

## Comment from Thomas

1. For the Agenda item “Progress on Decisions from the last PEB Meeting”

*“I note that in the approved UN-REDD Communications Strategy, there is a commitment to produce quarterly newsletters, yet none have yet been produced. I would like the PEB to consider instructing the RTS to issue the first newsletter within one month of the date of this meeting, and thereafter at regular quarterly intervals.”*

*“I would also like to propose that the PEB instruct the RTS to prepare a report on implementation of the Communications Strategy for presentation to the next PEB meeting.”*

2. For the Agenda item “TOR of the 4 Technical teams (See document 4)”

*“I note that the ToR are expected to be revised by May 2015. I would like the PEB to consider instructing the RTS to initiate a review of the ToR in one year’s time, i.e. in August 2014, and revise the ToR, if necessary, based on the findings of the review.”*

3. For the Agenda item “Approval of SOP”

*“I certainly endorse the current version of the SOP, while noting that some editing for grammar is still required. However, I also would like to remind us that operating procedures are constantly changing. For example, I have learned that the Administrative Assistant has just resigned. I also understand there will likely not be a replacement. Therefore, references to her role in the SOP will need to be changed. Similarly, since the mid-term review a new process of assigning government officials to take responsibility for specific activities was agreed, but the procedures for decision making on this are still being developed, meaning the SOP will need to be revised again, which makes the SOP a living document, which is what it should be. Given that such amendments to the SOP are likely to be frequent, the PEB might like to decide that approval of minor amendments be delegated to the NPD/DNPD.”*

4. For the Agenda item “CG formulation process”

*“I note that the deadline for the Voluntary Facilitation Committee for the REDD+ Consultation Group Selection Process to finish its work was originally 18 May 2013. We now have early August. I would like the PEB to consider instructing the RTS to request Voluntary Facilitation Committee to complete its work by 30 September.”*