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Subject: Mission Report (BTOR). Guyana. The Bank sent an Orientation Mission to Guyana from July 10th, to July 12th 2013. The mission team was led by Helena Landazuri Piagessi (INE/RND) and included, Rodrigo Martinez (INE/CCS), Marisol Inurritegi (RND/CGY) and Bernardita Sáez (SGO/LEG).

This report specifies the topics discussed during the mission, as well as the steps agreed between the participants.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION (INE/CCS)

GUYANA

MISION OF DISCUSSIONS FOR THE FCPF (FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY) GY-T1097

I. BACKGROUND

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In Guyana, the mission met with the following members of the Government: (i) (ii) Office of Climate Change, OCC: Shyam Nokta, Advisor to the President and Head of the OCC; Preeya Rampesud, Officer at OCC ((iv) the Guyana Forestry Commission

(GFC): Nasheta Dewnath, Programme Officer, REDD Secretariat; Edward Goberhand, Financial Director.

II. MISSION OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Within the framework of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) the IDB has been supporting the government of Guyana in structuring an operation for the execution of Guyana's Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP). The mission aimed at establishing agreements with the Government of Guyana on the results based framework and budget allocation, and agree on all details that will go into the Technical Cooperation Document GY-T1097.

Activities:

- a) Review with GoG the Readiness Assessment Framework from the FCPF as the guiding document for discussion
- b) Solve pending issues on the scope of the project
- c) Review the results based framework and budget with representatives from the Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) and Office of Climate Change (OCC)
- d) Reach basic agreements in order to finalize the design of project components and activities
- e) Solve questions regarding contractual conditions for disbursement and execution of project activities.

III. AGREEMENTS ACHIEVED

The mission team discussed the Readiness Assessment Framework from the FCPF as the guidance document to achieve the expected results for this process and for which this TC will be assessed. GFC and OCC agreed that this will be the guide to accomplish the activities, indicators and outputs expected from the R-PP (Readiness Preparation Proposal) implementation.

General Considerations:

GFC agreed that all TORs should identify the expected time spent per activity to be performed and the maximum amount to be paid. TORs of consultancies that will need workshops and travel, should specify the type of workshop, expected persons, and travel details.

The Bank and GFC agreed that items of consumables and meetings-workshops will be merged into one to ease procurement.

Specific Agreements:

Subcomponent (1.1) 1a. Readiness Management Arrangements

Activity 1.1.1 Support the establishment of a functional REDD Secretariat

1. GFC identified the consultants funding for REDD Secretariat to be hired for 2 years: 1 Programme Coordinator, 3 Project Officers I, 3 Project Officers II; 1 Technical Coordinator. To be hired for 1 year GFC identified: the Director and 14 Field Assistants. GFC will specify the maximum amount payable to each consultant and state if it belongs to Year 2 or Year 3. (Annex 1: Results Based Framework may serve as a guide for the identification)
2. GFC and OCC will revise the outputs and indicators proposed on Annex 1: Results Based Framework
3. GFC will provide information about the travel item. For whom and what activity will this travel budget be spent.

Activity 1.1.2 Provide Institutional Strengthening and capacity building for the NRWG, inclusive of the NTC and indigenous NGO

4. The Bank recommends for procurement purposes and clarity, to separate into two budget line items as follows: 1) Consultant 2) Administrative Support.
5. GFC clarified that the newly created Administrative Support budget line item will help strengthening the NTC, including training in accounting and office space.
6. GFC stated that an *On-Going Stakeholder Feedback/Engagement Mechanism* is a role that will be done by the National Redd Working Group (NRWG). GFC will evaluate if the NRWG will need additional financial support, to perform adequately this task. Is so it will be incorporated into the FCPF budget. Currently there is no budget allocation for strengthening this activity. Currently there is no mention of the NRWG on the *TORs Institutional Support and Capacity Building of the National Tshaos Council*.
7. The TORs for Institutional Support of NTC mention that "Funds from the FCPF therefore can be directed towards the payment of salaries for 1-3 office consultants on a part time or full time basis". The Bank mentioned that it is necessary to have individual TORs for each person and clarify if it will be one, two or three persons hired.
8. GFC agreed that they will provide more detail/information of the item *Support to National Travel and Consultations- Indigenous NGO (4)*. GFC will inform the Bank of which subactivities are going to be performed with these resources. The Bank recommended that if these are activities for consultations, they should be moved to Subcomp (1.2)1b that deals with Consultations and Participation. ‘
9. GFC confirm that the workshop contemplated in this activity will be used towards the MRV Steering Committee, to coordinate activities with different stakeholders
10. GFC will provide clarity on how the \$ 50,000 will be spent as mentioned on the TORs for Institutional support of NGOs. It is unclear if these funds will be used towards hiring a researcher, or transfer to each NGO to conduct the activities described on the TORs.

`Activity 1.1.3 Development and Establishment of a National Conflict Resolution Strategy

11. GFC clarified that the travel item will be used towards travel expenses of indigenous people and communities for the development of a conflict resolution strategy.

