

Presentation of the mid-term
evaluation of the REDD+ process in
the Democratic Republic of Congo

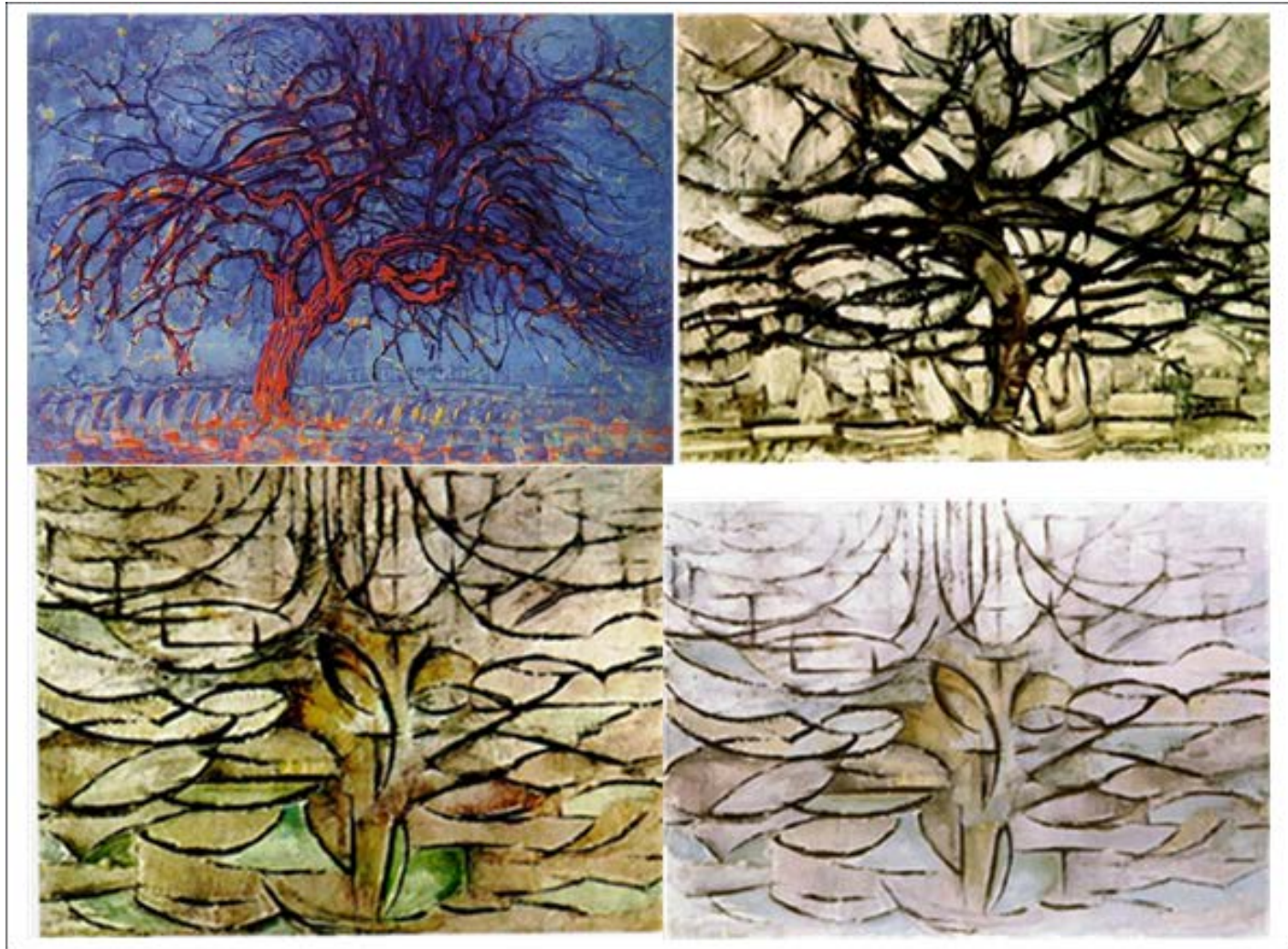
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Opening statements

