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SURINAME REDD+ PROJECT BOARD MEETING

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List of Abbreviations

AAE	Asesoramiento Ambiental Estratégico (AAE) (Strategic Environmental Advice)
ACT	Amazon Conservation Team
DNA	National Assembly
FREL/FRL	Forest Reference (Emission) Levels
GMD	Geological Mining Service
HI&T	Ministry of Trade, Industry & Tourism
HKV	Logging License
M&E officer	Monitoring & Evaluation officer
Min	Ministry
NFMS	National Forest Monitoring System
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
NIMOS	National Institute for Environment and Development in Suriname
PB	Project Board
PMU	Project Management Unit
REDD+	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation +, the Role of Conservation, Sustainable Management of Forests and Enhancement of Forest Carbon Stocks in Developing Countries
REDD+ PMU	REDD+ Project Management Unit
ROGB	Ministry of Spatial Planning, Land and Forest Management
SBB	Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
VIDS	Association of Indigenous Village Leaders in Suriname

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No	Body/Organization/Company	Name
1	AAE Consultancy (observer)	Juan Carlos Zamora
2	AAE Consultancy (observer)	Priscilla Miranda
3	ACT (NGOs) (Major Groups Collective)	Niradj Hanoeman
4	Workers and Trade Organizations (Major Groups Collective)	Eric Feller
5	Business and Industry (Major Groups Collective)	Jeffery Poetisi
6	Conservation International Suriname (observer)	E. Misiekaba
7	Cabinet of the President of Suriname (observer)	M. Gompers-Small
8	KAMPOS (observer)	Tina Henkie
9	KAMPOS (observer)	Renate Simson
10	Children and Youth (Major Groups Collective)	Shiffion Alimoestar
11	Local Authorities (DC and DS) (Major Groups Collective)	Martha Sante
12	Ministry of Finance (observer)	Sagita Jaggan
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14	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism	Reina Raveles
15	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries	Omar Kasjio
16	Ministry of Natural Resources	Angela Monorath
17	Ministry of Education, Science and Culture	Nunzio Koningsbloem
18	Ministry of Spatial Planning, Land and Forest Management	Claudine Sakimin
19	Ministry of Spatial Planning, Land and Forest Management	Kaminie Tajib
20	NIMOS	Cedric Nelom
21	NIMOS – Representative Knowledge Institute	Donovan Bogor
22	PMU-REDD+	Anil Pershad
23	PMU-REDD+	Sandra Bihari
24	PMU-REDD+	Sylvia Karwafodi
25	PMU-REDD+	Carmen Elliott
26	PMU-REDD+	Eric Sosrojoedo
27	PMU-REDD+	Richella Parker
28	REDD+ assistant (Trio tribe)	Pildas Tawadi
29	REDD+ assistant (Wajana tribe)	Arnold Arupa
30	REDD+ assistant (Caraib tribe)	Josien Tokoe-Aloema
31	REDD+ assistant (Saramaccan tribe)	Steven Petrusi
32	REDD+ assistant (Aucan tribe)	Hendrik Pai
33	REDD+ assistant (Aluku tribe)	Dua Simons
34	REDD+ assistant (Kwinti tribe)	Harry Elliioth
35	REDD+ assistant (Matuarian tribe)	Wilson Willems
36	SBB	Rene Somopawiro
37	SBB	Sarah Crabbe
38	SBB /PMU-REDD+	Sara Svensson
39	SBB	Cindyrella Kasanpawiro
40	UNDP	Armstrong Alexis
41	UNDP	Bryan Drakenstein
42	Women (Major Groups Collective)	Marion Stekkel

Agenda

08:00 – 08:30 AM	Registration
08:30 – 08:35 AM	Welcome and Introduction - Cedric Nelom
08:35 – 08:40 AM	Opening
08:40 – 08:45 AM	Verification of the quorum and adoption of the agenda
08:45 – 10:45 AM	Review and acceptance of the minutes of the previous Project Board Meetings (June 2016, January 2017) - Cedric Nelom
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Coffee break with snacks
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Status update Annual Work Plan 2017 - Anil Pershad
11:30 – 11:50 AM	Update National REDD + vision and strategy - Priscilla Miranda, representative AAE Consultancy
11:50 AM – 12:10 PM	Results scenario modelling for REDD + national strategy - Cindyrella Kasanpawiro, SBB
12:10 – 12:30 PM	Update on FREL/FRL, NFMS and ratification definition Forest - Sarah Crabbe, SBB
12:30 – 12:45 PM	Coffee break with snacks
12:45 – 01.15 PM	Presentation Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism - Bryan Drakenstein, UNDP
01:15 – 01:30 PM	What to bring to the table/determining date of next Project Board Meeting
01:30 – 01:40 PM	Completing a survey
01:40 – 01:45 PM	Closure – Cedric Nelom
01:45 – 02:45 PM	Lunch

