

**FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF)
SIXTEENTH PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE MEETING
December 12-15, 2013
Geneva, Switzerland**

Resolution PC/16/2013/5

Dominican Republic's Readiness Preparation Proposal

Whereas:

1. The Participants Committee (PC), through its Resolution PC/14/2013/2, specified the criteria and the process by which Qualified Eligible REDD Countries may be selected into the FCPF;
2. Dominican Republic submitted a Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) to the Facility Management Team (FMT) in July 2013, in accordance with Resolution PC/14/2013/2, and the R-PP was reviewed by a Technical Advisory Panel (TAP), and a working group consisting of Participants Committee (PC) members established for this purpose;
3. The PC reviewed the R-PP in accordance with Section 11.1 (b) of the Charter Establishing the FCPF (Charter) at its sixteenth meeting;
4. The PC acknowledged the extensive efforts made by Dominican Republic and the high quality of the R-PP; and
5. The PC recalls that, as specified in Resolution PC/14/2013/2, Dominican Republic shall meet both of the following conditions to have guaranteed access to Readiness Preparation Grant funding: 1) submit their Revised R-PP within nine months of being allocated Readiness Preparation Grant funding by the PC through this Resolution; and 2) sign their Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement within fourteen months of being allocated Readiness Preparation Grant funding by the PC through this Resolution.

The Participants Committee,

1. Decides to allocate funding to Dominican Republic to enable it to move ahead with the preparation for readiness, subject to signing of the REDD Participation Agreement between Dominican Republic and the Trustee of the Readiness Fund.
2. For this purpose, requests:
 - i. Dominican Republic to submit a revised R-PP to the FMT, reflecting the key issues in the summary report prepared by the FMT included in the annex of this Resolution;
 - ii. The FMT to check on the Revised R-PP for completeness, make it available on the FCPF website and notify the PC of its availability;
 - iii. The World Bank, as the Delivery Partner, to complete its due diligence, in particular with regard to the World Bank's Operational Policies and Procedures, working closely with Dominican Republic in order to provide a grant of up to US\$ 3.8 million, in accordance with Resolutions PC/3/2009/4 and PC/Electronic/2012/1;

- iv. Dominican Republic to consider the issues identified in the TAP's R-PP assessment as well as those raised by the FCPF PC at this meeting during readiness preparation; and
- v. Dominican Republic to report to the PC on progress made in accordance with Section 6.3 (b) of the Charter and to carry out its responsibilities in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

Annex
Summary Report Prepared by the FMT

The PC noted that the R-PP offers good opportunities for other REDD countries to learn from Dominican Republic's experience.

Key Issues

The following are the key issues that Dominican Republic needs to address before entering into a Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement with the Trustee of the Readiness Fund:

1. In component 1a, the following should be addressed:
 - Provide further description of the proposed grievance and redress mechanism and include a road map for its design.
 - Describe how cross-sectoral and jurisdictional communication will take place in the REDD+ structure between the OCBR (Organo de Bosques y REDD) and the Grupo Nacional de Trabajo REDD (GNT-REDD) with the Provincial Councils.
2. In components 1a and 1c, provide additional information on the efforts made by the government of Dominican Republic to identify Indigenous Peoples. Describe the mechanisms to be used to ensure the participation of Indigenous Peoples in the REDD+ process, as applicable
3. In component 2a, provide additional description of the potential impacts that national policies, decisions, and institutions (including the contrast between command and control vs. market mechanism) could have on the relevant stakeholders' land use trends and on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.
4. In component 2b, include information about the use of liquefied petroleum gas as a substitute for fuel wood, and how this substitution may contribute to a possible source of national leakage in terms of net GHG emissions.
5. In component 2d, add concise description of the process that will be used to carry out the SESA, institutions involved, roles and responsibilities of such institutions, and outputs to be produced.
6. In component 3, include a road map to achieve consensus on a definition of "forest" within the context of defining reference levels.