

Analysis of the final version of Liberia's R-PP

The Republic of Liberia formally presented its Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) for assessment by the FCPF Participants Committee, at its 9th meeting, held in June 2011, in Oslo, Norway. At this meeting, the PC adopted Resolution number PC/9/2011/2, where they decided to allocate grant funding for Liberia to enable it to move ahead with preparation for readiness. The PC requested Liberia to submit a revised R-PP addressing the key issues identified in a summary report to the resolution.

Liberia has submitted a revised R-PP to the FCPF FMT on 19 March 2012. The table below presents the main issues raised in the PC Resolution and the response provided in the revised R-PP. This analysis should allow the FMT to assess whether the issues raised by the PC Resolution have been attended to, which would allow the WB to continue its due diligence process in view of making the REDD Readiness grant available to the country. Key issues raised by the PC and how they were addressed in the final R-PP version (March 19, 2012) is presented in the table below.

Issues that Liberia needed to address before entering into a Readiness Preparation grant agreement with the Trustee of the Readiness Fund	Response in revised R-PP
<p>1. Assess the capacity building needs that would enable Liberia to implement the overall national REDD readiness program. In doing so, Liberia may wish to identify capacity gaps within departments and agencies, such as those providing technical support on Monitoring Reporting and Verification (MRV), forest inventory, development of Reference Levels, as well as those expected to serve as implementing and coordinating agencies/units for REDD plus program. Include a brief proposal of immediate and long term capacity needs identified in the R-PP, linking them to each R-PP component, as relevant.</p>	<p>Each component has been reinforced for capacity strengthening, including training courses and short term specialist technical assistance</p> <p>The MRV system will build on activities undertake as part of component 3. The overall aim is a functional MRV system that meets the needs of the national REDD+ program and complies with the UNFCCC guidelines.</p> <p>Additional results will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A trained and resourced FMU with the capacity to undertake the necessary monitoring and continue to develop methodology. • A working definition of forest that can be applied to the Liberian context. • An assessment of the current MRV.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An effective data base system to facilitate centralization of data and data management. • International collaborative relationships established and developed via MRV workshops • Testing and refinement processes in place. <p>A comprehensive M&E system is to be further developed with funding to cover the costs of consultancy support and training of key stakeholders to develop and maintain effective M&E throughout the 4 year during of the REDD+ readiness preparation process (and REDD+ strategy as a whole) as outline in the R- PP.</p>
2. Prioritize and align the scope of assessments proposed in the R-PP to avoid redundancy whilst ensuring that estimated budget is sufficient to cover the proposed scope of work. Reflect in the R-PP that stakeholders will be consulted during the development of terms of reference for these assessments, as relevant.	<p>To avoid redundancy, several areas of duplication have been eliminated by cross referencing to other components and deleting redundant budget rows.</p> <p>To ensure that the estimated budget is sufficient to cover the proposed scope of work, the budget in several items have been increased for specific assessments and studies which were under-costed.</p> <p>In order to reflect in the R-PP that stakeholders will be consulted, as relevant, during the development of terms of reference for these assessments, additional text has been inserted in subcomponents 1a and 2c.</p>
3. Review the adequacy of the proposed budget in the R-PP, in view of the number and scope of assessments referred to in point 2 above, capacity building needs as identified in point 1 above and any other needs.	<p>The number and scope of assessments has been reviewed and revised, and extra budget lines have been included for capacity strengthening for each component</p> <p>The R-PP budget has been comprehensively reviewed and adjusted. FCPF funds have been focussed on key components, whilst potential funding from other sources has been identified for other component, subject to confirmation.</p> <p>The total estimated cost now stands at US\$7,730,000 over four years, 2012-16. The total funding requested from the FCPF is</p>

	US\$3,400,000, which will be to fund 1) Consultation & participation and SESA 2) REDD strategy Option preparation and 3) Develop reference scenario. A further \$4,330,000 will be financed by other Development Partners. The new budget is indicated in page 144.
4. Clarify in the R-PP that information on socio-economic, governance and environmental aspects should be taken into account, as such information becomes available, in assessments of land use options during the REDD+ readiness preparation phase.	In order to clarify this request in the R-PP, additional text has been inserted in subcomponents 2b.