



MINUTES

SURINAME REDD+ PROJECT BOARD MEETING

Friday, February 2, 2018

Hotel Torarica, Banquet Hall



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List of Abbreviations

ACT	Amazon Conservation Team
AWP	Annual Work Plan
DC	District Commissioner
DNA	The National Assembly
ESMF	Environmental and Social Management Framework
FCMU	Forest Cover Monitoring Unit
FCPF	Forest Carbon Partnership Facility
FGRM	Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism
FPIC	Free, Prior and Informed Consent
FREL/FRL	Forest Reference (Emission) Level
GMD	Mining Department
HI&T	Ministry of Trade, Industry & Tourism
M&E officer	Monitoring & Evaluation officer
MGC	Major Group Collective
Min.	Ministry
NFMS	National Forest Monitoring System
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
NH	Ministry of Natural Resources
NIMOS	National Institute for Environment and Development in Suriname
PB	Project Board
PMU	Project Management Unit
REDD+	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation; sustainable management of forests, conservation of forest carbon stocks and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries
REDD+PMU	REDD+ Project Management Unit
RO	Ministry of Regional Development
ROGB	Ministry of Physical Planning, Land and Forest Management
RSC	REDD+ Steering Committee
RvM	Council of Ministers
SBB	Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control
SPB	Planning Bureau Suriname
SESA	Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
VIDS	Association of Indigenous Village Leaders in Suriname



List of Attendance PB meeting dated February 2, 2018

No	Institution/Organization/Company	Name
	Office of the President of Suriname (observer)	Charlene Sanches
	Office of the President of Suriname	Safyra Duurham
	KAMPOS (observer)	R. Simson
	KAMPOS (observer)	F. Fraser
	Meteorological Department	Sukarni Sallons-Mitro
	MGC Children and Youth	Shiffion Alimoestar
	MGC Children and Youth	Triesie Odienda
	MGC Local Authorities (DC and DS)	M. Malontie
	MGC Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)	Jerrel Pinas
	MGC Workers' and Labor Unions	Eric Feller
	MGC Business and Industry	Magubane Poetisi
	MGC Women	Marion Stekkel
	MGC Scientists	Kimberly Fung-Loy
	Ministry of Finance (observer)	S. Sultan
	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism	Reina Raveles
	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries	O. Kasijo
	Ministry of Natural Resources	D. Abeleven
	Ministry of Natural Resources	A. Monorath
	Ministry of Education, Science and Culture	N. Koningsbloem
	Ministry of Regional Development	W. Finisie
	Ministry of Regional Development	M. Pomba
	Ministry of Physical Planning, Land and Forest Management	Kaminie Tajib
	Ministry of Physical Planning, Land and Forest Management	Nesseley Louisville
	NIMOS	Cedric Nelom
	NIMOS	Donovan Bogor
	NIMOS	Anil Pershad
	REDD+ PMU	Sandra Bihari
	REDD+ PMU	Santusha Mahabier
	REDD+ PMU	Silvia Karwofodi
	REDD+ PMU	Carmen Elliot
	REDD+ PMU	Debora Linga
	REDD+ PMU	Eric Sosrojoedo
	REDD+ assistant (Wajana peoples)	Arnold Arupa
	REDD+ assistant (Saramaccan peoples)	Stiefen Petrusi
	REDD+ assistant (Aucan peoples)	Hendrik Pai
	REDD+ assistant (Trio peoples)	Tawadi Pildas
	REDD+ assistant (Aluku peoples)	Doea Simon



	REDD+ assistant (Kwinti peoples)	Harry Ellioth
	REDD+ assistant (Matuarian peoples)	Wilson Willems
	REDD+ assistant (Caraib peoples)	Josien Tokoe-Aloema
	REDD+ assistant (Paramaccan peoples)	Marcel Tjappa
	SBB	Rene Somopawiro
	SBB	Sarah Crabbe
	SBB	Sara Svensson
	SBB/FCMU	Consuela Paloeng
	Planning Office Suriname	J. Bouterse
	Planning Office Suriname	T. Druivendal
	UNDP	Armstrong Alexis
	UNDP	Anuradha Khoenkhoen
	UNDP	Bryan Drakenstein
	VIDS	J. Artist



