

**FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF)
FOURTEENTH PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE MEETING
March 19-21, 2013
Washington, DC**

Resolution PC/14/2013/7

Suriname's Readiness Preparation Proposal

Whereas:

1. Suriname submitted a Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) to the Facility Management Team (FMT) in February 2013, which was reviewed by a Technical Advisory Panel (TAP), a working group consisting of Participants Committee (PC) members established for this purpose, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
2. The PC reviewed the R-PP in accordance with Section 11.1 (b) of the Charter Establishing the FCPF (Charter) at its fourteenth meeting; and
3. The PC acknowledged the extensive efforts made by Suriname, and the high quality of the R-PP.

The Participants Committee,

1. Decides to allocate funding to Suriname to enable it to move ahead with the preparation for readiness.
2. For this purpose, requests:
 - i. Suriname to submit a revised R-PP (Revised R-PP) to the FMT, reflecting the key issues in the summary report prepared by the FMT included in the annex to this resolution;
 - ii. The FMT, in cooperation with UNDP as necessary, to check on the Revised R-PP for completeness, make it available on the FCPF website and notify the PC of its availability for consideration on a fourteen (14) day no-objection basis in accordance with Article 6 of the FCPF Rules of Procedure;
 - iii. UNDP, as Delivery Partner, will engage with Suriname to complete its due diligence, in particular with regard to the UNDP's policies and procedures and in accordance with the Common Approach, working closely with Suriname, in order to provide a grant of up to US\$ 3.8million, in accordance with Resolutions PC/3/2009/4 and PC/Electronic/2012/1;
 - iv. Suriname to consider the issues identified in the TAP's R-PP assessment as well as those raised by the PC at this meeting during readiness preparation; and
 - v. Suriname to report to the PC on progress made in accordance with Section 6.3 (b) of the Charter and to carry out its responsibilities in accordance with the future agreement between UNDP and Suriname (Project Document).

3. The PC acknowledges that Suriname will require additional financial resources to address the issues raised in the summary report, and encourages donors to support these efforts.

Annex

Summary Report Prepared by the FMT

The PC noted with satisfaction the significant progress made by Suriname in formulating its R-PP, especially in the last six months. The PC also noted that this progress has come as a result of recent concerted efforts to reach out and involve key stakeholders, and to build in-country capacity.

The PC observes, in line with comments made by the TAP and PC reviews, that it is very important to link legal recognition of land and resource rights of the indigenous and tribal peoples to the further development of the REDD+ program in Suriname.

Key Issues

The following are the key issues that Suriname needs to address before entering into a Readiness Preparation Project Document with UNDP:

1. Explore the use of simple indicators to assess forest degradation.
2. Include, in collaboration with indigenous and tribal peoples representatives, in the work plan in component 1.c of the R-PP a process to identify the need for and to provide capacity building in government institutions with respect to indigenous and tribal peoples issues.
3. Revise the R-PP to outline a revised process to collaboratively design, together with indigenous and tribal peoples representatives: (a) a plan for their ongoing consultation and participation ensuring that sufficient budget is allocated for implementation of this plan; and (b) a budget line in the Project Document budget to support activities identified, managed and implemented by indigenous and tribal peoples representatives.
4. Revise the R-PP to reflect that the Saramaka Judgment of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and indigenous and tribal peoples rights have implications for REDD+ in Suriname. UNDP, during its due diligence, will commission a review to evaluate these implications, and incorporate its recommendations in the Project Document in collaboration with the government and indigenous and tribal peoples representatives.
5. Revise the proposed options for a grievance redress mechanism that includes prompt effective remedies with possibility of appeal, in line with the draft UNDP/WB Guidelines on Grievance Mechanisms. In particular, outline the inclusive process to be undertaken to identify, assess, strengthen and/or establish a grievance mechanism, building on existing systems where feasible.
6. Revise the R-PP text related to the SESA process and the ESMF, in line with the FCPF Common Approach to Environmental and Social Safeguards for Multiple Delivery Partners.
7. Revise the governance section of the R-PP to include a discussion of potential REDD+ anti-corruption measures based on a literature review, and propose a study of feasible mitigation measures during R-PP implementation.