



# SURINAME REDD+ PROJECT BOARD MEETING

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**MINUTES: AK COMMUNICATION CONSULTANCY (Final)**

***LALLA ROOKH BUILDING, Friday, January 27, 2017***



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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

1. **AWP:** *Annual Work Plan*
2. **CATIE:** *Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza*
3. **DDFDB+:** *Drivers of deforestation, forest degradation and barriers*
4. **DNA:** *The National Assembly*
5. **ESMF:** *Environmental Social Management Framework*
6. **FAO:** *Food and Agricultural Organization*
7. **FGRM:** *Feedback Grievance Redress Mechanism*
8. **FPIC:** *Free Prior and Informed Consent*
9. **FREL/FRL:** *Forest Reference (Emission) Levels*
10. **GMD:** *Geology and Mining Service*
11. **HFLD:** *High Forest Low Deforestation*
12. **HI:** *Ministry of Commerce & Industry (currently Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism (HI&T))*
13. **IEO:** *Innovative Economic Opportunities*
14. **LVV:** *Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries*
15. **MGC:** *Major Groups Collective*
16. **MRV:** *Measuring Reporting Verification*
17. **NFI:** *National Forest Inventory*
18. **NFMS:** *National Forest Monitoring System*
19. **NIMOS:** *National Institute for Environmental & Development in Suriname*
20. **OW:** *Ministry of Public Works*
21. **OWC:** *Ministry of Education, Science and Culture*
22. **PC:** *Project Coordinator*
23. **PMU REDD+:** *Project Management Unit Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation*
24. **RAC:** *REDD+ Assistants Collective*
25. **RO:** *Ministry of Regional Development*
26. **ROGB:** *Ministry of Spatial Planning,, Land and Forest Management*
27. **SBB:** *Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control*
28. **SESA:** *Social and Environmental Strategic Assessment*
29. **SPS:** *Foundation Planning Office Suriname*
30. **UNDP:** *United Nations Development Programme*
31. **VIDS:** *Association of Indigenous Village Leaders in Suriname*

## LIST OF ATTENDANCE January 27, 2017

Number	Organization	Name
1	Project Management Unit Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (PMU REDD+)	Mr. E. Sosrojoedo
2	PMU REDD+ - Project Coordinator (PC)	Mr. Anil Pershad
3	PMU REDD+	Mr. Marlon Hoogdorp
4	PMU REDD+	Mr. Sirito - Yana Aloema
5	PMU REDD+	Ms. Santusha Mahabier
6	PMU REDD+	Ms. Silvia Karwofodi
7	PMU REDD+	Ms. Carmen Elliott
8	PMU REDD+	Ms. Tanja Lieuw
9	Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control (SBB) - Knowledge Institute	Mr. Rene Somopawiro
10	SBB	Ms. Priscilla Miranda
11	SBB	Ms. Sara Crabbe
12	SBB	Ms. Sara Svensson
13	National Institute of Environmental Suriname (NIMOS) - Project Management and Supervision	Mr. Cedric Nelom
14	NIMOS - Knowledge Institute	Mr. Donovan Bogor
15	Meteorological Service - Knowledge Institute	Ms. Sallons - Miltro Sukarni
16	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – Deputy Resident Representative	Mr. Alexis Armstrong
17	UNDP	Mr. Bryan Drakenstein
18	UNDP	Ms. Anuradha Khoenkhoen
19	Workers and Trade Unions - Major Groups Collective (MGC)	Mr. Eric Feller
20	Non-governmental organizations - MGC	Mr. Jerrel Pinas
21	Local authorities - MGC	Ms. Chermine Wirjotaroeno
22	Business & Industry - MGC	Mr. Jeffery Poetisie
23	REDD+ Assistant - People of the Trio	Mr. Tawadi Pildas
24	REDD+ Assistant - People of the Wayana	Mr. Arnold Arupa
25	REDD+ Assistant - People of the Caribs	Mw J. Tokoe - Aloema
26	REDD+ Assistant - People of the Saramaccaners	Mr. Stiefen Petrusi
27	REDD+ Assistant - People of the Aucaners	Mr. Henrik Pai
28	REDD+ Assistant - People of the Aluku	Mr. Dua Simons
29	REDD+ Assistant - People of the Matuariërs	Mr. Wilson Willems
30	REDD+ Assistant - People of the Kwinti	Mr. Harry Elliot
31	Ministry of Public Works (OW)	Mr. R. Sardjoe
32	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries (LVV)	Mr. O. Kasijo
33	Ministry of Regional Development (RO)	Mr. A. Seedo
34	Ministry of Regional Development, Land and Forestry Management (ROGB)	Ms. K. Tajib
35	Ministry of ROGB	Ms. P. Podrono
36	Ministry of Education, Science and Culture (OWC)	Ms. N. Koningsbloem
37	Ministry of Trade & Industry (HI)	Mr. M. Warsodikromo
38	Ministry of Finance - observer	Ms. Sagitta Jaggan
39	Ministry of Finance - observer	Ms. Priscilla Setrowidjojo
40	Office of the President - observer	Mr. Winston Lackin
41	Office of the President - observer	Ms. M. Gompers-Small
42	Foundation Planning Office Suriname (SPS) - observer	Mr. Reynold Simons
43	Foundation Planning Office Suriname - observer	Mr. John Bouterse
44	AK Communciation Consultancy - secretary	Ms. A. Van der Kooye
45	Tranzolution - Interpreter	Ms. Liesbeth Laing
46	Tranzolution - Interpreter	Ms. Janice Pengel

