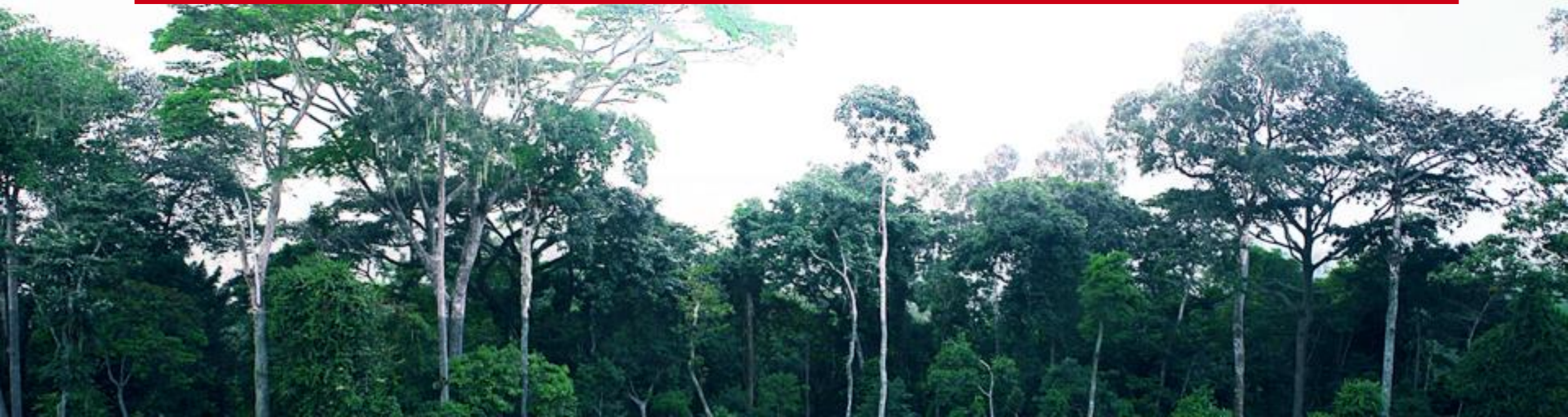




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REDD+ PROCESS IN CAMEROON MID-TERM REPORT & REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING



Outline

• Background

• Progress in REDD+ readiness

- Organisation and consultation
- Preparation of the national strategy
- Elaboration of national Reference Level
- National forest monitoring system and information on safeguards

• Summary of grant request

Background

- More than 70% of the country is covered with forest; with rainforests occupying approximately 46% of national territory and 11% of Congo basin forests;
- Deforestation was estimated at 0,03% annually (1990-2000) and 0,08 (2000-2005); and forest degradation 0,06 and 0,07 respectively;
- Cameroon supported the introduction of REDD+ in the agenda of the UNFCCC negotiations during COP11 (2005) and its inclusion (likewise non-carbon benefits) in the Paris Accord;
- REDD+ is a major component of the country's NDC.