I. Opening and adoption of the agenda

Mr. Cedric Nelom (Acting General Manager NIMOS) performs the opening of the second Project Board meeting in 2017 and welcomes the attendants. Mr. Nelom determines that, based on the attendance list, the quorum is present for the meeting to be held.

He indicates that interpretation is available from and into Sranan Tongo and into English. He further states that during this work discussion, the state of affairs regarding the implementation of the REDD+ programme and the follow-up actions will be discussed and established.

Several 'observers' were invited to this meeting, including the Ministry of Finance; The Tribal Collective KAMPOS (cooperative organization of six (6) maroon tribes), several NGOs and the company AAE (consultant for the REDD+ national strategy). In addition, representatives of the Cabinet of the President and the VIDS are also invited; they will join the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Mr. Nelom informs the meeting that as of August 7, 2017 a new Project Coordinator for the REDD+ programme has been appointed; Ms. Sandra Bihari.

She is presented to the attendants and she is informed that she can count on the support of NIMOS and the Project Board. Ms. Bihari thanks the Board and NIMOS for their trust in her. It is an honor for her to be part of this important programme and she will be committed to a successful completion of the REDD+ readiness phase in 2018.

With the appointment of Ms. Bihari, the term of Mr. Anil Pershad as interim Project Coordinator has come to an end. Mr. Pershad is thanked for his coordination and commitment to the initiation and execution of the planned activities as well as the results achieved.

The meeting is then asked whether there are any suggestions to changes to the agenda. SBB makes a comment on the agenda item 'Results scenario modelling for REDD+ national strategy', namely that the presentation will be done by a representative of SBB.

Furthermore, there are no proposals for adjustments to the agenda and it is adopted.

II. Review and acceptance of the minutes of the previous Project Board Meetings (June 2016 and January 2017)

Addressing the minutes of the Project Board meeting dated June 10, 2016

The meeting first addresses the minutes of the Project Board meeting of June 10, 2016.

The minutes are reviewed page by page.

The following recommendations and/or changes have been proposed:

Item/ Page number	Note and / or Change
Attendance list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - suggests that the attendance list also indicates those who are absent ▪ Ms. C. Sakimin (Ministry of Spatial Planning, Land and Forest Management ROGB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - proposes to mention the full name of the Ministry of Spatial Planning, Land and Forest Management (ROGB); as it is now referred to as 'RGB', which may give the impression that it involves another body.
Page 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. S. Crabbe (SBB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fourth point under <u>Results</u> - "NFMS hired a consultant Suriname has that capacity": she explains that SBB indeed hired a consultant for the NFMS, but eventually NFMS was developed by the SBB REDD+ team itself. - Second point under <u>Update Pillar III</u> - 'Activity data - <i>kwaliteitsagenda</i>... ..': should be '<i>kwaliteitsagenda</i> ' [see version in Dutch] - Fifth point under <u>Update Pillar III</u> - 'Causes of Deforestation Study': clearly state that a study has been conducted on the causes of deforestation, forest degradation and other aspects. <p>Decision: Mw. Crabbe/SBB is requested to communicate the modified formulations for the above points to REDD+ PMU, so that the correction can be applied to the minutes.</p>
Page 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. S. Crabbe (SBB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sixth point: '<i>genegeerd</i>' [ignored] instead of '<i>gegeneerd</i>' [embarrassed]

General remarks

Ms. Aloema refers to the second last point on page 9: 'Mr. Hoogdorp is appointed to a meeting regarding the REDD+ Assistants' and indicates that a delegation of REDD+ Assistants has been received by the Minister of Regional Development. The subject of discussion was the issuance of HKVs (logging permits) and the working method after issuance of HKVs. Mrs. Aloema indicates that there were ambiguities among the maroon community about the subject matter.