## AGENDA REDD + PROJECT BOARD MEETING

Date: Friday, January 27, 2017

Location: Lalla Rookh - Ballroom (Building 2)

Time: 08:00 a.m.-03:00 p.m.

Time	Activity
08:00 a.m.	Walk-in, registration and breakfast
08:30 a.m.	Word of Welcome - Cedric Nelom
08:35 a.m.	Opening - Cedric Nelom
08:40 a.m.	Adoption of the agenda
08:42 a.m.	Addressing Minutes of Project Board Meeting dated June 10, 2016 - Cedric Nelom
09:15 a.m.	Evaluation 2016 - Anil Pershad
10:00 a.m.	Questions round
10:30 a.m.	Coffee break
10:45 a.m.	AWP (Annual Work Plan) 2017/2018 - Anil Pershad
11:45 a.m.	Questions round AWP 2017 and approved AWP
12:30 p.m.	Break with snacks
12:45 p.m.	Presentation DDFDB+ <sup>1</sup> results and Geoportal - SBB
01:15 p.m.	Presentation REDD+ website and logo
01:35 p.m.	What will be addressed
01:45 p.m.	Completion Survey
01:55 p.m.	Closure - Cedric Nelom
02:00 p.m.	Lunch

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<sup>1</sup> Multi-perspective analysis of drivers of deforestation, forest degradation and barriers to REDD+ activities.

## **OPENING**

Mr. Marlon Hoogdorp, Communication Officer REDD+, opened the meeting at 08:45 a.m. Instructions on interpretation are provided. Two professional interpreters are recruited to ensure that all attendees can follow the Project Board Meeting. Attendees were given the opportunity to pick up a headset for interpretation: from Dutch into English and vice versa. In addition, interpreting services from Sranan Tongo into English and vice versa were available. Mr. Hoogdorp welcomes the attendees, in particular the Project Board members, PMU staff, UNDP staff and the agencies who have been invited to the Project Board Meeting as observers, including representatives of the Cabinet of the President; Mr. W. Lackin, Mrs. M. Gompers-Small, Mrs. Plet. Representatives of the Ministry of Finance; Mrs. S. Jaggan and Mrs. P. Setrowidjojo. Representatives of the Planning Office were Mr. R. Simons and Mr. J. Bouterse.