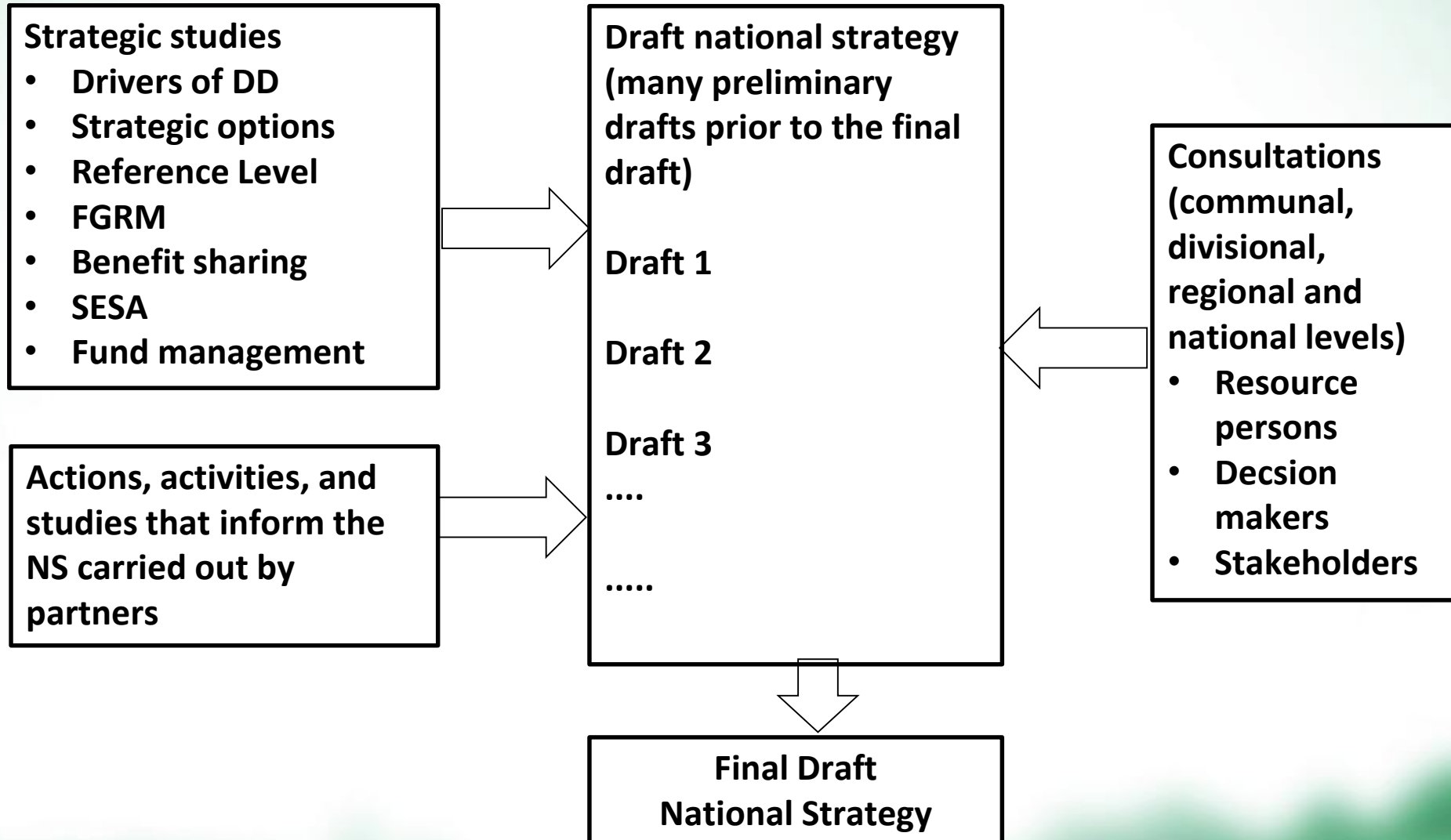
Background (2)

- Member of the FCPF in 2008; and elaborated and validated its Readiness Project Idea Note (2008-2009);
- Elaboration and validation of Readiness Preparation Proposal (2009-2013);
- Official launching of the elaboration of the national strategy (June 2014);
- Full functioning of the REDD+ Technical Secretariat (March 2016);
- Admission to the Forest Investment Program (2015);
- Validation of the Central African Forest Initiative proposal (2016);
- Emission Reduction Project Idea Note accepted into the FCPF Carbon Fund Pipeline (June 2016).

Background (3)

- According to the R-PP approximately 29 million USD are required for the elaboration of the national REDD+ strategy;
- Presently the country benefits from direct funding from:
 - FCPF – 3,6 million USD
 - KfW – 2,4 million USD
 - FIP preparatory grant – 250 000 USD
 - CAFI preparatory grant – 1 million USD
- Other technical partners carry out activities that inform the national strategy elaboration (national CSOs, IUCN, WWF, GIZ etc.).

Approach of the elaboration of the national strategy



Organisation and Consultation

Criteria	Assessment
1. Accountability and transparency	Green
2. Operating mandate and budget	Yellow
3. Multisector coordination mechanisms and cross-sector collaboration	Yellow
4. Technical supervision capacity	Green
5. Funds management capacity	Green
6. Feedback and grievance redress mechanism	Yellow
7. Participation and engagement of key stakeholders	Yellow
8. Consultation processes	Yellow
9. Information sharing and accessibility of information	Yellow
10. Implementation and public disclosure of consultation outcomes	Yellow



National Readiness Management Arrangements

- National multi-stakeholder REDD+ steering committee (decisional organ) set up. Presided by Minister in charge of Environment. Two ordinary sessions annually;
- REDD+ TS (operational organ) fully functional;
- National Observatory on Climate Change (ONACC) is operational;
- Interministerial working group operational (4 sessions annually);
- A FLEGT/REDD+ working group is place to ensure synergies between both processes;
- Assessment of the present Readiness arrangements in view of REDD+ implementation and proposition of a new arrangement under the tutelage of the Prime Minister with decentralised organs (at communal and regional levels);
- **Additional funds will support the functioning of the management structures (ST-REDD+, Steering committee, decentralised structures).**