Regarding the minutes, Mr. Armstrong Alexis, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative, made the following recommendations:

- i. The decisions taken during the Project Board meeting should be clearly stated in the minutes.
- ii. The minutes must be drawn up based on the agenda and the correct order must be maintained.
- iii. The text of the presentation is recorded as much as possible in the minutes. It is proposed to add the presentations as attachments to the minutes; it is more practical to mention in the Minutes that the presentation was held and in addition the discussions and decisions were recorded.

Decision: The above recommendations are adopted by the Project Board.

To finalize the minutes of the Project Board meeting of June 10, 2016, Mr. Nelom suggests to make the changes to the minutes and to forward the final version to the PB members.

He proposes to the meeting to approve the content of the minutes based on the amendments and additions as proposed at the meeting.

The PB agrees and approves the content of the minutes.

Addressing minutes of the Project Board meeting, dated January 27, 2017

The minutes of the PB meeting of January 27, 2017 are also reviewed page by page.

The following recommendations and/or amendments have been proposed:

Item/ Page number	Remark and/or amendment
List of abbreviations & Attendance list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. R. Somopawiro (SBB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the sake of completeness, SBB stands for 'Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control' - ROGB stands for Ministry of Spatial Planning, Land and Forest Management
List of abbreviations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. A. Arupa (REDD+ Assistant) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - proposes to crosscheck the proper name of the Ministry of OWC [Ministry of Education, Science and Culture] ▪ Mr. D. Bogor (NIMOS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the sake of completeness, NIMOS stands for 'National Institute for Environment and <u>Development</u> in Suriname' ▪ Ms. R. Raveles (Director of Trade, Industry & Tourism) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Ministry has changed its name, namely 'Ministry of Trade, Industry and <u>Tourism</u>'
Attendance list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. R. Somopawiro (SBB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In continuation of Mr. Nelom's proposal to mention the "absentee" as well, he proposes to include the reason for absence. He argues that the PB meeting is very important and urgent attendance of the members is required. In this regard, Mr. Feller (Labor and Trade Unions) states that if members are absent, they must answer to their employer; he states that, on the basis of the list of members, it can be identified who was absent. <i>About the listing of absentees on the attendance list, no final decision has been taken by the PB.</i>
Page 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. S. Crabbe (SBB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Third point: In the event the English name is also mentioned, place it between quotation marks and add a forward slash (/) between the Dutch and English names.

Page 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. R. Somopawiro (SBB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With regard to the 'lessons learned in 2016', he proposes to provide an explanation for each item of attention. - Mr. Nelom refers to Mr. Armstrong's recommendation, namely that there is no need to include the text of the presentations in the minutes.
Page 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. D. Bogor (NIMOS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With regards to the composition of the 'Steering Committee', he notes that the dedicated Committee on Environment and Climate Change of DNA and the Court of Justice had been invited for a specific meeting; however, a proposal has been made that these two bodies should also be part of the 'Committee'. This last proposal has not yet been approved. - Correction of the word 'coroption' into 'corruption'
Page 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. S. Crabbe (SBB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phrase in the first paragraph 'When submitting94.7%, currently 93%'. The calculation of the percentages has been based on different methods. <p>Decision: <i>Mrs. Crabbe/SBB is requested to communicate the above point to REDD+ PMU with adapted wording, so that the correction can be applied to the minutes.</i></p>
Page 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. R. Somopawiro (SBB): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recording of the reply by SBB to Mr. R. Simons' question is not complete. <p>Decision: <i>Mr. Somopawiro/SBB is requested to communicate the above point with adapted wording, to REDD+ PMU so that the correction can be applied to the minutes.</i></p>
Page 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ H. Pai (REDD+ Assistant); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He asks whether the comments of Mr. Armstrong, which are laid down in English, can be translated into Dutch.
Page 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Second last sentence, paragraph 1, lines 4 and 5 are changed into: "SBB's role in <u>applying</u> for wood concessions is as follows: SBB gives advice." ▪ Third paragraph, "SBB monitors the use of the concession" will be changed into: "SBB monitors the exploitation of wood concessions"
Page 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. D. Bogor (NIMOS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - requests consistency when using the Dutch or English language or both in the minutes e.g. add translation in Dutch, e.g. for 'land tenure and land rights'. <p>Decision: <i>translate the English terms/words contained in the minutes into Dutch.</i></p>
Page 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ With regard to "Approval Planning & Budget AWP 2017-2018", it is decided to include the approved planning and budget in the attachments.
Page 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Under "Presentation DDFDB+ ..": The details of the presentation do not need to be mentioned in the minutes. It may suffice to indicate what is presented with reference to the presentation in the attachment.
Page 13/ 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ With regard to "Background study for REDD+ in Suriname": this involves a summary regarding the background study; therefore omit the whole section.
Page 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. R. Somopawiro (SBB): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 'short funding gap' concerns the implementation of work plan 2017/2018