AGENDA REDD+ PROJECT BOARD MEETING

Date: Friday, February 2, 2018

Place: Banquet Hall, Hotel Torarica

Time: 08:00 – 15:00 hrs

Time	Activity
08.00	Registration
08.30	Word of welcome – Cedric Nelom
08.35	Opening – Cedric Nelom
08.40	Establishment of quorum and adoption of agenda
08.45	Discussion of the minutes of Project Board Meeting dated August 11, 2017 – Cedric Nelom
9.15	Project Results 2017 – Sandra Bihari
10.00	Question Round
10.30	Break
10.45	Annual Work Plan (AWP) 2018 – Sandra Bihari
11.45	Question Round / Approval AWP 2018
12.30	Break
12.45	Presentation draft National REDD+ Strategy, SESA and ESMF – Sandra Bihari
13.15	Presentation FREL – SBB
13.45	Other matters for discussion
14.00	Completion of the questionnaire
14.10	Closing – Cedric Nelom
14.15	Lunch



I. Opening

Mr. Cedric Nelom (Acting Managing Director NIMOS) performs the opening of the meeting dated February 2, 2018, and welcomes the attendees.

II. Establishment of quorum and adoption of agenda

Mr. Nelom determines that, based on the list of attendance, there is quorum to take the meeting forward.

Following, he reviews the agenda items and proposes to add agenda item 'Announcements' to the agenda. The agenda is adopted with addition of the agenda item 'Announcements'.

The announcements are:

- Firstly, Mr. Nelom welcomes the Dean of DCs, Mrs. Malonti. Further, he welcomes REDD+ assistant, Mr. Tjappa, who is recommended on behalf of the Pamaka. Mr. Nelom expresses his delight in having a representative of the Pamaka participating in the meeting again, after a long time.
- A translation of the meeting is available in Sranan Tongo and English.
- A few 'observers' have been invited to this meeting, namely Mrs. Durham and Mrs. Sanches of Coordination Environment, Mr. Bouterse of the Planning Office, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of ROGB, Mrs. Artist of VIDS, and R. Simson and F. Fraser of KAMPOS.
- The Director of the Ministry of Natural Resources is underway. A member of the Labor Union will also join the meeting later on.
- The folders on the table hold a third edition of the REDD+ newsletter. The agenda, minutes and a questionnaire form are also placed in the folders. Mr. Nelom further indicates that all documentation is provided with a number. These numbers must be used if reference is made to a document.
- The FCPF Mid-Term Progress Report was forwarded via e-mail to the Project Board members. This report is available in English. This report will be translated by the PMU. Once translated, it will be sent to the members.
- All documents and presentations will further be made available to all attendees on a usb stick.

There are no announcements from the room.



III. Discussion of the minutes of the previous Project Board Meeting (August 11, 2017)

The minutes were sent to the PB members in advance. This enabled them to forward remarks and comments per e-mail. The minutes are reviewed page by page.

The Project Board approved a format for the minutes at the previous meeting.

The following remarks and/or modifications are proposed:

Item/Page number	Remark and/or Modification
Page 10	Mrs. Khoenkhoen (UNDP) In the English version: 'PM' must be 'PB'
Page 15	Mr. R. Somopawiro (SBB) Proposes to adjust the following two sentences, for completeness, as follows: - "Responsible logging does not cause deforestation, only temporary and planned forest degradation." - "Considering the fact that it is not allowed to log more than 10 trees (25m ³) per 1 hectare; it takes about 60 years for full rehabilitation and natural regeneration of the forest."
Page 16	Mr. S. Doea (REDD+ assistant)
Page 17	Second last sentence: correction of the word 'voorgang' in 'voortgang'
Page 19	Correction of 'Presentaties gehouden in' naar 'Presentaties gehouden tijdens'

Decision: Above-stated remarks are adopted by the Project Board.