## **WORD OF WELCOME**

The chairman, Mr. Cedric Nelom, welcomes all those present, in particular, the observers of the various Governmental institutions. It is the first time that stakeholders from various institutions are present at the board meeting. The language of the meeting is Dutch, English and Sranan Tongo. The national coordination team of Environment, the Cabinet of the President, the Planning Office and the Ministry of Finance are especially welcomed by the chairman.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda is reviewed and all participants are asked to give their approval. There are no comments or additions, and the agenda is fully approved. A request is made to fill out the questionnaire after the formal conclusion of this meeting for feedback.

## **NOTICES**

- Mr. Nelom indicates that the working relationship with Mrs. M. Ramdin has ended on December 31, 2016. Mrs. Ramdin is publicly thanked for the progress which has been achieved during the time that she held the position. Mr. Nelom indicates that differences in management insights resulted in termination of the employment relationship.
- Furthermore, Mr. Nelom emphasizes the importance and contribution of each of the observers to the REDD+ programme.
- The representative of the people of the Trio, Mr. Pildash, and the representative of the UNDP will arrive later.

## ADDRESSING THE MINUTES OF THE PROJECT BOARD MEETING, dated June 10, 2016

Document PB2017-1E was received by each participant in the workbook at the beginning of the meeting. The PMU was not successful in sending this document to the participants due to delays in the translation from English into Dutch. Therefore, Mr. C. Nelom decides to provide the attendees with the opportunity to review the minutes and to discuss them at the next board meeting.

## EVALUATION 2016

Mr. Pershad has been appointed as interim Project Coordinator two months ago and will give a presentation on the activities during 2016. Last year was evaluated and the projected milestones have been discussed.

### Key milestones for 2016

- **Engagement:**
  - ✓ Cabinet, Council of Ministers
  - ✓ REDD+ Assistants Collective (RAC) is operational and trained
  - ✓ *Krutu's* [village meetings] in five communities
- **The study on Multi-perspective analysis of drivers of deforestation, forest degradation and barriers to REDD+ activities - (DDFDB+) is completed.** The results were presented on December 8, last year.
- **Signing of the study on Innovative Economic Opportunities (IEO) and the Corruption Risk Assessment**
- **Geoportal was launched** <http://www.gonini.org/>
- **Study on historical changes in forest and land cover 2000-2015**
- **Roadmap for National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS)**
- **Study Forest Reference Emissions Levels (on Emission Factors and Carbon Stocks in the Forests)** (on the basis of existing data)
- **Mid-Term Review**



*Community Krutu's*



**Key results for 2016 are as follows:**

PILLARS	RESULTS
<b>Pillar 1</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public awareness and capacity building (e.g. <i>krutu's</i>, visiting Costa Rica)</li> <li>Stakeholder analysis and involvement plan</li> <li>Redd+ Assistants are operational and trainings have been provided</li> <li>Project Management (two meetings)</li> <li>External Mid-Term Review</li> </ol>
<b>Pillar 2</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study on the causes of deforestation and forest degradation</li> </ol>
<b>Pillar 3</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geoportal was launched</li> <li>Study on historical changes in forest and land cover 2000-2015</li> <li>Roadmap for NFMS</li> <li>Study on emission factors and carbon stocks in the forest (on the basis of existing data)</li> </ol>

**Lessons learned in 2016**

- **Engagement**
  - ✓ Engagement Plan
  - ✓ High Level Engagement
  - ✓ Communication plan: lack of a communication plan has resulted in the fact that REDD+ expressed itself insufficiently
- **Strategic:**
  - ✓ Project Steering Committee
  - ✓ Vision
- **Project should be considered as a whole rather than as separate pillars.**
- **Strengthening institutions is required (applying administrative procedures)**
- **South-South cooperation and reinforcing partnerships are important.**

**QUESTIONS ROUND**

*Mr. Jerrel Pinas: World Wildlife Fund Guianas on behalf of the NGO sector, Major Groups Collective:*

**Question: 'What is the importance of a Steering Committee?'**

**Answer: Mr. C. Nelom:** 'It is important that REDD+ has a vision and that vision will be discussed and shared widely. The Steering Committee plays an important role in achieving and implementing this vision. Hence, it was important that the observers/stakeholders were present at this meeting.'