`Activity 1.2.1 Communication and Outreach strategies and action plans developed and implemented

12. The IDB highlighted that:

Activities 1.2.1 Communication and Outreach strategies and action plans developed and implemented; 1.2.2 Develop Communication and Outreach Materials and Conduct National Consultation and Outreach, Activities and 1.2.3 Disseminate Materials for Consultations through Various Media seem all very similar in their description. GFC will provide clarity and explanation of the difference and relation between these three activities.

13. GFC will provide an explanation of the difference between the workshops and topics to be covered in each of above described Activities. The Bank suggests that GFC makes an annual schedule distributing all meetings foreseen, identified by type of topic to be covered, expected number of days and tentative place, and specifying who will be travelling for these workshops.
14. The Bank suggested that a permanent person should be devoted to disseminating information and materials permanently during the duration of the project.
15. IDB suggests that and activity should be included on results reporting and integration of the consultations into REDD+ Strategy should be

Activity `2.1.1 Identify/Design REDD+ Strategy Options

16. GFC will provide more clarity as to how Activity 2.1.1 and Activity 2.1.2 relate or differentiate. GFC will provide clarity into the purpose of workshops and travel proposed. The Bank mentioned that from the description of the activity it is not possible to infer how it is going to be performed. The Bank initially suggested that these activities should be merged.
17. The Bank suggests that an independent evaluation of the REDD+ strategy options identified should be developed to achieve point 17 of Readiness Assessment Framework. This could be done as a workshop covered under this item.
18. The IDB recommended to allocate budget for an independent evaluation of the REDD+ strategy options

`Activity 2.1.2 Prepare REDD+ Strategy Options Papers

19. GFC will provide more clarity on what this activity entails and each of the budget items as specified in Annex 1. The Bank recommended that Activity 2.1.2 be merged with Activity 2.1.1 *Identify/Design Redd + Strategy Options*.
20. GFC will provide more clarity of what the item *Field work- Assessment* entails.

Activity 2.1.4 Design and Implementation of REDD+ Pilot project

21. GFC agreed that TORs for a consultant or firm to design the pilot projects should be drafted, and that there would be one TORs for each of the areas with pilot projects: Agriculture, Forestry, Mining and Community.
22. The Bank insists that the budget from pilot projects should be raised to have operational pilots at the end of the period. Resources from consultations may be reallocated to the pilots.
23. GFC will provide more clarity on the item *Field works Assessment*. What do these assessments entail.

Activity 2.1.5 Conduct Studies, Workshops and Study Tours including Trade Off Analysis

24. GFC will give clarity of what exactly will this activity is going to achieve. How will the workshops and travel be spent. From the description it is not clear. The IDB manifested that on the TORs of "*Specialist to Develop a REDD+ Strategy for Guyana*" there is no indication of this activity.

Activity 2.2.1 Train on the Interpretation and Implementation of Natural Resources Legislations, Policies and Guidelines

25. GFC clarified that the training on "*GIS and Remote Sensing, forest carbon stock assessment, forest area change assessment, forest policy, legality and governance and reference levels*" as specified on the RPP in Comp.2c.2.1 pg 77 will be covered under other projects such as the GRIF.

Activity 2.2.4 Establish an Equitable and Mutually Agreeable Benefits Sharing Mechanism

26. This activity should be raised at least up to \$100,000. TORs mention a consultant for 24 months, $(\$50,000/24) = \2000 per month for a consultant which The Bank considers to be insufficient.

27. GFC agreed to clarify the breakdown of the Benefit Sharing Mechanism. OCC mentioned that they are developing the Opt-in mechanism and the benefit sharing mechanism, will be part of the Opt-in mechanism. GFC mentioned that this is being developed with WWF funding.

Activity 2.3.1 Develop SESA social and environmental studies and report

28. GFC agreed that the value of the consultancy to develop a SESA would be raised to \$140,000.
29. The TORs *Specialist to Conduct Strategic Environmental & Social Assessment of REDD+ Implementation in Guyana* should have an indication of the workshops and travel needed to conduct the SESA successfully.

Activity 2.3.3 Develop SESA Summary Reports and Other studies, assessment, etc.

30. GFC will revise if Activity 2.3.1 is the same as Activity 2.3.3 . GFC will provide more clarity on what is this activity going to accomplish that is different from 2.3.1.

Which other studies are expected to take place. The description of the activity is not clear. What is the relationship here on the item of Travel expenses with the details: "Conducting approx. 3 special studies at US\$15,000 per study"?

Subcomponent (3) 6 - Summary of Programme M & E Activities

31. The Bank suggested that Activities 3.1, 3.2 , 3.3 and 3.4 should be merged into one. GFC will look into this.

Activity 3.5 Develop R- Package

32. IDB and GFC agreed that a consultant will be hired to develop the R-Package. GFC will come up with the budget allocation for this consultancy.
33. GFC will assign a budget for a consultant to develop the R-Package

As an Executing Agency, and prior to first disbursement GFC must designate or contract a project coordinator.