To finalize the minutes of the PB meeting of August 11, 2017, Mr. Nelom proposes to make the adjustments in the minutes and to e-mail the final version to the PB members. He further proposes to approve and sign the meeting minutes based on the modifications and additions recommended during the meeting.

The PB approves and signs the meeting minutes.



IV. ‘Project Results 2017 REDD+ Program’¹

Mrs. Bihari gives a power-point presentation of the project results of 2017. She herewith presents a technical overview of the results in 2017, together with a financial review.

With reference to the organizational structure (organization chart) of REDD+PMU, she points out that PMU comprises of 7 employees. The function of ‘Communication Officer’ will be filled in shortly. Pillar 1 consists, amongst others, of the component communication and engagement. In 2017, a number of activities were carried out with regard to this component, including the production of videos, radio programs, posters and newsletters, as well as participation in the COP23 fairs and presentations. 17 walk-in school sessions were held in 2017, whereby over 700 persons were informed on the activities regarding REDD+.

Mrs. Bihari further details pillar 2 which regards the studies REDD+ business model and strategy. A few studies were completed in draft, in this regard.

Next, Mrs. Bihari briefly discusses the project results in relation to pillar 3.

Mrs. Bihari also shortly goes into the FCPF Mid-Term Progress Report, submitted to the FCPF in October 2017. A request for additional funds was also submitted to the FCPF. This request was approved. Also, the project term was extended till June 2020. However, prior to aforementioned being formal, the budgets must be further detailed and the project document must be adjusted

Finally, she presents the financial review of 2017. The spendings in 2017, balanced against the budget allocated for 2017 by the UNDP as delivery partner, show a realization percentage of 104%. The spendings, balanced against the approved work plan of 2017, show a realization percentage of 51%. As per December 31, 2017, the balance of resources amounts to USD 1.2 million.

Pillar 3 – State of affairs²

In her presentation, Mrs. Crabbe shows the project results of pillar 3, over 2017.

She primarily touches on the National Forest Monitoring System and points out that the regional project of ACTO, “Monitoring the Forest Cover of the Amazon region” is extended. A road map was set out of the activities within the monitoring system. This road map can be regarded as a guideline in which the 6 components to be used are identified. In collaboration with the Ministry of Regional Development, a layer of national villages was created. The digitalization of the hardcopy map file of the Planning Office Suriname and the bilateral exchange of concession data

¹For the presentation, see annex 1

²For the presentation, see annex 4



between GMD and SBB are also included in the results. An essential tool herewith is the National Geoportal www.gonini.org, which shows new deforestation maps, as well as production data. Further, the Near Real Time Monitoring System is being worked out in which, based on satellite images, 50 alerts have been established of unplanned logging. Mrs. Crabbe further indicates that a baseline study has been conducted to verify how much carbon, CO₂ is released per m³ wood harvested in Suriname. The generated data is used to set up scenarios within the REDD+ strategy. She points out that data is of primary importance to project the effects of planning, also called scenario modelling. On January 8, a national produced reference level (Forest Reference Emission Level - FREL), was submitted to the UNFCCC.