Page 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Second bullet, sentence "Within a year, the REDD+ project has delivered USD 150 million." The comment is made here whether it is true; wasn't it USD 60 million?
Page 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. J. Aloema: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ - requests clarification whether there are two SBBs, because reference is made to SBB as Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control ▪ Mr. C. Nelom: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No, it concerns the same Foundation. Please correct this.

General remarks

Mr. Nelom notes that in these minutes, the map of Suriname has been placed on the cover page. He asks for the vision of the PB members on whether or not placing the map on the cover page.

Some members believe that the map can be added, among other things, indicating the communities working with REDD+. Others are of the opinion that the minutes are a business document and that usually no maps and pictures are added. Another suggestion is that the minutes on the website may include the map and the pictures, but not the printed version.

Decision: *Do not to place the map of Suriname and photos on the cover of the minutes, as the minutes concern business documents.*

Mr. Armstrong refers to his previous remark, namely that the decisions taken by the PB are not recorded in the minutes. For example, after the presentation of work plan 2017-2018, it has not been recorded whether the work plan has been approved.

Mr. Nelom requests the PMU to ensure that the minutes include the decision making during the meeting. He requests the PMU adopts a format for the minutes. He also states that the minutes are based on the order of the proceedings. As there is an abbreviation list, the text of the minutes may suffice with abbreviations (with reference to the incorrect spelling of the full name of the acronym SBB on page 16).

Mr. Somopawiro proposes to add work plan 2017-2018 and the presentations as attachments to the minutes. This will serve as a reference for the members of the PB and other actors who may have access to it.

Decisions:

- *Work plan 2017-2018 and the presentations shall be appended to the minutes of the PB meeting of January 27, 2017.*
- *PMU will determine a format for the minutes.*
- *If an abbreviation is mentioned in the list, a full name for the abbreviation shall not be required in the text of the minutes.*
- *Include in the attachment of the next minutes: all approved plans, presentations, budget etc.*

Regarding the approval and signing of the minutes of the PB meeting of January 27, 2017, Mr. Nelom proposes not to approve and sign them yet. The minutes are adjusted displaying 'track changes' and will be forwarded to the PB members by mail.

The PB members shall submit their approval of the minutes by mail. The PF members will have the opportunity to submit their approval by mail within two (2) weeks after receiving the modified minutes.

Decision: The PB adopts Mr. Nelom's proposals.

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III. 'Status update Annual Work Plan 2017'

(See Appendix 1: 'Status update Annual Workplan 2017')

As departing interim project coordinator, Mr. A. Pershad makes use of the opportunity to thank the PMU, NIMOS and the REDD+ Assistants for their trust in him.

In his presentation, Mr. Pershad gives a status update of the activities as contained in the work plan 2017, as well as the statement of expenditure by the end of July 2017.

He further discusses the activities planned for the period August to December 2017.

With regard to the PMU capacity, Mr. C. Nelom explains the following: For the position of 'Project Administrator', application interviews were held with candidates. However, the selected candidate has indicated not to be available any longer. Due to this circumstance, an internal (REDD+ PMU and NIMOS) deliberation has been carried out and a proposal has been made to charge the current 'Administrative Assistant' with some of the tasks of the 'Project Administrator'. After all, some of the tasks of the 'Project Administrator' were already performed by the 'Administrative Assistant'.

However, the financial administrative control (which is also covered by the Project Administrator's task package) is performed by the NIMOS 'Financial Manager'. It is not about determining the budget, but about control.

This modality has been chosen, because the project runs until December 2018 and for next year, fewer activities are scheduled.

The positions of 'Communication Officer' and 'Monitoring and Evaluation Officer' will be filled shortly.

Following the explanation of the activities carried out, Mr. Pershad informs PB that of the budgeted amount of US\$ 2.4 million for 2017, US\$ 636,737 was issued until mid-July 2017. The estimate is that at the end of 2017, 70% spending will have taken place. He indicates that the budget deficit for 2018 still occurs.

