

## Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Readiness Fund

### REDD Countries' Expressions of Interest in the FCPF

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*This note presents recent expressions of interest from REDD countries in the FCPF for information and possible granting of observer status.*

#### Country requests

1. **Guinea:** Mr. Joseph Sylla, Division Chief, Pollution Prevention, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, National Focal Point UNFCCC, wrote an email to the FMT on September 25, 2009 expressing interest in REDD activities at the World Bank. The FMT replied on November 11, 2009 that the country selection process was closed pending a program evaluation to be carried out in 2010, and that the FMT was not able to meet Guinea's request as a result, but that Guinea's interest would be brought to the PC's attention in March 2010.
2. **Nigeria:** H.E. John Odey, Federal Minister of Environment, wrote a letter to the FMT on October 22, 2009 requesting participation in the FCPF (a similar letter was received by the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat). The FMT replied on November 21, 2009 that the country selection process was closed pending a program evaluation to be carried out in 2010, and that the FMT was not able to meet Nigeria's request as a result, but that Nigeria's interest would be brought to the PC's attention in March 2010 and the FMT would request the PC's guidance. In addition, the FMT asked if Nigeria would be interested in an observer status. A meeting in Copenhagen in December 2009 with Mr. Liyel Imoke, the Governor of Cross River State of Nigeria, and his delegation confirmed interest in REDD plus and the FCPF on the parts of Nigeria and Cross River State. In an email dated March 6, 2010, a consultant to Nigeria and Cross River State requested that a representative of Nigeria and a representative of Cross River State be allowed to observe the PC5 meeting in Gabon. The FMT replied that, based on space availability, this seemed difficult.
3. **Sudan:** Mr. Abdalla Gaafar Mohamed Siddig, Chief, Technical Sector, Forests National Corporation, wrote an email to the FMT on November 19, 2009 expressing interest in the FCPF. The FMT replied on December 6, 2009 that the country selection process was closed pending a program evaluation to be carried out in 2010, and that the FMT was not able to meet Sudan's request as a result, but that Sudan's interest would be brought to the PC's attention in March 2010 and the FMT would request the PC's guidance. In addition, the FMT noted that Sudan had formally expressed interest in submitting a Readiness Preparation Idea Note (R-PIN) in January 2008, but had never submitted the R-PIN, and asked if Sudan would be interested in an observer status. No meeting could be organized in Copenhagen.

#### Guidance requested from the PC

4. Should observer status be proposed and granted to the countries interested in the FCPF? This would entail an invitation to observe the Participants Assembly and the Participants Committee meetings, subject to space availability. The FCPF would not bear any associated expenses.