Questions and Remarks

Question / Remark	Response
<p>Mr. A. Arupa (REDD+ assistant): What is the basis for the distinction between a village and a camp?</p>	<p>DC Malonti (MGC local authorities): A village is subject to a traditional authority whilst a camp is not. Mrs. Crabbe indicates that they have worked on an official list as maintained by the Ministry of RO.</p>
<p>Mr. J. Pinas (MGC NGO): Is the report (FREL) submitted on January 8, 2018, available for download?</p>	<p>Mrs. Sarah Crabbe (SBB): At the moment, it is not yet posted on the website. It will be available soon, however, via the website. As yet, it will be e-mailed to the members.</p>
<p>Mr. J. Pinas (MGC NGO): What is the National REDD+ Register?</p>	<p>Mrs. S. Bihari (REDD+ PMU): It is a register in which all projects will be registered that are submitted for the REDD+ implementation phase.</p>
<p>Mr. J. Pinas (MGC NGO): What was the reason for the submitted request for the project extension?</p>	<p>Mrs. S. Bihari (REDD+ PMU): For completion of the current REDD+ phase – the Readiness phase – there was a financial gap of nearly USD 1 million. The financial funds are therefore initially intended for finalization of the Readiness phase. Additionally, budgets for specific activities such as resource mobilization and the national forest monitoring system have been added. This will be further explained in the presentation of the AWP 2018. At the request for additional funds, the project outflow was taken into account and in this regard, a project extension was requested and granted.</p>

<p>Mr. A. Alexis (UNDP DRR):</p> <p>i. How did the PMU approach the gap between the overspending and the budget?</p> <p>ii. Should consideration not be taken of the commitment from high-level policy-makers? Strategic ministries should be involved more in REDD+, since it is more than a project. He recommends and encourages consultations with the strategic ministries.</p> <p>iii. Is there a difference between unplanned and illegal logging? If so, what is this difference and how can it be approached? Does the PB have any input therein? On slide 13 in the presentation, we see that the forest cover under Business as Usual is 91%, and it is also 91% in the REDD+ scenario. Why is it that the forest cover is the same with or without REDD+?</p>	<p>Mrs. S. Bihari (REDD+ PMU):</p> <p>The overspending on certain budget lines is compensated with the underspending on other budget lines. In pillar 1, the overspending is greater compared to the funds allocated by the UNDP. Budget line 1c, regarding the funds for tribal and indigenous communities and funds for development of, for ex. FPIC, management plans etc., did not get off the ground well so that there is talk of underspending. In pillar 3, there is a somewhat lesser spending compared with pillar 1. Pillar 2 also has a spending of 97%.</p> <p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS):</p> <p>ii. Certainly, more attention should be given to consultations with high-level policy-makers. The planning is to give presentations to the RvM. Also, the individual ministries will be informed on the state of affairs. A presentation to the Permanent Committee of DNA, Environment and Climate Change, is also placed on the agenda.</p> <p>Director Min. RO:</p> <p>ii. He proposes to also give a presentation on the National REDD+ Strategy to the Directors meeting which is convened regularly.</p> <p>Mrs. Sarah Crabbe (SBB):</p> <p>iii. An exact definition on what is called unplanned and illegal has not yet been established. The goal is that all logging takes place in a planned manner, according to a harvesting plan or logging plan. Once the planning is implemented, the monitoring of logging will be looked into further. Activities will take place in the coming period in order to, based on the monitoring aspect, stimulate planned logging and reduce unplanned logging. The satellite images are an instrument that will be used herewith. This will be discussed in more detail in the second presentation. Mrs. Crabbe</p>
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further explains why there is a difference or why there is no significant difference between what is called the Business as Usual scenario and the REDD+ scenario. With Business as Usual, something is established in the past based on satellite images, projected towards the future without taking account of the future development plans. She indicates that with the REDD+ scenario, the Development Plan was used as starting point. Large projects were considered that may possibly be implemented, as well as the REDD+ strategy, to assess which measures are being taken to, for example, register gold mining, which in turn is in line with the Development Plan.

Mr. R. Somopawiro (SBB):

iii. He gives an addition and clarification regarding ‘responsible logging’. If there is talk of ‘unplanned logging’, logging takes place without planning. If there is talk of ‘illegal logging’, no one has a right to log there.