Taking into account today's meeting, the PB has met twice (2) this year already. The possibility to hold a third PB meeting this year will be examined.

Questions and comments

Question/Comment	Response
<p>Ms. R. Raveles (Director Ministry of Trade, Industry & Tourism): The private sector needs greater involvement with REDD+ and it doesn't concern the mining and wood processing sectors only. For example, the ICT sector can provide support establishing micro and macro level monitoring systems. It pledges support for mobilizing the involvement of the private sector.</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): This support is highly appreciated. Therefore, NIMOS and REDD+ PMU would like to use the opportunity to investigate whether cooperation with the Ministry of Trade, Industry & Tourism on the involvement of the private sector in developing a vision and strategy for Innovative Economic Opportunities (IEO) and the monitoring, e.g., reinforcing the Geoportal at SBB would be possible.</p> <p>Decision: REDD+ PMU and SBB will investigate together with the Director of the Ministry of Trade, Industry & Tourism, how to add further substance to the support that has been pledged.</p>
<p>Ms. J. Aloema (REDD+ Assistant): She was approached by the southern villagers with the question "What does the meeting, that VIDS wants to hold with the indigenous authorities, entail?" For example, the Trio leader was unaware of the purpose of the meeting held in February 2017. This issue has also been submitted to the Ministry of Regional Development. She requests whether any explanation can be given about this issue.</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): As part of the REDD+ programme, VIDS has submitted a proposal at the beginning of this year, to hold a meeting with leaders from the south, namely and Trio and Wayana to discuss REDD+ activities and related issues and ambiguities. This proposal is included as activity in the work plan 2017. REDD+ PMU and NIMOS do not interfere with the content and internal affairs between VIDS and the communities.</p> <p>Decision: Mr. Nelom will also give an explanation to Mr. Pildas Tawadi (REDD+ Assistant of the Trio tribe).</p>
<p>Ms. J. Aloema (REDD+ Assistant): One of the activities in the 2017 work plan is to strengthen the native and tribal people's platform and holding meetings with the authorities. Will this activity be funded from the US\$ 400,000 from the REDD+ programme? As REDD+ Assistants, we want clarity so that we can provide the communities with the right information.</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): With the approval of the R-PP, a budget has been set for strengthening the indigenous and tribal peoples. The amount of US\$ 25,000 actually comes from the US\$ 400,000 funding. Expenditure has not yet been elaborated; this will be discussed next week with VIDS. It concerns a meeting of the native village leaders at Redi Doti</p>
<p>Ms. C. Sakimin (Ministry of Regional Development and Land Use):</p> <p>i. Will the report on the "Corruption Risk Assessment (CRA)" be available to stakeholders?</p> <p>ii. Is Mr. Pershad (now that he is former Project Coordinator) still involved with the REDD+ programme?</p>	<p>Mr. A. Pershad (REDD+PMU/NIMOS):</p> <p>i. Yes, the report will be made available to the stakeholders. A capacity enhancement plan has also been prepared by the consultant (based on the findings of the report).</p> <p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS):</p> <p>i. Yes, actually he is "Senior Programme Advisor" at NIMOS and he will assist the new REDD+ Project Coordinator in the management section of the REDD+</p>

