

UN-REDD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE 2018: SUMMARY OF WORKPLAN CONSULTATION

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Zambia:

The UN-REDD team consulted with the Zambian Director of Forestry at the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Ignatius Makumba, on the formulation of TA activities during a consultation call on 4 May 2017. His recommendations for how the UNREDD TA can best provide assistance to enable the Forestry Department to better coordinate and eventually implement REDD+ activities have been critical to the development of the outputs and activities. The Director reiterated the necessity of the TA activities to align with the recently launched REDD+ strategy and underscored the need to provide assistance to institutional arrangements, such as support to the establishment of a coordination unit inside of the Forestry Department to coordinate REDD+ activities. Additionally, capacity development on NFMS and data management was highlighted as a priority area and an important step in meeting targets outlined in the REDD+ Strategy.

Overall, the TA draws on earlier missions conducted by the UN-REDD team to Zambia where a series of issues necessitating UN-REDD's support were discussed. It also captures emerging opportunities from the 2017 support to Zambia and gaps to be filled, including support to meeting UNFCCC safeguards requirements and relevant governance arrangements for REDD+ implementation as key areas of intervention.

Evidences of consultations:

- Email exchange with Zambian Government regarding UN-REDD TA 2018-2020 (Email of 24/04/17 regarding Zambian government being chosen for 2018 TA; 8/5/17 submitting work plan to Zambia following consultation phone call)
- Email exchange Norway embassy