

**FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF)
SEVENTEENTH PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE MEETING
July 2-4, 2014
Lima, Peru**

Resolution PC/17/2014/8

Belize'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. Belize 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 PC members established for this purpose;
3. At the sixteenth PC Meeting, Belize presented its R-PP and was encouraged to resubmit its R-PP for formal assessment and consideration for selection at the seventeenth PC Meeting;
4. Belize subsequently revised its R-PP, taking into account the issues that were identified in the R-PP assessments by the TAP and the PC working group, as well as those raised by the PC, as summarized in the Co-Chairs' Summary for the sixteenth PC Meeting. The revised R-PP was reviewed by a TAP and a working group consisting of the PC members established for this purpose, and was presented at the seventeenth PC Meeting;
5. The PC reviewed the revised R-PP in accordance with Section 11.1 (b) of the Charter Establishing the FCPF (Charter) at its seventeenth meeting;
6. The PC acknowledged the extensive efforts made by Belize, and the high quality of the R-PP; and
7. The PC recalls that, as specified in Resolution PC/14/2013/2, Belize 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 Belize to enable it to move ahead with the preparation for readiness, subject to signing of the REDD Country Participation Agreement between Belize and the Trustee of the Readiness Fund.
2. For this purpose, requests:
 - (i) Belize to submit a revised R-PP (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 Belize, 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) Belize 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) Belize 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 Belizean R-PP offers good opportunities for other REDD Countries to learn from Belize's experience.

Key Issues

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

1. Provide additional information on the process for clarifying the consultation standards that will be applied during Readiness, and explain how the development of the national REDD+ strategy options will take into account and respect indigenous peoples' views on land and forest management.
2. Provide a fuller description of the recent decisions of the Belizean Supreme Court and Court of Appeals and the ongoing Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) process in relation to Mayan land rights in the southern part of the country. Reiterate in the R-PP the Government of Belize's commitment to comply with the findings of the CCJ, once these are issued.
3. Describe the steps that will be taken as part of the SESA process to identify the risks related to land tenure insecurity in Belize, and reflect this in the budget of sub-component 2d.
4. Include a roadmap for the development of a Reference Level that reflects the main anthropogenic and natural drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.
5. Describe the relationships between sub-component 4a. on MRV and sub-components 2a. and 2b.