

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

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1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness Grant

- R-PP assessed by FCPF PC at PC9;
- \$200K FCPF Formulation Grant is signed and disbursed as of December 2010;
- Revised R-PP submitted to the FCPF May 2012 in accordance with the PC9 resolution; and
- FCPF Readiness Grant in preparation (WB due diligence and preparation of R-PP Assessment Note ongoing)

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- The over-all Policy level coordination and harmonization with regards to REDD-Plus for Uganda shall be a responsibility of the Policy Committee on Environment under the Office of the Prime Minister. The Policy Committee on Environment is a legal organ established in 1995 under the Environment Act of Uganda (Cap 153);
- A Climate Change Policy Committee (CCPC) shall replace the current National REDD-Plus Steering Committee to serve as a Policy Level Coordination platform and advisor to the Ministry Responsible for REDD-Plus (currently the Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE)) during project implementation;
- A National Technical Committee comprising of technical people drawn from lead institutions and other key actors within and outside government shall assume the technical role previously provided by the REDD-Plus Working Group during 2009-2011 R-PP formulation;
- Theme based Taskforces composed of individual experts in relevant theme from within and outside government, will be established by the CCPC/Steering Committee to provide specialist technical support and input into designated thematic undertakings;
- The National REDD-Plus Focal Point (Forestry Sector Support Department of MWE which replaced National Forestry Authority in April 2012) shall manage the R-PP Support project including partnerships between GoU and Donor/WB, facilitating the Steering Committee, NTC and Taskforces, managing REDD-Plus Secretariat & PMU operations and project activities, ensure successful delivery of the project outputs results.

3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- As part of the REDD – Plus Readiness Proposal preparation:
 - o Countrywide consultations with stakeholders were conducted from April 2010 – February 2011. The formulation process emphasized consultations and engagement with the stakeholders including Government (Executive (Ministries and Government Agencies) and Legislative/ Parliament), NGOs/CSO, Private sector, Academia, Cultural Groups, Special groups, Forest dependent people, Communities, among others;
 - o The R-PP proposal document was prepared through a process involving iterative reviews by REDD –Plus Working Group and REDD –Plus Steering Committee;
 - o Approval by Minister of Water and Environment (Lead ministry) and Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development in accordance with government procedures;
- The required technical revisions of the R-PP as recommended by the PC9 in June 2011 were accomplished in May 2012. The REDD Focal Point received technical and logistical support from International Union for Conservation of nature (IUCN) which facilitated the finalization of Consultations and Participation Plan that included Awareness and Communication Plan and, Conflicts and Grievances Management Plan;
- The REDD-Plus Steering Committee continued to service the formulation of the R-PP up-to date. This function was retained so as to facilitate the due diligence process by the World Bank, as well as make it possible for the Stakeholders to maintain ownership and participation until the implementation arrangements are commenced

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

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- As part of the REDD – Plus Readiness Proposal preparation:
 - o an initial assessment of Uganda’s land use, forest policies and governance to inform REDD-Plus strategy development was undertaken and elaborated in the R-PP;
 - o The major drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in Uganda (consisting of agricultural expansion in forested lands, charcoal production, firewood harvesting, livestock grazing, timber production and human settlement and urbanization) including potential strategy options for addressing deforestation and forest degradation in Uganda were identified and are elaborated in the R-PP;
- During the implementation of the R-PP, Uganda will:
 - o Undertake a comprehensive and complete assessment of the potential strategic options proposed in the R-PP (including, as necessary, collection and analysis of relevant additional information required) as a basis for prioritizing the Strategy Options for addressing the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, maintenance of carbon stocks, enhancing conservation of forest biodiversity and, for ensuring sustainable forest management in Uganda; and
 - o Assess prioritized REDD-Plus strategic options for their feasibility taking into account: (i) socio-economic, political and institutional perspectives; (ii) costs and benefits in relation to people's livelihoods and biodiversity conservation; (iii) forestry governance; (iv) national development policies and strategies; and, (v) risks associated with the specific strategy options (identified through SESA) and ways to manage and mitigate them; **and then;**
 - o Prepare Draft REDD+ Strategy consolidating findings of SESA and analysis of REDD+ Strategy Options

