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1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- R-PP was positively assessed by FCPF PC at PC8 (March, 2011) acknowledging the high quality and the responsiveness in integrating initial input from civil society and Indigenous Peoples into the document.
- The PC 8 has decided to allocate funding to Peru to enable it to move ahead with the preparation for readiness.
- Peru has chosen the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) as a Delivery Partner. Negotiations on the Transfer Agreement to be signed between the World Bank, as the Trustee of the FCPF, and IDB have been completed and the agreement is expected to be signed in October, 2012.
- In the meantime, IDB has informally engaged with Peru in furthering preparations for due diligence.
- Peru will submit a revised R-PP to the FMT, reflecting the key issues in the summary report prepared by the FMT and included in the annex to the resolution PC/8/2011/7; and will report back to the PC at PC 13 on progress made, in close coordination with mesas REDD and the indigenous peoples organizations involved. This was the announcement made at PC 11 in March 2012.
- The revised R-PP will be submitted to the FCPF PC by August 2013.
- Signature of the grant agreement between Peru and IDB is expected by September 2013.

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- A Steering Committee will be integrated by National Government, Sectors, regional governments and Advisory Groups.
- As the country is undergoing a decentralization process, regions are becoming building blocks of the national strategy (e.g. emission reference levels) and Management Arrangements.
- The relationship between the REDD+ program and the overarching Forest Conservation program is currently under discussion, as are early considerations of re-assigning or not authority over forests between the two ministries, for environment and for agriculture, respectively
- The Forest Investment Plan will be aligned with the R-PP review process.
- There has been more active involvement from the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Economy and Finance in the review process.

3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- Several coordination meetings and workshops regarding the R-PP and REDD+ were organized (Mesa REDD, Mesa REDD Indígena, GTREDD, MINAM, others)
- IP's have participated in coordination meetings and workshops.
- The REDD national round table ratified its willingness to contribute with the improvement of REDD+ process and continues to contribute in a proactive way.
- Consensus on text to be included was reached between National Government, IP and REDD national round table in the contexts of the R-PP formulation.
- Comments on first, second and third draft (formal submission) of the Peruvian R-PP had been carefully analyzed and most of them included.
- The revised R-PP will be shared through regional workshops at national scale. This process will be conducted jointly with the Investment Plan diffusion process.

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4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- The R-PP presents an assessment of major land use trends, direct and indirect deforestation and degradation drivers in the most relevant sectors, and major land tenure and natural resource rights and relevant governance issues. It documents past successes and failures in implementing policies or measures for addressing drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, and identifies significant gaps, challenges, and opportunities to address REDD. The assessment sets the stage for development of the country's REDD strategy to directly address key land use change drivers.
- The R-PP indicates that more in depth analysis will be done at an early stage of R-PP implementation.
- The revised R-PP is using the products obtained for the preparation of the FIP Investment Plan.

5. Implementation Framework

- The R-PP presents the current legislation including ratification of international treaty and then introduces some of the necessary modification of these legislations to accommodate REDD+. It identifies four issues at the heart of the challenges of REDD readiness in Peru are: (1) the link between national and subnational activities, (2) market uncertainties, (3) carbon ownership and (4) benefit sharing.
- The R-PP provides information on new laws that are very relevant for REDD implementation.
- The revised R-PP will consider new legislation including the new Forest Law and other relevant regulations and instruments.

6. SESA

Peru will follow up on SESA together with IDB as soon as the Common Approach and the respective Transfer Agreement between the World Bank and IDB have been signed.

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- No report on new activities at this stage.
- Peru aims at developing a standard methodological framework (MME) that will ensure that aggregating the different regional scenarios will lead to a meaningful national approach.
- The regional reference scenarios represent a starting point that will be useful to determine the national reference scenario rather than dictate the standard methodological framework.
- The R-PP further discusses how Peru plans to address the complex issue of leakage.
- The regions of San Martin and Madre de Dios have made significant progress in developing subnational reference scenarios.

8. MRV

Peru is currently working on the monitoring system by completing data requirements and processing

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- With regard to the reporting system on co-benefits, the focus will be on three different types of co-benefits, those associated with biodiversity, those of socio-economical nature and those linked to governance. Peru does not count with a baseline for biodiversity but the work plan of the National Forest Inventory contemplates to collect data on several relevant aspects of biodiversity to allow establishing such a baseline.
- The process of updating the R-PP has considered a revision of the MRV approach aligned to a national MRV system. Currently the institutional arrangements for the MRV implementation are under discussion based on a preliminary assessment.

9. Other

- Peru is expected to present a report on recent REDD+ developments for PC13, following up on Resolution PC8/2011/7.
- Peru is currently designing the Investment Strategy for the Forest Investment Program (FIP). The Investment Strategy will include a study on the drivers of deforestation as well as a gap analysis of the programs and projects that contribute to REDD+. Aside from the specific objectives of FIP, the results of these studies will serve as inputs for the design of the National REDD Strategy.
- The FIP Investment Plan is expected to be submitted to the FIP Subcommittee on October 2013.