	<p>programme. Now that he has acted as Interim Coordinator, he has obtained insight and experience with the REDD+ programme.</p> <p>With regards to the contents of the CRA report, he states that the findings of the consultant are contained in the report.</p> <p>Decision: <i>The CRA Report and the Capacity Enhancement Plan will be made available to the stakeholders.</i></p>
Question/Comment	Response
<p>Mr. S. Petrusi (REDD+ Assistant): Is the REDD+ programme on schedule? He is of the opinion that in the presentation the positive issues were presented. However, he finds the REDD+ process to be slow; there are delaying factors and people who are slowing down business, so they need to be addressed.</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): If we take the time line into account then we are on schedule. The budget deficit for 2018 will have to be solved; there will be more clarity in the coming months. He confirms that for some activities and decisions, the program is dependent on people from outside the structure, however, that has their attention. Here and there, there are and will be delays, but they will be addressed.</p>
<p>Mr. A. Arupa (REDD+ Assistant): i. In what way will the platform of native and tribal peoples be strengthened and how will we know that they are strengthened?</p> <p>ii. Demarcation: when, where and in what way? In Apetina, people requested to map the area. The people want other maps indicating their actual areas (tribe: Wayana).</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): i. The method depends on the communities, namely how do they want to add substance to this matter. There are reports and criteria for reinforcement, and on the basis thereof, determination can take place, for example. KAMPOS has established a secretariat and a permanent address, which is a big step forward. Meetings are also held at the secretariat.</p> <p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): ii. Demarcation maps have already been prepared (SSED 2009/2010 with IPP funds and under the coordination of ACT). NIMOS was requested to multiply these maps; it is not about developing new maps; whether they are correct or not, no judgment is made.</p> <p>Mr. N. Hanoeman (ACT): ii. The Ministry of Regional Development has asked to submit the maps of the maroon communities, both digital and in hard copy. No applications have been received from the indigenous people.</p>
<p>Ms. C. Sakimin (Ministry of Regional Development and Land Use): Since the 'Administrative Assistant' will also perform a part of the Project Administrator's work; will there be a salary adjustment?</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): Yes, that has been provided.</p>

IV. Update National REDD+ vision and strategy

(See Appendix 2: National REDD+ vision and strategy)

In her presentation, Ms. P. Miranda addresses the steps and activities taken so far to formulate the national REDD+ vision and strategy. A national study has been conducted and community-level consultations are held. Based on the results of the study, a draft national REDD+ vision has been formulated and the strategic lines have been identified. The community consultations were coordinated by Tropenbos International Suriname in close consultation with REDD+ Assistants and the traditional authorities. In addition, national workshops were held with stakeholders. During the period August-September 2017, several workshops and missions have been planned; the final national REDD+ strategy for Suriname must be completed by the end of September 2017 and presented in October.

Questions and comments

Questions/comments	Reaction
<p>Mr. S. Petrusi (REDD+ Assistant): He verifies who coordinated the consultations. He states that there has been no consultation in the Saramakan area. The information about Pikin Slee is incorrect. Tropenbos performs another project in Pikin Slee. If money is spent from the REDD+ programme, it should be entirely for the benefit of REDD+ activities.</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): takes note of this observation.</p>
<p>Mr. D. Bogor (NIMOS): Once the strategy has been completed, who is following up on this?</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): 'High level' meetings and presentations will be held with and for policy makers.</p> <p>Ms. P. Miranda (AAE consultancy): Within the implementation framework, recommendations have been made for the follow-up process.</p>

Question/Comment	Response
<p>Mr. A. Alexis (UNDP DRR): What is lacking are consultations with high-level policy-makers. REDD+ is more than one project; it concerns the national development of Suriname. Have there been held any consultations with policy makers and technical experts? How is the involvement of the key ministries and ministers?</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS)/Ms. P. Miranda (AAE Consultancy): A fairly extensive consultation process with policy makers and experts has been established, such as the Planning Bureau, the Cabinet of the President and the Ministries. So far, the technical staff and management of the ministries and communities have been consulted. Last week, a presentation was held at the Cabinet of the President (Coordination Environment); a presentation is planned for the President himself. Presentations for the Ministers will follow.</p>
<p>Ms. R. Raveles (Dir. HI&T): With regard to the high-level meetings, a year ago, the proposal was made that the Directors of the Ministries will meet to discuss policy themes; This plan is still in force. Due to addressing the budget, this has been delayed. There is already a request from NIMOS to hold a consultation with the Directors.</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): confirms what the Director of Trade, Industry & Tourism has said. The consultation was planned tentatively on August 18. We are waiting for addressing the budget and will schedule a new appointment. NIMOS will make use of the opportunity to present the vision and strategy. Next week, a presentation for Ministers is scheduled.</p>
<p>Ms. J. Aloema (REDD+ Assistant): <i>Will the document be translated into Dutch and other languages?</i></p>	<p>Mr. A. Pershad (REDD+PMU/NIMOS): Yes, that will take place.</p>

V. Results of scenario modelling for REDD+ national strategy

(See Appendix 3: Scenario Modelling REDD+ Strategy)

In her presentation, Ms. C. Kasanpawiro explains how the NFMS (National Forest Monitoring System) and FREL/FRL (Forest Reference (Emissions) Level)/Forest Reference (Emissions) Level has been addressed.