National Readiness Management Arrangements

- Creation of the REDD+ civil society platform 2011. Decentralisation of the platform right up to council level;
- Organisation of IP networks and platforms;
- **Additional funds will enhance the decentralisation and functioning of CSOs;**
- Analysis of existing FGMR in the management and utilisation of natural resources in Cameroon;
- National study and consultations on FGMR ongoing. Outline of a transparent, impartial and accessible mechanism expected 2017;
- **Additional resources required to operationalise the FGMR.**



Information sharing and initial dialogue with key stakeholders

- Elaboration of the communication strategy and its operational plan;
- Development of communication tools;
 - Guide to access information on REDD+ (FODER/EU);
 - REDD+ documentary film (FODER/EU);
 - REDD+ booklets (English and French);
 - REDD+ information bulletin (quarterly);
 - REDD+ website is operational.
- **More resources required to sustain the ongoing communication activities and carry out others (audio-visual programs in local languages, recording microprograms on REDD+ in local and community radio stations)**



Consultation, Participation and Outreach

- Development of stakeholder consultation plan
 - Phase 1 – Sensitisation and communication
 - Phase 2 – Consultation
- Stakeholders consulted prior to the elaboration of all REDD+ related documents;
- Elaboration of a roadmap to enhance private sector involvement;
- Elaboration of the FPIC Guide;
- Engagement and participation of CSO and Ips via REDD+&CC platform, and other CSOs not part of the platforms;
- Ongoing development of a strategy for integrating women and IP (IUCN).

Consultation, Participation and Outreach

- Assessment of the progress of the national REDD+ process by CSOs prior to elaboration of MTR. The following challenges are outlined:
 - TS does not have sufficient room to manoeuvre, take initiatives and respond to stakeholder needs (organisational);
 - Over-centralisation and confusion of responsibilities leading the TS to carry out activities that fall within the competences of the REDD+&CC platform (managerial);
 - Lack of institutional support funds is likely to weaken the mobilisation of members of the REDD+&CC platform and functioning of its decentralised structures (financial).
- **Resources required to strengthen the partnership with private sector, mobilise and enhance the involvement of CSOs and IPs, and implement the consultation plan.**

Preparation of the REDD+ Strategy

Criteria	Assessment
11. Assessment and analysis	Yellow
12. Prioritization of direct and indirect drivers/barriers to forest carbon stock enhancement	Orange
13. Links between drivers/barriers and REDD+ activities	Orange
14. Action plans to address natural resource rights, land tenure, governance	Yellow
15. Implications for forest law and policy	Yellow
16. Selection and prioritization of REDD+ strategy options	Yellow
17. Feasibility assessment	Red
18. Implications of strategy options on existing sectoral policies	Red
19. Adoption and implementation of legislation/regulations	Red
20. Guidelines for implementation	Yellow
21. Benefit-sharing mechanism	Yellow
22. National REDD+ registry and monitoring system	Red
23. Analysis of social and environmental safeguard issues	Yellow
24. REDD+ strategy design with respect to impacts	Red
25. Environmental and Social Management Framework	Red



Assessment of Land Use, Forest Policy and Governance

- In-depth analysis of drivers of DD in the ER-Program area (bi-modal AEZ) to inform the ER-PIN;
- TS has produced a national synthesis of drivers of DD based on extensive review of literature:
 - Five major hotspots identified (2 within ER-P area);
 - Categorisation of administrative divisions according to historic rates of deforestation;
- In-depth analysis of drivers of DD in the four other AEZ ongoing (report available in June 2017);
- Analysis of activities related to the « + » of REDD+.

REDD+ strategy options

- Feasibility studies being carried out in the five AEZ to test the strategic options in the R-PP and inform the national strategy elaboration;
- Identification and characterisation of ongoing projects with REDD+ potential;
- Proposal of strategic interventions in the ER-program area;
- In-depth study on strategic options (Ongoing, due June 2017);
- Elaboration of Investment Plan in the scope of FIP/CAFI (Ongoing, due June 2017)
- **Additional funds required to coordinate resource management and ensure integration of REDD+ in sectorial policies and strategies.**



REDD+ Implementation Framework

- REDD+ operations manual elaborated in 2013:
 - Procedures for planning and monitoring;
 - Procedures for setting up REDD+ pilot projects;
 - Procedures for readiness fund management;
 - Procedures for management of human resources.
- Analysis of coherence between sectorial laws and policies related to management and utilisation of natural resources;
- Ongoing preparation of an information and advocacy strategy
- Ongoing study on land, forest and carbon rights;
- Study on BSM ongoing (due June 2017);
- Discussions and consultations on REDD+ registry at preliminary stage.



