

ART Board Meeting Minutes

1 October 2020

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

Winrock Participants: J. Kadyszewski, M. Grady, C. Magerkurth, J. Orrego, T. Pearson, F. Casarim

Board members reviewed the progress of activities conducted by the ART Secretariat during the second quarter of 2020 and the work plan for the next two quarters, were briefed on options for revising TREES to include approaches for High Forests Low Deforestation (HFLD) participants and crediting greenhouse gas (GHG) removals, and reviewed the results of a study exploring the potential for direct participation of Indigenous Peoples in ART.

1. ART Board Meeting Minutes April 2020

INFORMATION

The Secretariat presented draft meeting minutes from the June 2020 ART Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION

The Secretariat confirmed that minutes are being posted online without confidential information.

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

The ART Board approved a motion to approve and adopt the ART Board Minutes from the June 2020 meeting and for the Secretariat to develop redacted minutes for posting on the ART website.

ACTION ITEM: The Secretariat will develop and post redacted June 2020 Board meeting minutes.

2. 2020 Work Plan

INFORMATION

The Secretariat asked if there were any questions on the report on activities since the last Board meeting and presented on ART implementation planned for the fourth quarter including:

- Soft consultations on the proposed approaches for HFLD and removals
- Proposal for formal transition pathway for FCPF countries to ART post 2025 FCPF sunset
- Begin development of a paper on options for ART Participants to nest REDD projects / activities
- Stakeholder outreach and engagement with interested Participants and via initiatives such as the NCS Alliance, EDF-High Tide Foundation Mobilizing Voluntary Carbon Markets and the (Mark Carney) Taskforce on Scaling Voluntary Carbon Markets
- Coordination with UNREDD on country feasibility, gap analysis and implementation
- Coordination with Emergent on the “early movers” buyers coalition
- Participation in webinars and events to promote ART

DISCUSSION

- The Board requested more qualitative information in future activities updates to include additional information on outcomes of country consultations and participation in work groups and NCS alliance.
- Board members discussed potential gaps in Participants meeting ART TREES requirements and options for technical assistance from UNREDD.
- The Board offered suggestions to the Secretariat on the following needs:
 - Strategically positioning ART given the evolving landscape and options for REDD+
 - Identification of a slate of new ART Board members and transition plans
 - Consideration of options for long-term, diversified funding of ART
 - Exploring the Biodiversity Pledge to identify potential ART participant countries

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM: The Secretariat will provide a list of signatories to the Biodiversity Pledge to interested Board members.

3. Potential Modifications for TREES 2.0

INFORMATION

The Secretariat presented on three topics to be considered for inclusion in TREES 2.0:

1. Options for creating fungible credits from High Forest, Low Deforestation (HFLD) participants
2. Approaches for crediting removals
3. Potential for Indigenous Peoples to be participants in addition to national and sub-national governments

The Secretariat presented the outcomes of the discussions and analyses of the ART HFLD Committee and the ART Removals Committee for the first two items. These were summary discussions building on detailed technical presentations that occurred on each topic at a special Board session held in September 2020. The Secretariat also presented the results of a study commissioned from Climate, Law and Policy for the third topic.

DISCUSSION

- The Board discussed many aspects of the HFLD and removals approaches and provided thoughts on different options to the Secretariat.
- The Board expressed their desire to support participation of Indigenous Peoples directly in ART.

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM: The Secretariat will conduct soft consultations with potential participants who have expressed interest in the HFLD and removals approaches to gather additional data to ensure that approaches included in TREES 2.0 are viable.

ACTION ITEM: The Secretariat will gather additional information and explore further options for inclusion of IP as direct participants in ART for the Board's review at the next meeting.