



**Linking REDD+ Projects  
to National REDD+ Strategy in Kenya:  
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# National REDD+ Goals

- Realization of Constitutional and vision 2030 objectives of increasing forest cover to a minimum of 10%;
- Gov't efforts in designing policies and measures to protect and improve its remaining forest resources in ways that improve local livelihoods and conserve biodiversity;
- Realization of the NCCRS goals.
- Contribution to global CC mitigation and adaptation efforts.



# Priority Areas of Focus for REDD+

1. Reducing pressure to clear forests for agriculture, settlements and other land uses;
2. Promoting sustainable utilization of forests by promoting efficiency, energy conservation;
3. Improving governance in the forest sector by strengthening national capacity for FLEG , advocacy and awareness ;
4. Enhancement of carbon stocks through afforestation /Reforestation, addressing the fire problems



# REDD+ Readiness Process

**Informed by an understanding that :**

- 1. National Strategy and implementation framework will require:**
  - Clear understanding of drivers of forest cover change
  - Transparent, equitable and accountable benefit sharing/benefit distribution mechanisms,
  - Inclusive participation of stakeholders;
  - SESA and an FGRM
  - Developing safeguards and FGRM;
  - Clarity of national land, forest and carbon tenure rights.
- 2. REL/FRL and NFMS** should be established to serve multiple functions.



# Readiness Activities

- Analytical Studies to support strategy and implementation framework ongoing
  - Detailed drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in the country
  - Demand and supply of forest products in the country
  - Charcoal value chain analysis & barriers to investment
  - Legal preparedness for REDD+ in the country
  - Carbon rights, Benefit sharing and corruption risks analysis
- SESA road map prepared including a FGMR
- Continuous stakeholder sensitization and information sharing to support inclusive participation
- REL/FRL, NFMS, NFI and SIS discussions



# Project Activities

- Kenya has about 7 REDD+ and REDD+ related projects that support REDD+ efforts.
- Most are community-based emission removal programmes supported by NGOs
- WWC Kasigau project remains the most significant private-sector driven emission reduction project in Kenya ; A number of similar projects in the pipeline;
- All have arrangements that seek to secure long-term delivery of carbon and other benefits;
- They have evolved in the absence of an enabling national policy; legislative and institutional framework;
- Recognize the benefits of a national REDD+ strategy to support long-term investment.

# Linkages with Strategy formulation

- Steering and Technical Committees- providing guidance and direction to the strategy formulation process;
- Thematic Working Groups discussions—
  - Communication, Consultation and participation
  - SESA and safeguards
  - Benefit sharing and distribution
  - FGMR
  - REL/ FRL discussions



# Integrating Projects in strategy formulation

- Demonstration sites for REDD+ and lessons on how to address D&D
- Testing ground for assessment of various REDD+ approaches on efficiency, effectiveness and equity;
- Support to advocacy and communication;
- Capacity building and confidence building;
- Support to discussions on benefit sharing, benefit distribution and conflict management.
- Identification of gaps in policy, legislation and institutional framework for REDD+
- Informed contributions and proposals to discussions on REL/NFMS

# Challenges of Integrating Projects

- Incompatibility with evolving national policies and methodological guidance
- International & national policy frameworks still not fully developed to provide guidance;
- Lack of clarity on the issue of carbon rights and benefit sharing arrangements
- Some project based decisions at variance with evolving national policies
- Some projects have tended to be over-protective in defending past decisions.
- Capacity issues at both local and national level to advance debate.

**Thank You**