Mr. Nelom indicates that it should have been prevented that the entire project was exclusively prepared by the coaching staff. 'The goal is to capitalize our forest, which means that we need all stakeholders in order to achieve this goal and to improve implementation. Meetings are prepared to give a presentation on REDD+ to the Council of Ministers. Through background studies the causes of deforestation are examined. Based on causes, one can think innovatively and address the problem sustainably through 'innovative opportunities'.'

*Conditions for capitalizing the forest are:*

1. Good technical basis
2. Policy



*The Steering Committee consists of:*

- ✓ Cabinet
- ✓ UNDP
- ✓ 6 Ministries
- ✓ Tribal chiefs or representatives
- ✓ The business community
- ✓ The Planning Office
- ✓ NIMOS (serves as a secretary)
- ✓ DNA (standing committee Environment & Climate Change) – proposed to participate as observer
- ✓ The Court of Justice (because of the Corruption Risk Assessment) – proposed to participate as observer

*Mr. Jerrel Pinas: World Wildlife Fund, on behalf of the NGO sector in Major Groups Collective:*

**Question 2: ‘The [budget] achievement has increased from 10% to 45%. What is the desired percentage for the achievement and the desired level based on the project file?’**

**Answer: Mr. C. Nelom:** ‘For 2017, at least 90% of the entire budget should be achieved.’

*Mrs. Sallons-Miltro Sukarni: Meteorological Service - Knowledge Institute:*

**Question: ‘Are there any contingencies included in the execution of the project? Which activities are planned for 2017?’**

**Answer: Mr. C. Nelom:** ‘There will be a presentation on 2017. Pillar 2 & 3 indicate that all studies will be completed. In addition, REDD+ will commence all major activities on schedule. A request was made by UNDP to extend the program for at least one year. Formally, the program runs until June 2017, however, it is not feasible to complete all activities by then. The REDD+ Vision and Strategy will be completed in 2017, followed by implementation of the activities in 2018.’

*Mr. Donovan Bogor: NIMOS - Knowledge Institute:*

**Question: ‘The realization does not run smoothly. Are all processes which are linked thereto determined? What are the barriers?’**

**Answer: Mr. A. Pershad & Mr. C. Nelom:** ‘The delay is recorded and analyzed. Recently, the programme has been addressed separately in the form of separate pillars and has been conveyed insufficiently to the outside world, even with SBB and the community as a partner. This resulted in the implementation to be delayed. Based on these findings, the measures quoted by Mr. Nelom earlier were taken.’

*Mr. R. Simons: The Planning Office - observer:*

**Question: ‘What is the assessment of the forest in Suriname at the moment? How do we qualify deforestation? Currently it is the only project on this scale in Suriname, of which strategy forms an essential part of. Who will ultimately decide on the strategy?’**

**Answer: Mr. C. Nelom:** ‘The Planning Office is invited for a reason. The Planning Office is an important partner for developing the REDD+ Vision. The vision for 2035 which is being prepared by the Planning Office, we want to embed with, for example, the REDD+ Strategy. Naturally, the Planning Office should have been involved earlier.’ Mr. C. Nelom offers his sincere apologies for this. The Planning Office plays a crucial role for the REDD+ ‘long term vision’.

**Answer:** *Mr. Rene Somopawiro:* 'Currently Suriname has 93% forest cover, compared with other countries, Suriname is in the top 3. SBB staff is 'in place', which is the reason that SBB is able to present figures itself, for the benefit of policymakers as well. SBB must report on a national level. Furthermore, causes for deforestation are very important and not only figures are considered. Which sources of information can be used for this purpose? At the time of submitting the REDD+ proposal, Suriname had a forest cover of 94.7%, currently 93%. So there has been a decline. Mining is listed as one of the main causes for the decline. Institutions and instruments are used to monitor deforestation. Capitalizing is the main goal; however, if we do not take action ourselves, people will not be willing to invest in your country. Suriname must take the necessary measures itself.'