- Sense of urgency, do we still have it?
- What is the essence of REDD+ and how to simplify its architecture

Abstraction of Tree by Dutch painter Piet Mondrian



Redd+ as a continuum

➤ Preparation



➤ Reform & Investment



➤ Performance based Carbon payments



→ Readiness Assessments →

DRC perspective on REDD+

DRC calls for a partnership that manifests itself through strong and joint action to transform and strengthen DRC's economy respecting the environment and social development of DRC's people; for an integrated and green economic development with an important place for forests.

Component 1: Readiness Organization and Consultation

- ✓ Level of Kinshasa: Sectorial ministries and civil society consistently engaged and transparent sharing of information
- ✓ Local communities and private sector will only be meaningfully engaged when detailed operational planning for projects and investment is done
- ✓ Engaging decentralized levels of government and civil society still insufficient
- ✓ The Thematic Coordination groups are a great mechanism for broad participation, but conditions for effective functioning are not met
- ✓ Poor functioning of National REDD+ Committee: problems with membership, facilitation and level at which it is placed

Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation

- ✓ Good and broad based analyses
- ✓ Absence of reforms in forest sector
- ✓ Diversity of initiatives contributing to formulating elements of strategy (alignment, FIP, sectorial concept notes, enabling environment)
- ✓ Concrete ideas still embryonic
- ✓ Late start-up of REDD+ pilot projects
- ✓ Need for clarity on form of REDD+ Strategy document
- ✓ Need for strategy to be informed by real-time experience and need to create broad commitment (both vertical and horizontal)

Component 2: continued

- ✓ Much progress has been achieved on establishment of REDD+ registry, system of homologation, information platform (www.rdc-snsf.org)
- ✓ Multi-donor National REDD+ fund in the process of being sett-up (but not as initially planned)
- ✓ Rich discussion on Carbon status and revenue sharing, but need for defining principles first and need for testing both before casting them into national law
- ✓ Progress with defining environmental and social standards, plus SESA started; SESA is early in strategy development process so that it contributes to its formulation

3: Reference Emissions Level / Reference Level

- ✓ A number of renowned international institutions have been mobilized to support DRC
- ✓ The reference level will be based on actual deforestation rates 1990-2000 and 2000-2010. UNEP has supported work in formulating development scenarios
- ✓ Both the work of defining drivers of deforestation and the wall-to-wall mapping done by OSFAC have provided a solid base of information. The inclusion in the national household survey of socio-economic questions related to land-and-forest-use will provide important information.

Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards

- ✓ Work in progress. National Forest Inventory, MRV and monitoring of national forest cover are all integrated into existing departments of the Ministry of Environment. Emphasis has so far been on training and developing capacity. The REDD NC expects that by mid-2013 there will be a solid base to continue the full development, including testing and capacity building (process of 5 years)
- ✓ Work on sub-components 2c and 2d will provide for monitoring other safeguards

Meeting « *Readiness* » standards

- 1a:** partially meeting standards
- 1b:** Kinshasa: meeting standards end 2012; Provinces: may partially meet standards by 2014
- 2a:** can meet standards by end 2012
- 2b:** can partially meet standard by early 2013; may only fully meet standards by end 2016
- 2c:** can meet standards by end 2012, except for revenue sharing
- 2d:** can meet partially standards by end 2012
- 3:** can meet partially standards by end 2012
- 4a:** can meet partially standards by mid-2013
- 4b:** mission could not assess, but mainly depends on progress in 2c and 2d.

Concluding remarks

- For urgency we need to see real commitment with DRC Government for policy reform and with donor's community to invest. Both can be confirmed before end 2012
- For simplifying REDD+ architecture, this remains a big challenge, but strength of REDD+ is in seeking to establish multiple mechanisms and multiple partnerships



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