Mrs. R. Raveles (Dir. HI&T):
 In the consultations with the private sector, exporters in the timber sector and concession holders, she noticed that there is a significant misconception about REDD+. People think that the moment REDD+ is introduced, they will have to stop with sustainable logging. This map will be a very important input for them to know that what they believe does not correspond with the actual facts. The Ministry has already made the commitment to help facilitate and REDD+ will soon be presented to this sector so that they can get a clear picture of the fact that this does not mean that they will have to stop their activities abruptly. An Interdepartmental Committee has been established that will work out a strategic plan for the timber sector. It is important that REDD+ is absolutely incorporated in this strategic plan.

Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS):

Two meetings have already taken place with the timber sector whereby a paper was drafted for the sector and the meaning of REDD+ was explained. He points out that communication with the sector will be continued.

Mr. S. Petrusi (REDD+ assistant):
 He believes more information should be provided for and to the benefit of children in the interior, so that they understand what REDD+ stands for.

Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS):
 All REDD+ assistants will be requested to look at schools in their own living area. We will not wait for an invitation from the schools but rather, use will be made of the walk-in-school activity. Also, talks will be held with the DCs of the areas, Min. RO and Min. Education, to verify when the schools can be visited. This will be one of the REDD+ activities in 2018.

Mrs. S. Bihari (REDD+PMU):
 She adds that a Major Group Collective “Children and Youth” is in place. This MGC will be very actively involved in 2018, to bring the REDD+ message to these target groups in particular.

Mr. H. Pai (REDD+ assistant):
 Points out that the central government means with ‘national’ Nickerie, Commewijne, Coronie, Wanica and Paramaribo. The other areas are not considered.
 All ministries, Director, DCs, the entire government should work together when it regards the REDD+ program and children should be made aware of it. Particularly on the cutting down of forests. He is of the opinion that the presented scenario modelling is not effective; for 2035, 4% can be entered for forest cover. This will no longer be 88% since the forest will be completely lotted out/divided. He points out that nowadays even DCs give out concessions for logging without authority.



V. Annual Work Plan (AWP) 2018 REDD+ Program³

Mrs. Bihari indicates that the presentation will be about the work plan and the budget over the year 2018. In the second part, Mrs. Crabbe will continue with specific activities of pillar 3.

On the main lines, under pillar 1, are establishment of the REDD+ Steering Committee, setting up the Feedback Grievance and Redress Mechanism (FGRM), continuation of activities in the area of Communication and Engagement, REDD+ awareness-raising, stakeholder engagement, capacity strengthening of local communities, and further strengthening of platforms of the Indigenous and Tribal peoples, namely the VIDS, KAMPOS.

Under pillar 2, a number of studies will be completed or a start will be made therewith: including finalization of the national REDD+ strategy, the Land Tenure and Land Rights study and the study into Innovative Economic Opportunities. In 2018, a start will be made with the development of a Safeguards Information System – SIS. As well as the development of a Benefit Sharing Mechanism.

Support of the Planning Office for the vision 2035 is also included under pillar 2.

Further entered under pillar 2 is a Resource Mobilization Workshop with other forest-rich countries, in the period June-July 2018, diplomatic collaboration with other forest-rich countries and the South-South knowledge exchange, whereby a learning mission with Guyana is planned for the first quarter.

Mrs. Bihari presents the budget of 2018, budgeted at \$ 2.1 million. For 2019 and 2020, the funds have been set out roughly, whereby the additional funds, amounting to \$ 2.65 million, approved by the FCPF, have been entered. The Financial Forecast is set out for the period 2018-2020. For 2018, \$2.1 million is budgeted; for 2019 and 2020, about \$1.6 million remains.

Activity Planning 2018 - pillar 3

In her presentation, Mrs. Crabbe talks about the project activities planned for 2018. Within the scope of the Satellite Land Monitoring System and the National Forest Inventory, continued efforts will be made for strengthening of the collaboration with local authorities and organizations. Further, a large number of activities have been planned for the year 2018.