### **Response to questions from Mr. Simons**

*Mr. Alexis Armstrong, UNDP:*

- ✓ Steering committee must be in place; PMU & NIMOS for the technical issues
- ✓ The responsibility of state agencies has to be integrated with the future perspectives of Suriname
- ✓ NIMOS has authority, but cannot implement the project by itself.
- ✓ Planning and Finance are aspects that are very important in this process. The project ends, but the issues are ongoing. It's important that the state is involved to implement all activities.

*Mr. R. Simons: Planning Office Suriname - observer:*

**Question:** 'The Development Plan 2017 -2021 shows that one of our priorities is our reserves; the nature reserves are priority areas. Should nature reserves be designated as a priority? Does the Monitoring Programme indicate priorities or sensitive areas that are to be followed? Are the reserves the key issues to which we are looking, for example Brownsberg?'

**Answer:** *Mr. R. Somopawiro:* 'A population monitoring system has been created, near-real time monitoring. Therefore, if an observer indicates in this case, that a certain priority area is important, then this will be taken into account. For example: mangrove forests, then it is also taken into account. We observe via satellite. There are collaborations with the Mining Geological Services (GMD). Nature reserves are also included as a priority area. Through Measuring Reporting Verification (MRV) community forests should be considered together with communities.'

### **Response to answer of Mr. R. Somopawiro:**

*Mr. Hendrik Pai, REDD+ Assistant on behalf of the Aucaners*

**'We talk about monitoring mangrove forests. What about the far interior? How is SBB, as protector of our forests, planning to monitor this in order to prevent the forest from fading away? There are a lot of concessions being issued.'**

**Answer:** *Mr. R. Somopawiro:* 'We monitor all forests (not only the mangrove forests, but also in the south), mangrove forests are just one example of the monitoring system. SBB advises on the issuance of concessions and supervises the concessions.'

**Answer:** *Mr. C. Nelom:* 'There is no monitoring system being established without the involvement of the communities. Through MRV, tools and mechanisms are proposed to properly monitor.'

*Hendrik Pai, REDD + Assistant on behalf of the Aucaner people*

**Question:** 'What is the task of SBB? You are issuing concessions and logging licenses. How could the forest be protected and not just the mangrove forests of the coastal plain? Explain to me what is monitoring.'

**Answer:** *Mr. C. Nelom:* 'SBB does not issue any concessions. The role of SBB in the process of requesting a timber concessions is the following: SBB gives advice. The advice is based on certain criteria.'

**Response** *Mr. H. Pai:* 'ROGB also gives advice. Community forest is also monitored by the Ministry of ROGB.'

**Response** *Mr. R. Somopawiro:* 'So much forest is removed during land allocation; SBB is monitoring the exploitation of the logging concession, e.g. how does logging take place, the amount of tax is determined and it indicates how much forest there should be felled per hectare. Mr. H. Pai will be invited to a meeting for an explanation of the tasks of SBB.'

**Proposal** *Mr. H. Pai:* 'NIMOS, REDD+, UNDP are all invited for a day or even a week to examine the situation in the forest and to discuss the issues. SBB is not monitoring. The trees that are felled are too small. So if you are monitoring, you have to monitor closely'.

**Response** *Mr. C. Nelom:* 'We will get back at your invitation and will contact you soon.'

## Notice

From 11:50 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. the chairman will briefly transfer chairing the meeting to Mr. A. Alexi for continuation. Mr. Nelom will open another meeting elsewhere and will return afterwards.

## COFFEE BREAK

From 10:33 to 10:56 p.m. there will be a short break. It is announced that some representatives will leave early.