In her presentation, she goes into more detail on the different scenarios and the associated assumptions.

Questions and comments

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<p>Mr. W. Willems (REDD+ Assistant): As a REDD+ Assistant he sees a lot happening in the interior, for example, gold mining has a disastrous effect, craters arise and the desolate areas are left behind. What can SBB do in this situation? With regard to logging, lots of timber is removed unsupervised from the interior.</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): We know that the government's control device needs to be strengthened. There is also a role for the community in monitoring.</p>

<p>Supervision must be optimized; in this SBB plays a role. The forest is damaged because supervision by SBB is not as it should be.</p>	
<p>Mr. H. Pai (REDD+ Assistant): Regarding the previous question; information has been provided on the deforestation rate with and without REDD+. Rehabilitation of the forest is what must be emphasized. For example, rehabilitation needs to take place in the mined areas. The Ministry of Natural Resources must pay attention to this. In the National Assembly, attention is paid again to the aspect of land rights. Legislation should be in place, meaning that no concessions are issued in the community forest. Supervision on timber concessions is conducted by SBB. Supervision on gold concessions is conducted by another ministry. There is no effective coordination. Bringing together all these actors is necessary to establish a common position and approach regarding monitoring and rehabilitation.</p> <p>Mr. H. Pai (REDD+ Assistant): SBB indicates that only 25 m³ of timber per 1 ha may be logged. I can give examples of situations where the timber people don't want to use is left behind. The land right issue will escalate again, because supervision on gold and logging does not take place adequately. The concessionaries must be trained by the government. What do you do with the timber if you cannot use it? I need to have the tools to maintain the procedures. Legislation will not be enough and at what level do you make the law? He does not agree with the assumption that without logging there is no development. We now see that the gold-mining draggers perform excavations and this is bad for the communities and territories. He would also like to know which scenario for deforestation is most profitable for Suriname with or without REDD+.</p>	<p>Mr. R. Somopawiro (SBB): Logging contributes to national development and in this process we also have to take into account the issue of community forestry. Responsible logging does not cause deforestation, only forest degradation. Of course, logging must take place responsibly and rules must be maintained. Deforestation by mining needs to be addressed and indeed rehabilitation is essential. The Guyana Shield is one of the poor soil areas in terms of nutrients, therefore rehabilitation is essential. It should be taking into account, that you cannot cut more than 10 trees (25 m³) per 1 ha; it takes about 60 years before rehabilitation will be completed. SBB cannot solve the problem on its own. He proposes a meeting with the directly involved actors to discuss the rules, procedures and responsibilities; including those of SBB. The communities also have a responsibility and all parties must take their responsibility. SBB is ready to train the actors.</p> <p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): suggests to put this discussion on hold for today. The presentation was very technical. It is advisable to give one day to discuss further what has been presented and to discuss all relevant matters.</p> <p>Decision: hold a separate meeting to discuss the NFMS and FREL/FRL and related matters.</p>
<p>Ms. R. Raveles (Director Ministry of Trade, Industry & Tourism): The government has given priority to a number of sectors, e.g. the agricultural sector is a priority</p>	<p>Ms. C. Kasanpawiro (SBB): Forestry has not been included, because the focus is on deforestation. They do start from the impact of</p>

<p>(palm oil). Has there been drawn up a scenario which focuses on the agricultural sector? Are the effects of forestry included? The Ministry of Trade, Industry & Tourism is looking at the potential of 'non timber forest products' (NTFPs)/forest by-products. There is a strong demand on the global market for these products. The World Bank has identified it as a focus market allowing the economy to flourish, e.g. superfoods, biologically grown etc. The Ministry of Trade, Industry & Tourism has a number of calculations and proposals it would like to share with REDD+ PMU. Together with the company Pansa, a machine has been developed for NTFP products which are developed in Suriname and which can be produced using this machine.</p>	<p>forestry on the strategy. SBB will take the proposal into consideration. Within the agricultural sector, only oil palm was looked at. We need to identify the sites to include them into the scenarios.</p> <p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): asks whether the Ministry of Trade, Industry & Tourism can make available all relevant information to the PMU.</p> <p>Decision: <i>The Ministry of Trade, Industry & Tourism makes available all relevant information to the PMU.</i></p>
<p>Mr. D. Simons (REDD+ Assistant): Does SBB have control posts everywhere and do they work optimally? In the Kwinti area and Lawa area there are control posts, but they do not work optimally.</p>	<p>Mr. R. Somopawiro (SBB): There are several checkpoints, sometimes mobile posts, however, indeed they do not always work optimally.</p>

