

**Completeness Check for
Paraguay R-PP dated April 30, 2015**

FCPF Facility Management Team

Paraguay presented its Readiness Preparation Proposal for assessment by the FCPF Participants Committee (PC) at its 14th meeting, held in July 2014, in Lima, Peru. At this meeting, the PC adopted PC resolution PC/17/2014/5 deciding to allocate grant funding to enable Paraguay to move ahead with REDD+ readiness preparation. The PC requested Paraguay to address the key issues identified in the TAP assessment.

Paraguay submitted a revised R-PP to the FCPF FMT on March 23, 2015. The table below explains how Paraguay addressed the main issues raised in the Summary Report in the revised version of the R-PP. The table was prepared by the FMT, in cooperation with UNDP.

Issue to be addressed	Response in the revised R-PP	FMT comments
<p>Explain the relationship between the SESA Working Group and the proposed REDD+ Technical Committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Section 2d, the R-PP explains the role and composition of both the SESA Working Group and the REDD+ Technical Committee. In terms of composition, it is anticipated that some of the institutions participating in the REDD+ Technical Committee also participate in the SESA Working Group to facilitate the SESA process. Although the working relationship per se between these two instances is still to be discussed and clarified, the REDD+ Technical Committee is expected to guide the SESA Working Group, which will report to the Political Committee. 	<p>Item complete</p>
<p>Develop a more detailed plan for SESA and the ESMF by identifying relevant stakeholders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 2d of the R-PP broadly presents six elements of the SESA work plan, which will be the basis to further elaborate a detailed plan, through a participative process. These elements are briefly described below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a detailed stakeholder analysis, building on current efforts done by the UN-REDD National Program. 2. Strengthen existing dialogue platforms at the national and sub-national levels 3. Generate and validate information produced by the UNDP-FCPF project. Validation will be supported by the Stakeholder Engagement Strategy. 	<p>Item complete</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Building on already existing relationships with FAPI and INDI, work with Indigenous Peoples to articulate and coordinate activities from a thematic and geographic perspective. 5. Elaborate and implement the SESA action plan, which will be part of the Stakeholder Engagement Strategy. The plan will have a specific timeframe and associated budget. A preliminary version of the plan will be included in the Project Document to be signed between UNDP and SEAM. 6. Finalize SESA products. ESMF and information to be used in the elaboration of the Safeguards Information System are the main SESA products. 	
<p>Provide additional information on how Paraguay intends to take into consideration the protocol for FPIC elaborated by the <i>Federación para la Autodeterminación de los Pueblos Indígenas, FAPI</i>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1b of the R-PP explains in sub-section 4 that a process to agree on the proposed FPIC protocol elaborated by FAPI finalized in October 2014. This included a workshop attended by more than 30 indigenous organizations. As a result, an agreed draft FPIC law has been submitted to <i>Instituto Paraguayo del Indígena (INDI)</i>, for its presentation before the Congress and subsequent promulgation sometime in 2015. The R-PP also explains that government of Paraguay will have to seek the FPIC of indigenous peoples potentially impacted, positively or negatively, by the policies and measures designed to reduce deforestation, before implementing these measures. The protocol on FPIC prepared by the FAPI and presently revised by the INDI could be used as the basis to conduct the related consultations. 	<p>Item complete</p>
<p>Provide information on how the R-PP intends to address conflicts related to indigenous lands that are being sold or leased to private agriculture companies, and explain how this issue may be taken into account during the SESA process and may be reflected in the Safeguards Information System.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 2a of the R-PP explains in sub-section 21 that INDI supported by UN-REDD, will develop a work plan to address current problems in Indigenous Peoples' lands and territories. The plan, which will build on information and recommendations generated by the UN-REDD National Program, will be developed in a participatory manner 	<p>Item complete</p>

	<p>during the first six months of 2015. This plan will take into account the impact of the identified strategy options, particularly those related to land use planning affecting the agriculture and livestock sector. The R-PP also explains that the Safeguards Information System will collect information from the monitoring of implementation of such plan.</p>	
<p>Provide additional information on the applicable legal framework for the indigenous communities' traditional use of forest products</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1 of the R-PP presents in sub-section a.2 information on the guarantees given to Indigenous Peoples for the traditional use of resources in their own territories, and also on their autonomy, in the National Constitution and Law 234/93. 	<p>Item complete</p>

In conclusion, the FMT finds the R-PP of Paraguay complete in all its sections as presented in Template Version 06.