³For the presentation, see annex 2

Questions and Remarks

Question / Remark	Response
<p>Safyra Duurham (Office of the President – Environment Coordination):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She indicates that a very good map was already presented earlier in the strategic meetings, regarding the “Business as Usual” scenario model. She currently misses a piece on rehabilitation for the mining sector, the agriculture sector and the clearcut of the oil palm. She asks whether this piece will still be incorporated in the National REDD+ Strategy. 	<p>Mrs. Sarah Crabbe (SBB): She answers that rehabilitation is not indicated on the maps just presented, but that this ought to be so in fact. The map presented today shows pure deforestation and the previously presented map showed how much should have been rehabilitated within the scope of 93% forest cover. She points out that this regards a total of 150,000 hectares for this period, and that rehabilitation is the 4th strategic line within the proposed National REDD+ Strategy. Based on the 93% commitment, it is obviously clear how much should be rehabilitated.</p>
<p>Mrs. K. Tajib (Min. ROGB):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She remarks that the Annual Work Plan has numerous abbreviations such as RSC. She asks to put in the abbreviations under a legend. Further she wants to know what FGRM is. 	<p>Mrs. S. Bihari (REDD+PMU): RSC means REDD+ Steering Committee.</p> <p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): FGRM means Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism.</p>
<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asks for the approval from the Project Board for the budget and further indicates that a forecast for 2019-2020 is included for which a planning must still be made. He gives the opportunity to the PB members to still make additions or ask questions at the latest on February 15, even though the documentation had already been sent to them earlier and everyone had the chance to give their input. He points out that the approval will have to wait till another board meeting and asks Mr. Pinas for his cooperation since there will still be a review process for the project document, within the scope of the additional funds. 	<p>Mr. J. Pinas (MGC NGO): He understands the pressure of the approval but wants to know if there is still a possibility to make additions or to ask questions, within 2 weeks.</p> <p>Mrs. Aloema (REDD+ assistant): Asks how it will be known which additions are entered and where.</p>

The work plan and budget for 2018 (AWP 2018) is approved by the Project Board.



VI. National REDD+ Vision and Strategy⁴

Mrs. Bihari presents the contents of the draft National REDD+ Vision and Strategy. The National REDD+ Vision and Strategy is one of the key elements of the REDD+ Readiness phase. It is the basic document to continue towards the REDD+ implementation phase and to look for financing for the REDD+ implementation phase. Two documents that are related to the National REDD+ Strategy are the SESA and the ESMF. The SESA regards the environment and social analysis. The ESMF is about the environment and social management framework.

Question / Remark	Response
<p>Director NH: He remarks that the term ‘sustainable’ should be clearly included in the vision.</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): We will definitely include it.</p>
<p>Mr. J. Pinas (MGC NGO): Does the REDD+ Steering Committee fall under NIMOS?</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): The REDD+ Steering Committee comes up at the implementation of the strategy. To avoid confusion, a different name will be looked at for the Committee. This Committee does not fall under NIMOS.</p>
<p>Mrs. Aloema (REDD+ assistant): Yesterday, during the presentation of the draft National REDD+ Strategy for the RAC, we talked extensively about the vision. Thoughts were exchanged on the protection of animals, forest, etc., but we were concerned with ‘where is our protection’. We are part of the forest. Is there a paragraph anywhere on protection of the indigenous and maroon communities that form part of the forest? It is extremely important to put in a paragraph about our protection.</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): A vision is something communal, everyone should be able to find themselves in it. In the first paragraph, we talk about current and future generations. The population is also included therein but this will definitely be considered since it is important in the development of a vision that it indeed appeals to everyone.</p>

⁴For the presentation, see annex 3

VII. Presentation Forest Reference Emission Level (FREL)

Mrs. Consuela Paloeng, Technical Assistant SBB/FCMU, gives a presentation about the FREL. She informs the PB on what a FREL means and indicates that the first FREL for Suriname is developed for a period of five years. The FREL was submitted in January 2018, to the UNFCCC. Comments are expected from the Technical Assessment Team of the UNFCCC, in March, for processing in the period April-May 2018. Additionally, there will be return-feedback which will be processed and the FREL will be finalized end 2018.

