided in paragraph 3(d) of decision 10/CP.19.

(c) Participation at the voluntary meetings

- Participants welcomed the participation of a wide range of observers, in particular, indigenous peoples groups.
- Some participants noted that participation should also include those working on REDD+ actions on the ground, entities financing REDD+ activities such as aid agencies and multilateral and bilateral funding agencies, experts, and representatives of private sector and local communities. It was noted that bodies under the Convention, such as the Standing Committee on Finance could play important roles in this meeting. The Green Climate Fund should also be invited.
- The co-facilitators, on behalf of the participants may send a letter to the relevant convention bodies as well as the GCF Board, inviting their representatives to attend the meeting in June.
- Some participants highlighted that paragraphs 4–8 of decision 10/CP.19 already provide clarity on the roles and participation of observers and from whom input may be sought.
- Participants also noted that, within an informal context, these stakeholders should be encouraged to participate on equal footing as Parties and their focal points.

(d) Scope of the voluntary meetings

- Many participants underscored the point that the agenda for the voluntary meetings should be guided by paragraph 3 of decision 10/CP.19.
- A few participants added that the focus of the meetings should be restricted to coordination of support for implementation of REDD+ and the implementation of REDD+. A few others added that discussions should consider all three phases of implementation.
- A number of participants added that these meetings should provide space for resolving practical issues relating to REDD+ implementation and for addressing developing countries' needs for support.
- One participant added that the meetings should also allow for exchange of information on the development of different approaches, including the joint mitigation and adaptation approaches.

(e) Decision-making process

- Many participants expressed the importance of having open interactions that encourage optimal exchange of views and experiences, while simultaneously ensuring that the process be kept simple and avoids the complexities of negotiations.
- It was asked whether recommendations made at the meetings should be on a “no-objection” basis. On this point, the co-facilitators clarified that the purpose of the meeting is to share information, knowledge, experiences, good practices, etc. as in paragraph 3 of decision 10/CP.19, and not to take any decisions.
- There was general understanding that inputs provided would be reflected in the summaries by the co-facilitators.

(f) Format of the voluntary meetings

- Many participants saw the benefits of formats that facilitate active participation and exchange of views. The suggestion of using a contact group approach did not find support.
- Participants proposed several formats that could be considered for the meetings:



- Meetings to remain informal, interactive and different from a conference room or lecture hall set-up;
- Workshop format that allows for presentations by experts or with expert panels;
- Some participants recommended round-table arrangement as the way to facilitate such meetings best.

(g) *Capturing the outcomes of the voluntary meetings*

- Overall, there was a general agreement among participants to give the co-facilitators the mandate to produce a summary of the outcomes of these meetings under their own responsibility.
- The summary of the co-facilitators shall be made publicly available on the REDD+ web platform
- There will be no report back to the COP or its subsidiary bodies, while some others differed indicating that the outcomes should be forwarded to the COP until the SBI reviews the outcomes of these meetings, at the latest, at its forty-seventh session, as requested by the COP in its decision 10/CP.19, paragraph 9.

Substantive matters for consideration at future meetings

Potential discussion themes related to coordination of support

- Mapping of existing sources of support and distribution of such support;
- Gaps relating to the coordination of support and gaps in financing for capacity-building and technologies for implementation and for the implementation of safeguards;
- Ways to improve the coordination of support and to encourage fair allocation of REDD+ finance between countries, in particular equitable, predictable, sustainable and adequate support to less developed countries;
- Opportunities to seek clarification from bodies of the Convention such as the SCF and the GCF;
- Roles and articulation of public financing vis-a-vis private financing and corporate sectors;
- Operationalization of the information hub and the link between the hub and GCF logic model;
- How the outcomes of this voluntary process, including recommendations drawn up, be channeled to financing entities such as GCF, GEF and the SCF and their respective scopes of work;
- Decision process for results-based payments by donors and relevant financing entities to be based on the information provided on the information hub by REDD+ countries.

Knowledge and experience sharing

- Participants could present their results on REDD+ implementation, share their experiences on the construction of reference levels and the implementation of safeguards and best practices used in measuring, reporting and verifying.
- Participants could also share information on the costs of remote sensing, development of safeguard information systems and development of national plans.

Setting the agenda

- Participants suggested that the agenda for the next voluntary meeting could be based on the substantive matters mentioned above and the matters included in paragraph 3 of decision 10/CP.19.



- Participants requested the co-facilitators to make available the agenda for the next meeting with sufficient time for their preparation and to make it available on the REDD+ web platform.