## AWP 2017/2018

After the coffee break, Mr. A. Pershad presents the Annual Work Plan (AWP) 2017. What activities are on schedule? It is indicated that USD 1.5 million is budgeted for 2017 and that there is a budget deficit of USD 740,000. USD 308,000 is budgeted for 2018.

## Planning 2017

- Awareness campaign and capacity building (e.g. communication plan and implementation, walk-in school)

- Strengthening platforms of indigenous and tribal peoples
- Supporting mapping and local management plans of indigenous and tribal peoples
- Designing Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) protocols
- Interim Feedback Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM)
- Project Management (two meetings)
- Vision 2035 Support
- National REDD+ Strategy (including investment plan, Social and Environmental Strategic Assessment (SESA) and Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)
- Land tenure and land rights study (including a plan for negotiation, capacity development, FPIC protocols and land demarcation)
- Corruption Risk Analysis
- IEO study
- Initiating Safeguard Information System
- Diplomatic cooperation with HFLD (High Forest Low Deforestation) countries
- Forest Reference Emission Levels (FREL)
- Implementing a roadmap for the National Forest Monitoring System: baseline/monitoring deforestation/forest degradation, emission factors, forest degradation, strengthening participatory monitoring initiatives, up-to-date
- FGRM for REDD+ implementation

### **Planning 2018**

- Further support of indigenous and tribal peoples
- Project Management (2)
- Final Evaluation
- Finalizing Safeguard Information System
- Summary of Information
- Support legal changes
- Financing mechanisms
- Revision of FREL/FRL
- Further implementation of NFMS

## QUESTIONS ROUND AWP AND ADOPTION OF AWP 2017

*Mr. J. Pinas, World Wildlife Fund, on behalf of the NGO sector in Major Groups Collective:*

**Question: 'Which arrangements for REDD+ are indicated in pillar 1a?'**

**Answer:** 'It was requested to take out the detailed version of the work plan from the folder to discuss each item separately. Subgroup 1A is a main activity.'

**Question about main activity 2, G2: 'Are there any local residents also involved in giving support?'**

**Answer:** 'Local residents are also involved. WWF has also been approached.'

*Mrs. K. Tajib, Ministry of ROGB*

**Question: IC3. Development of FPIC protocols. 'Were FPIC protocols already developed through the Wise REDD+ programme?'**

**Answer:** Mr. C. Nelom: 'Within the Wise REDD+ programme, a certain strategy has been developed, i.e. in what way the communities want to be approached by the government. We want to make an attempt to create a particular system, allowing in particular the indigenous and Maroon communities to have the opportunity to receive information when it comes to certain activities in their areas, because they have to have the information before they can be involved or give an approval or be committed to a particular activity. In this activity we want close cooperation with both RO and ROGB.'

*Mrs. K. Tajib, Ministry of ROGB*

**Supplementary question: 'Will it (discussion when developing the FPIC protocols) be in the form of *krutu's*?' (meetings)**

**Answer:** Mr. C. Nelom: 'Yes, it is in the form of a *krutu*, because the FPIC protocols must be formulated per tribe as well. Together with all the tribes we must establish separate protocols, hence in particular point 1c shows the support of indigenous and Maroon peoples. We have already started discussions with both the Association of Indigenous Village Leaders in Suriname (VIDS), the Wayana tribe, the Trio tribe, the Carib tribe and the Arawak tribe (indigenous communities) regarding this support.'

*Mr. A. Arupa, REDD+ Assistant on behalf of the Wayana's*

**Question: 'How will the indigenous people be strengthened? How do I have to look at it? We were not present at the meeting in December 2016.'**

**Answer:** Mr. C. Nelom: 'The involvement of the indigenous people and the Maroons was not included in a REDD+ Preparation Plan. Therefore, this plan was rejected. In the current plan, the indigenous people and Maroons are involved and the plan has already been discussed in Washington. In the case of VIDS, the indigenous people are definitely involved and so are all other groups. Other groups such as the Trio and the Wayana also want to be involved. Within the Maroon communities KAMPOS is involved, representing all six Maroon tribes. This allows discussions to be easier. After this meeting, and the adoption of the year plan, separate discussions with these groups will be conducted.'