5. Implementation Framework

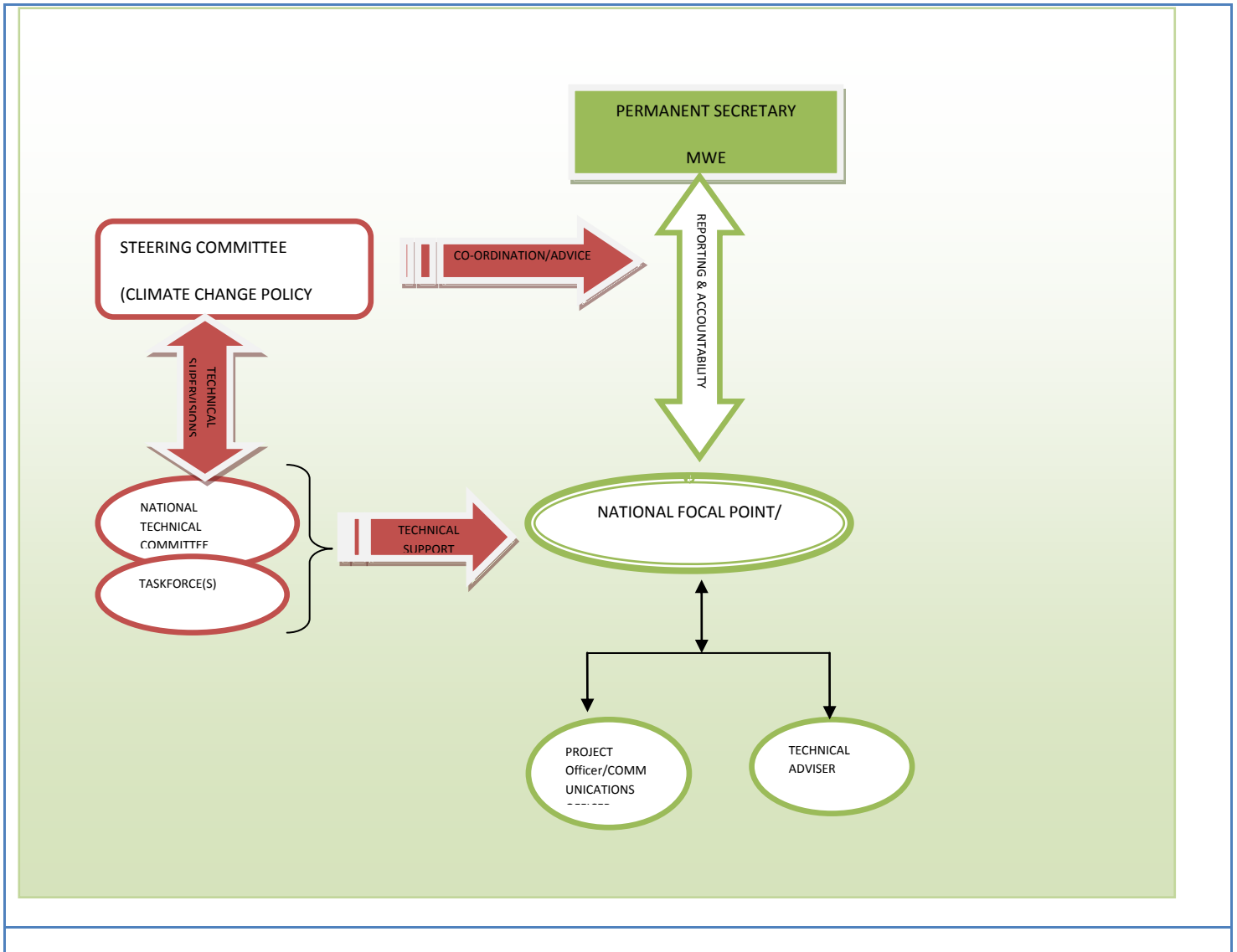
The R-PP Support Project will be implemented by the MWE through the REDD-Plus Focal Point. The MWE is responsible for all technical and managerial aspects of the project. The National REDD-Plus Focal Point will function as a Secretariat to the Uganda REDD-Plus process and operate through a Project Implementation Unit within the FSSD.

The MWE shall be supported by the Climate Change Policy Committee (CCPC) which will serve as a Steering Committee for the project and an official platform for policy level stakeholder participation. The CCPC will, through the National Technical Committee) ensure that the technical aspects of the project are effectively addressed, including adherence to REDD-Plus principles, national policy and legal frameworks as well as World Bank safeguards.

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6. SESA

- Draft ToRs for SESA have been prepared and undergoing review by WB.
- A SESA Guideline for Uganda is under development by National Focal Point in collaboration with WB and SESA Task force, expected to be finalized with 4th quarter of 2012.

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7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- ToRs for developing Reference Scenario were prepared as part of the R-PP formulation

8. DESIGNING A MONITORING SYSTEM

- ToRs for designing a monitoring system were prepared as part of the R-PP formulation

9. Other

- A World Bank mission was conducted from September 10 to September 22, 2012
- An assessment note is under preparation.