REDD+ Implementation Framework (2)

- Additionnal grant will:
- Support consultations of members of parliament and other influential persons to push for amendments in the current legislation;
- Update the REDD+ operations manual
- Complete the design and operationalisation of the BSM and fund management mechanism;
- Construction of the REDD+ registry.



Environmental and social Impacts

- SESA and ESMF study has been launched (finalised September 2017)
- Additional funding will enhance awareness raising of stakeholders on the SESA and ESMF.



FRL and Forest Monitoring/Information on Safeguards

Criteria	Assessment
26. Demonstration of methodology	Orange
27. Use of historical data and adjustment for national circumstances	Orange
28. Technical feasibility of the methodological approach, and consistency with UNFCCC/IPCC guidance and guidelines	Orange
29. Documentation of monitoring approach	Green
30. Demonstration of early system implementation	Yellow
31. Institutional arrangements and capacities	Orange
32. Identification of relevant non-carbon aspects, and social and environmental issues	Yellow
33. Monitoring, reporting, and information sharing	Yellow
34. Institutional arrangements and capacities	Red

FRL/FREL

Scope:

- Forest definition set;
- Key concepts and thematic classes defined based on national circumstances;
- Prioritisation of carbon pools in different AEZ ongoing;
- Decisions on approaches, methods and Tier levels have been made;
- Gases to be reported are the same as for the National Communication of GHG;

Scale:

- National with subnational in AEZ;

Approach:

- Historic and adjusted;

Model

- Test with GLOBIOM.

FRL/FREL (2)

🌳 Datasets:

- 👉 Historic forest cover change maps: 1990, 2000, 2010 (AFD/GEOFORAFRI)
- 👉 Update of maps in conformity specifications of the national MRV Guidelines: 2000 – 2015 (University of Maryland/USFS/SilvaCarbon);
- 👉 2005 NFI being analysed;
- 👉 Allometric equation for humid forest area under development (PREREDD)
- 👉 Collection of data related to planned development projects

🌳 Development of a concept for national FRL is ongoing

- 🌳 **Additional grant will enable the generation of missing data, carrying out a NFI, and capacity building on FRL development.**



National forest monitoring system

- Elaboration of MRV Action Plan (FAO);
- Methodological and institutional developments;
- Elaboration of national MRV Guidelines;
- Setting up and operationalisation of
 - National Observatory on Climate Change
 - Forest Cover Monitoring Operations Unit
 - Operational Unit for Capacity Building on Forest Management
- Creation of MRV Taskforce (existing and new institutions);
- Clarification of roles and responsibilities.



National forest monitoring system (2)

- Assessment of capacity building needs (human resource and infrastructure)
- TS staff received training on satellite image interpretation and procurement of hardware
- Additional grant will enable reinforcing human and infrastructure capacity of the MRV structures and updating the national MRV guidelines.



Information system for multiple benefits, Governance and Safeguards

- Study to identify and prioritize N-C benefits finalised;
- Ongoing study to outline the concept for the SIS;
- **Additional grant will finance collection of data and preparation of a matrix for monitoring co-benefits, consultations for Principles Criteria and Indicators for SIS, and setting up of SIS.**



Summary of grant request

- Support the functioning of the management structures (1a).
- Enhance the decentralisation and functioning of CSOs and IP (1a);
- Operationalise the FGRM (1a);
- Sustain ongoing communication activities and carry out others (1b);
- Strengthen the partnership with private sector (1c),
- Continue consultations according to the consultation plan (1c);



Summary of grant request (2)

- Coordinate resource management and ensure integration of REDD+ in sectorial policies and strategies (2c);
- Complete the design and operationalisation of the BSM and fund management mechanism (2c);
- Construction of the REDD+ registry (2c);
- Build capacity of stakeholders on the SESA and ESMF (2d);
- Generating missing data, carrying out a NFI, and capacity building on FRL development (3);
- Reinforcing human and infrastructure capacity of the MRV structures and updating the national MRV guidelines (4a);
- Collection of data and preparation of a matrix for monitoring co-benefits and setting up of SIS (4b).

Summary of grant request (3)

Components	Amount of additional grant requested (USD)
Component 1 – Organisation and Consultation	2 330 000
Component 2 – Preparation of the REDD+ Strategy	530 000
Component 3 – Forest Reference Level	1 013 000
Component 4 – Design Systems for National Forest Monitoring and Information on Safeguards	1 120 000
Total	4 993 000

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