**Response Mr. A. Arupa**

'I'm happy to hear that. The groups from Palumeu and Kwamalasemutu should also be involved in discussions on the national strategy. The indigenous groups in the South require a different approach. Very important: Kampos, VIDS, Trio's, Wayana's, Arawak and the Caribs.'

**Response** *Mrs. A. Khoenkhoen, UNDP*

'The comments about the expenditures will be included in accordance with the objectives that are indicated.'

**Response** *Mr. C. Nelom*

'All comments and responses will be taken into account. The money will be spend as is budgeted.'

*Mw. A. Khoenkhoen, UNDP*

**Question: 'Do the actual figures include commitments? The amounts in orange or will the amounts certainly be spent in 2017?'**

**Answer:** *Mr. A. Pershad:* 'The amounts shown are amounts of which we know that they will certainly be spent. They are sceduled this year and all preparations have already been taken. Especially when we look at pillar 2, we see that studies have already started, while others have been finalized. It is expected that the tribal peoples and the indigenous peoples will come to consensus. That is why we consciously didn't name it 'committed', but a way of spending.'

*Ms. J. Tokoe - Aloema, REDD+ Assistant on behalf of the Caribbean tribe*

**Question: 'The budget for the indigenous people and the Maroons. We know that the VIDS has a share. Does the money go to the VIDS or to the communities? Will REDD+ Assistants also be involved, when VIDS will also receive a budget?'**

**Answer:** *Mr. C. Nelom:* 'According to our approach, NIMOS/REDD+ PMU and UNDP should all be involved in the discussions. It is important to all parties.'

*Mrs. K. Tajib, Ministry of ROGB*

**Question: 'What is meant by 3d? Legal changes are fully planned and are gradually implemented. What changes are involved and is it not too ambitious?'**

**Answer:** *Mr. C. Nelom:* 'If it appears that in conducting the studies, the Forest Act must be adapted, the facts that have been noticed should be offset by that budget in order to make the necessary proposals to achieve adjustment. Legal support takes time. Following the studies, the budget for 2017 may be transferred to the budget for 2018.'

#### **ADOPTION schedule & budget AWP 2017 - 2018**

The schedule including the activities and the budget for 2017-2018 is approved by all those present. No one voted against. There are still two PMU meetings scheduled for REDD+. See enclosed the approved AWP2017-2018.



## PRESENTATION DDFDB+<sup>1</sup> RESULTS AND GEOPORTAL - Foundation Management and Production Control (SBB)

Mrs. Priscilla Miranda of SBB provides a presentation on the results.

### Milestones 2016:

- NFMS roadmap
- Activity data - third party review of deforestation maps
- Emission Factors - best possible carbon stock estimation
- Deforestation folder 2014-2015
- DDFDB+ study
- FREL/FRL
- National Forest Inventory (NFI) proposal
- NFMS Database & Geoportal

### Background study for REDD+ in Suriname:

is an analysis of multiple perspectives of the causes of deforestation, forest degradation and barriers to REDD+ activities.

The geo-portal is presented; it is officially launched on December 28, 2016 and is publicly accessible to everyone. SBB is constantly working to check with other institutes how to combine more data in this geoportal.



<sup>1</sup> Multi-perspective Analysis of Drivers of Deforestation, Forest Degradation and Barriers to REDD+ Activities



## PRESENTATION REDD+ WEBSITE AND LOGO by Mr. A. Pershad

The awareness/communication for the REDD+ project is tightened. The new logo was presented and approved. The website launch will take place on January 31, 2017. On the same date the first newsletter for 2017 will be published. A promotional film was shown to which people could give feedback.



*Het nieuwe logo*

## WHAT WILL BE ADDRESSED

At 13:18 p.m., the formal part of the board meeting ends. Additional questions were asked for clarification.

