

ART Board Meeting Minutes

21 July 2021

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Board members were convened to discuss and approve revisions to the ART Charter and Ethical Standard, review the feedback received during the consultation period for the revised High Forest, Low Deforestation Crediting Approach, and to discuss recruitment of ART Board members.

1. Revision to ART Charter and Ethical Standard

INFORMATION

The Secretariat proposed revisions to the ART Charter and Ethical Standard to address instances when Board members acting in their personal capacity may be government employees.

DISCUSSION

- The Board discussed the proposed revisions along with practical considerations of how the changes would be operationalized.

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM: The Board approved the refinements to the ART Charter and Ethical Standard.

2. Revised approach for crediting HFLD jurisdictions

INFORMATION

The Secretariat presented the key outcomes from the second public consultation on the approach for crediting HFLD jurisdictions, and potential options to revise the HFLD crediting approach based on the feedback received.

DISCUSSION

- The Board asked numerous questions regarding the comments and the proposed options.
- Significant discussion occurred on how to balance and reconcile the opposing viewpoints received during the consultation.
- The importance of subnational eligibility for HFLD Crediting Approach to the approved pathway for Indigenous Peoples participation was highlighted.

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM: The Board approved the revised crediting approach for HFLD jurisdictions with changes discussed during this meeting to be included.

ACTION ITEM: The Secretariat will revise TREES to reflect the approached HFLD approach and develop appropriate supporting documents including a Summary of Changes, a Statement of Reasons, and a table of all comments received and responses to each.

ACTION ITEM: The Board will review the documents and provide feedback prior to final approval for publishing TREES 2.0.