Question / Remark	Response
<p>Mrs. K. Tajib (Min. ROGB): The presentation was rather technical and lengthy. A better management of the protected areas should take place. Is that your opinion or has a study been conducted, or were other indications used?</p>	<p>Mrs. Paloeng (SBB): For now, the FREL is developed based on two activities: deforestation and forest degradation.</p> <p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): I think there is a misunderstanding. For now, we chose FREL instead of FRL. Because data on the other is not yet available. For this reason, we made the choice for FREL.</p> <p>Remark Mr. Somopawiro: With deforestation, everything is removed. With forest degradation, only a few trees are removed.</p>
<p>Mr. A. Arupa (REDD+ assistant): If we talk about control of protected areas, does this only regard management of currently protected areas or also management of future protected areas?</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): Mined territories will be rehabilitated so we are talking about future protected areas.</p>
<p>Mr. S. Petrusi (REDD+ assistant): Are logging activities also included in the sub activities?</p>	<p>Mrs. Paloeng (SBB): With logging activities there are several sub activities. There is construction of roads, transport roads, haul roads. Account has been taken of the aforementioned and it is also included at the calculation.</p>
<p>Mrs. Aloema (REDD+ assistant): At the moment, we are also working on new laws for the protected areas. What will this mean and how will this be implemented in REDD+?</p>	<p>Mrs. S. Bihari (REDD+PMU): We just talked about management of protected areas. An important matter within the National REDD+ Strategy is capacity strengthening of local organizations, but also of the government.</p> <p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): This is indeed the reality. For this reason, we promote sustainable management of forest and</p>

	<p>sustainable economic possibilities, including agroforestry, medicinal plants. As government, you should also stimulate the availability of other options.</p> <p>Mr. A. Alexis (UNDP): A short addition on what was said by Mr. Nelom regarding other options. Other options should indeed be looked into when it comes to national resources. It is important that people are informed and trained on this subject. It is not the intention to stop the use of resources but to promote sustainable use.</p>
<p>Mrs. Aloema (REDD+ assistant):</p> <p>We are being approached by the Western World. It is the multinationals who destroy all that we use, such as maripa and medicinal plants, as well as the forest. We use the forest in a sustainable manner. What should be tackled and where? If there is a demand from abroad for wood, this will continue to occur. This must be dealt with in Paramaribo and in the cities. We live in harmony with the forest. We do not destroy it. It is people who just want to make money. We have come here to raise this issue. Village chief Petrusi already pointed this out: we are no scholars, but we do have knowledge about how to live with the forest. We should not be discriminated. This is why land rights are important.</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): Actions/intentions are certainly undertaken to improve matters. Likewise, we as a country, also want to establish REDD+. Along this line, I am convinced that we will indeed see that matters are dealt with at one point.</p>
<p>Mr. M. Tjappa (REDD+ assistant): He says that the matter of closing up pits was discussed. There is a skalian right now at Donderskamp. How will these pits be closed up? Are they thinking about the ecosystem? They do not look at large-scale, they only look at small-scale activities.</p>	<p>Mr. C. Nelom (NIMOS): He agrees with what is said and indicates that control is indeed important.</p>



VIII. Other matters for discussion

Mr. Nelom thanks the meeting and wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

IX. Completion of the questionnaire

The PB members are asked to complete the questionnaire form and to hand it in to the two REDD+ PMU employees, namely Mrs. S. Karwofodi and Mrs. C. Elliott.

X. Closing

Mr. Nelom once again thanks the attendees and closes the meeting at 13.45 hrs.

Annexes:

Presentations held during the PB meeting:

- **Annex 1** **Project Results 2017 REDD+ Program**
- **Annex 2** **Annual Work Plan (AWP) 2018 REDD+ Program**
- **Annex 3** **Draft National REDD+ vision and strategy**
- **Annex 4** **Pillar 3 – State of Affairs**