*Mr. J. Pinas, World Wildlife Fund, on behalf of the NGO sector in the Major Groups Collective*

**Question: 'Is there capacity available and how will it be supplemented? Will there be local personnel deployed?'**

**Answer: Mr. C. Nelom:** 'On the basis of a Terms of Reference a combination of international and national staff will be deployed for implementation. Money will be invested in studies and the cooperation with communities. There is sufficient capacity available for the studies: Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (CATIE)<sup>2</sup> from Costa Rica and expertise of SBB will be utilized. Much depends on good communication. Items that are laid down can only succeed through good communication. This process should start early.'

*Mr. J. Pinas, World Wildlife Fund, on behalf of the NGO sector in the Major Groups Collective*

**Question: 'How long would it take to employ the project administrator?'**

**Answer:** 'Silvia Karwofodi does a lot of work. It will be examined whether the current position can be combined with that of the project administrator. The deadline for completion of this function is the end of March, but in all likelihood this position will be 'in place' before that date.'

**Remark Mr. A. Armstrong, UNDP:**

- Congratulations to the entire team that has worked hard recently: PMU, NIMOS, SBB.
- REDD+ did not go smoothly, however, through the efforts of the whole team, the project is back on track.
- REDD+ is the largest UNDP project in Suriname. Normally, a 'country representative has little to do with the implementation of projects at this level, however, REDD+ is very important for the UNDP.
- The request to extend the REDD+ programme from June 2017 till June 2018 was submitted on time and will be considered.
- Management information must be provided during the mid-term review. This information is important for the renewal of the REDD+ programme.

<sup>2</sup> *The Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center*

- For the AWP 2017-2018 there is a 'short funding gap' of USD 700,000. UNDP will also look into this and consider the options to bridge this 'gap'.
- In response to the question from the Planning Office Suriname: REDD+ is an opportunity, a next step for the development process:
  - A good example is Ecuador, where people were able to provide insight in the 'carbon storage'. Within a year, the REDD+ project delivered USD 150 million. Therefore, the potential for Suriname is very large. The project link with policy makers is crucial. It requires taking decisions that could ensure that Suriname can reap the benefits of this project.
- UNDP is looking forward to working together and the REDD+ project should be an essential part of the whole planning process in Suriname. Indigenous and tribal peoples have a huge impact on this process. There will be close cooperation with NIMOS to ensure this. Each part of the project has its own weaknesses, but UNDP is committed to the involvement of indigenous and tribal peoples to realize their wishes.

*Mw. J. Tokoe- Aloema, REDD+ assistant on behalf of the Carib tribe*

**Remark:** 'It is important that not only for organizations but also for individuals sustainable development will take place in the areas. Small projects must be identified to help the people of the areas. For example: the cashew project. People want assistance with the production of cashew nuts, which goes towards French Guyana. These small projects strengthen the economy. A request is made for training, but also tools/instruments that are necessary for the treatment process, such as production and consumption.'

**Response** *Mr. C. Nelom:*

'During the preliminary discussion this was discussed extensively. As part of the IEO study it was requested to include this part in this study, because your example of the cashew nuts is an element of how we can sustainably use the forest. In this respect, one can certainly look forward to an invitation.'

**Remark:** *Mr. R. Somopawiro, SBB*

'Everyone who contributed to achieving the results is thanked. The request is made to participate in the same way and to be committed in the coming period. Achievements must be maintained systematically. SBB welcomes all collaborations and partnerships.'

## COMPLETING THE SURVEY

The attendees are requested to fill out the feedback form for further improving the meetings.



## CONCLUSION

Mr. C. Nelom thanks all those present for their participation. 'There's a lot to do'. We will give substance to this in the future. The support of the ministries is very important and a request is made for the contribution of the government. The observers/stakeholders are thanked for their presence. All colleagues from UNDP, REDD+ assistants, REDD+ staff, the interpreters, sound technicians and the minute-taker are thanked. The meeting is closed at 13.45 p.m.

**WE ZIJN HET BOS**

