

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

Resolution PC/17/2014/9

Sudan'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. Sudan 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, Sudan 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. Sudan 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 Sudan, and the high quality of the R-PP; and
7. The PC recalls that, as specified in Resolution PC/14/2013/2, Sudan 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 Sudan to enable it to move ahead with the preparation for readiness, subject to signing of the REDD Country Participation Agreement between Sudan and the Trustee of the Readiness Fund.
2. For this purpose, requests:
 - (i) Sudan 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 Sudan, 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) Sudan 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) Sudan 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 Sudan's experience.

Key Issues

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

1. Present a clear approach for constructing reference scenario(s), including early ideas and information on the following in Component 3 of the R-PP:
 - reference period within which historical emissions will be estimated;
 - proposed definition of forests, and carbon pools to be considered;
 - how drivers (direct and indirect) of deforestation will be used in developing reference scenarios; and
 - a statement of the expected outputs from the proposed approach.