

ART Board Meeting Minutes

6 April 2020

ART Board members: F. Seymour, D. Zarin, C. Nobre, A. Kalibata, B. Bumpers

(Absent: A. Nababan)

Winrock Participants: J. Kadyszewski, M. Grady, C. Magerkurth, J. Orrego

Board members reviewed and discussed the ART Secretariat's first quarter implementation and second quarter 2020 Work Plan including development of TREES validation and verification standard and accreditation pathways for validation and verification bodies, development of committees and approaches for removals and HFLDs, ART stakeholder outreach and engagement targets, and ART's application to ICAO.

1. ART Board Meeting Minutes November 2019

INFORMATION

1. The Secretariat presented draft meeting minutes from the November 2019 ART Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION

1. Minutes

- Board members commented that the minutes were thorough and detailed which was important given the topics reviewed.
- Board members discussed whether meeting minutes would be made public on the ART website.
- Board members suggested that a table summarizing changes to TREES from the public comment version to the published v1.0 might be helpful for stakeholders.
- Publication of ART Board meeting minutes on the website was discussed. It was noted that Board meeting minutes are not routinely made public for NGOs but could be made available upon request. A Board member noted the importance of transparency and proposed meeting minutes be posted on the ART website (redacting confidential information from closed door sessions).

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

The ART Board approved a motion to approve and adopt the ART Board Minutes from the November 2019 meeting and for the Secretariat to develop redacted minutes from the November 2019 meeting which will be posted on the website following ART Board Chair review and approval.

ACTION ITEM: The Secretariat will develop a summary list of key changes to TREES and post on the ART website.

ACTION ITEM: The Secretariat will develop redacted November 2019 Board meeting minutes for the ART Board Chair to review and approve prior to posting on the ART website.

2. 2020 Work Plan

INFORMATION

The Secretariat presented on ART implementation in the first quarter including:

ART/TREES

- ✓ ART Open for Business announced in February 2020: Published TREES (including all comments and responses and the Statement of Reasons) and launched the ART Registry
- ✓ Progressed development of TREES Validation and Verification Standard
- ✓ Progressed development of safeguards guidance document
- ✓ Tracked Request for Applications to ICAO: published March 23rd, applications due April 20th

Stakeholder Outreach

- ✓ Held ART/TREES launch webinars in English, Spanish and Portuguese (and prepared deck in Bahasa)
- ✓ Offered country briefings to Gabón, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Brazilian GCF states
- ✓ Held a series of in-country meetings and virtual webinars with the Government of Indonesia
- ✓ Represented ART within the NCS Alliance as well as in the IETA NBS working group
- ✓ Coordinated with Emergent

The ART workplan for the second quarter was presented to include:

ART/TREES

- Submit ART CORSIA program application to ICAO by April 20th and respond to Q&A
- Finalize and publish TREES Safeguards guidance document
- Finalize and publish TREES Validation and Verification Standard and complete related templates and forms
- Negotiate with verifier accreditation body(ies) to develop ART accreditation pathway and MoU
- Constitute Removals and HFLD Committees to develop potential approaches

Stakeholder Outreach

- Conduct direct outreach and engagement with potential ART countries and jurisdictions
- Coordinate with Emergent on outreach to potential buyers
- Conduct outreach to potential ART delivery partners (for Technical Assistance and Capacity Building)
- Represent ART as a work groups participant within all three NCS Alliance areas (supply, demand, markets) as well as in the IETA NCS working group.

DISCUSSION

- The ART Board and Secretariat discussed the impact of the pandemic on ART activities and timelines.
- The Board asked questions regarding other jurisdictional REDD+ programs' applications to ICAO and for information from the Secretariat on technical differences between ART and other REDD programs (FCPF and JNR).
- The Board discussed many topics and offered suggestions to the Secretariat on:

- Prioritization of activities for the year, adjusting timelines and refining materials for virtual outreach
- The need for sensitivity in outreach to both potential Participants and potential buyers due to the pandemic while continuing to engage and move discussions forward
- Identification of additional experts to be considered for the Removals and HFLD Committees
- Outreach to potential ART delivery partners including UN REDD, Germany, UK and the World Bank Carbon Fund (FCPF)
- Outreach to potential ART buyers via the Oil and Gas Climate Initiative (OGCI).
- Starting discussions on timing and potential funding for new workstreams: One for Indigenous Peoples as direct ART Participants and another to analyze legal issues and provide pathways for Participants to establish ownership of ERs.

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM: Board members will send the Secretariat names for Removals and HFLD Committees

ACTION ITEM: The Secretariat will complete and submit ART's application to ICAO by April deadline

ACTION ITEM: The Secretariat will offer the Board a tutorial in April on the TREES Validation and Verification Standard and Verification Body accreditation requirements

ACTION ITEM: The Secretariat will publish the TREES Validation and Verification Standard in April

ACTION ITEM: The Secretariat will convene the Removals and HFLD Committees prior to the next Board meeting in June.

ACTION ITEM: The Secretariat will conduct outreach to ART countries / jurisdictions

ACTION ITEM: The Secretariat will meet with FCPF prior to the next Board meeting to understand their post-sunset strategy and potential for a more formal coordination to transition countries.

ACTION ITEM: The Secretariat will meet with potential ART delivery partners (UN REDD) and buyers / funders (Germany & UK, OGCI) prior to the next Board meeting in June.

3. 2020 ART Board Meetings

INFORMATION

Given the changes in travel and schedules due to the COVID pandemic, the Board may no longer be able to conduct an in-person meeting in 2020.

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM: The Secretariat will propose dates for the remaining meetings for 2020 via email.