VI. Update FREL/FRL, NFMS and ratification definition Forest

(See Appendix 4: Update FREL/FRL, NFMS and definition of Forest)

Ms. S. Crabbe provides technical information in her presentation on the FREL/FRL and NFMS components. In the period January-August 2017, the deforestation map 2015-2016 has been updated; a contribution was made to the update of the regional study 'Deforestation by Gold Mining' (the largest deforestation rate is in Guyana, followed by Suriname; in French Guyana it is lower). This is related to the gold mining policy and in cooperation with the Ministry of Regional Development a national village level was created.

Digitization of the hardcopy map file of the Foundation Planning Suriname and the bilateral exchange of concession data between GMD and SBB are also among the results. Furthermore, data on the satellite land monitoring system is posted at www.gonini.org.

She further indicated that there is a draft definition for "forest" which should be agreed on. She also informed the PB on the planned activities in the period September-December 2017.

Following the presentation, Mr. C. Nelom proposed to hold a separate session for the PB with regard to FREL/FRL and NFMS.

Decision: separate session for PB regarding FREL/FRL and NFMS and scenario modelling.

VII. Presentation 'Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

(See Appendix 5: 'Grievance Redress Mechanism')

Mr. B. Drakenstein begins his presentation with the remark that in developing the scenarios for REDD+, in any case it involves development, either with or without REDD+. He emphasizes that a mechanism must be put in place to address the complaints of communities and other actors and that a recovery mechanism should be 'in place'. In recent years, the communities were proactively involved with the REDD+ process. Setting up a mechanism provides a forum for addressing issues that cannot be resolved through consultations with communities and stakeholders. He further explains what the mechanism entails, why it should be established and he also makes recommendations based on experiences from other countries.

As an interim measure, it is proposed that the Project Board will fill in the role of the mechanism and will receive the information through REDD+ PMU.

In the meantime, a consultant will be **recruited** who will develop the design of the GRM, taking into account the plans of the Ministry of Regional Development. At the first PB meeting in 2018, progress will be reported. The final GRM must be presented mid-2018.

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<p>Ms. C. Sakimin (Ministry of Regional Development and Land Use): If the PB is entrusted in the interim phase, who will be guiding us?</p>	<p>Mr. B. Drakenstein (UNDP): Capacity building for the PB has been built in; the material (guidelines and other documentation) is translated into Dutch and also for local communities. A procedure must be established to redirect the complaints and grievances of communities through REDD+ PMU to the PB. That will have benefits for the permanent structure which will be established after 2018 (after the REDD+ Readiness phase). The operational structures must also be 'in place'.</p>
<p>Ms. K. Tajib (Ministry of Regional Development and Land Use): Who will staff the secretariat?</p>	<p>Mr. B. Drakenstein (UNDP): The REDD+ PMU will fulfill that role. There will be concrete proposals as of 2018. However, the PB must first agree with the proposal.</p> <p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): We will come back to that with more information, material and underlying documents so that matters will be well discussed within the PB.</p>

VIII. What is brought to the table/determining the date of the next Project Board meeting

Mr. H. Pai: When discussing monitoring, roles and responsibilities, he proposes that SBB will also invite the concessionaries (gold mining and timber).

Mr. Somopawiro indicates that he will not be able to promise this.

Mr. Nelom argues that it will be examined how to address this.

Scheduling date next PB: with reference to the presentation by Mr. Pershad, who indicates that if the need arises, a third PB will be scheduled for this year, this agenda item will not be addressed any further.

IX. Complete a survey

The PB members are requested to complete the survey form and submit it to the two REDD+ PMU employees, namely Ms. S. Karwofodi and Ms. C. Elliott.

X. Closure

Mr. Nelom thanks the attendants and closes the meeting at 14:50 PM.

Attachments:

Presentations held in the PB meeting:

- Appendix 1: 'Status update Annual Work Plan 2017'
- Appendix 2: National REDD+ vision and strategy
- Appendix 3: Scenario Modelling REDD+ Strategy
- Appendix 4: Update FREL/FRL, NFMS and definition Forest
- Appendix 5: 'Grievance Redress Mechanism'