

UN-REDD PROGRAMME



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First addendum to the Terms of Reference

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Multi-Partner Trust Fund

RATIONALE

1. The Terms of Reference (TOR) of the UN-REDD Programme Multi-Partner Trust Fund were developed and agreed in 2015, before the Paris Agreement was adopted, and based on the assumption that in the new 2016-2020 phase the Fund would be capitalized at a similar level as the initial phase (at least 200-300 Million US\$).
2. At this junction, (June 2016), the Fund has not been able to capitalize funding that would allow full deployment and operation of the Programme with its full-fledged infrastructure for the delivery of both financial flows as well as technical assistance to countries. The future capitalization is estimated in the range of 65 Million US\$ for 2017-2020, out of which confirmation from Norway on 50 Million USD is still pending.

PROPOSED ACTION

3. Taking the above into account and considering the current financial situation of the Programme, as well as the lack of availability of predictable and sufficient pledges; in accordance with paragraph 2, Section IX of the MOU and paragraph 2 Section X of the Standard UN REDD SAA on possible amendment, the **Participating UN Organizations propose an Addendum to the TOR annex A to the MOU** in order to allow for cost efficient delivery of the Programme in a modular way, by adjusting governance arrangements in a way that is responsive to the existing situation, all the while enabling a full deployment of the anticipated structures and procedures of the Fund should it reach a level of capitalization closer to the one originally envisaged.

ADDENDUM TO THE TOR

4. "On an interim basis, the allocation of funds shall be decided by an interim Committee composed of the contributing donors and participating UN organizations. The proposed arrangements would be put in place immediately and would remain valid until the Fund would reach a sufficient capitalization for programming, but no longer than one year or until the EB is activated. "
5. The remaining content of the TOR and MOU and SAAs stays unchanged.