Linking Local REDD+ Projects to National REDD+ Strategies

Organization and Objectives

Overall Objective

- Facilitate dialogue across policy makers, practitioners, civil society and private sector in the design of <u>National REDD Strategy</u> and the role of ongoing initiatives (REDD pilots or other relevant programmes) targeted at reducing deforestation and forest degradation

Questions

– Why are we piloting REDD?

– How does my project fit into national framework?

– How is the piloting for REDD different from traditional programmes to address deforestation?

– Can the project scale have the needed impact to address the problem of deforestation nationally?

– How do a number of projects being implemented in my country come together for the purpose of accounting etc.?

Workshop Organization

- <u>Day 1</u>
  - <u>Panel 1:</u> Addressing drivers of deforestation and forest degradation through local level projects
  - <u>Panel 2:</u> Linking projects to REDD Processes
- Day 2
  - Field Visit to Bale Mountains
- <u>Day 3</u>
  - Recap of day 1 and 2
  - <u>Panel 3:</u> Challenges and Opportunities of nesting projects/programs into national REDD Strategy design
  - Wrap Up Panel and open discussions

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Day 1

<u>Panel 1:</u> Addressing drivers of deforestation and forest degradation through local level projects

Presentations: Ethiopia, Madagascar, Kenya

- How the idea of the project took shape? Driving interests behind the project?
- **<u>How projects are addressing drivers of deforestation? Areas of success to date?</u>**
- Interaction with national government?
- Challenges/ barriers/ limits of working at project scale?
- What more can be done to make projects more effective?

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<u>Panel 2:</u> Linking projects to REDD Processes

Presentations: TNC, Tanzania, DRC

- <u>Linkages to national REDD+ processes, in particular challenges and benefits associated with cooperating at different scales</u>
- Drivers tackled, incentives provided, benefit sharing arrangements. Role/support of national governments?
- Linkages to national development goals, legal frameworks?
- Gaps & challenges (technical and political) that hinder achieving desired impact
- Eventually how would projects be linked to national /subnational programmes?
- Any best practices from projects shaping into policies/ programs?

Workshop Organization
Day 3

- Recap from day 1 and 2
- <u>Panel 3</u>: Challenges and Opportunities of nesting projects/programs into national REDD Strategy design

  Presentations: Indonesia, DRC, Brazil
  - Challenges associated with managing local projects and programs within a national REDD+ framework prior to national architecture is in place
  - Strategies being adopted to manage multiple local level initiatives
    - Rules and regulations to govern projects?
    - Registry requirements
    - Management of reference levels at multiple scales
    - Incentives and benefit sharing arrangements
- Wrap up Panel and open discussions