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“Año del Fomento de las Exportaciones”



Dominican Republic Mid-Term Report

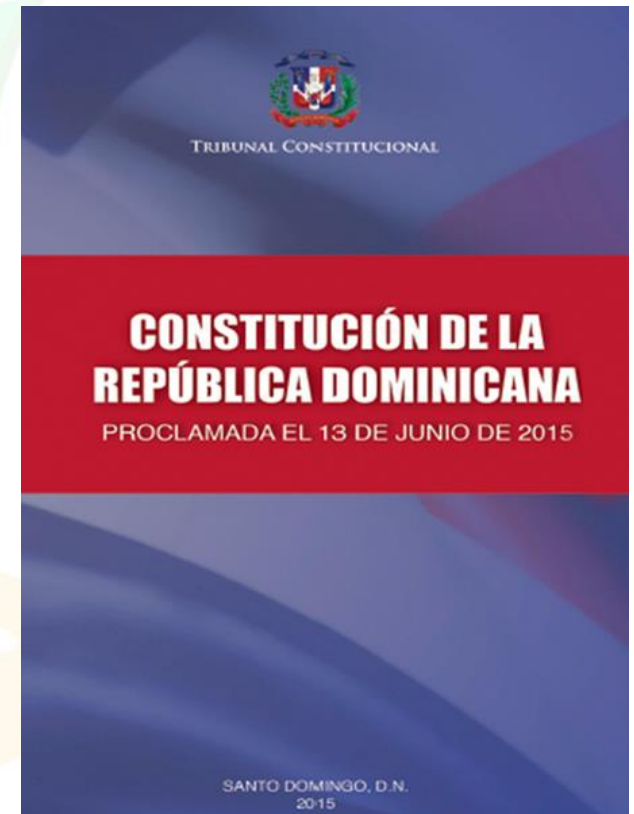
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Focal Point for REDD+

Dominican Republic and Climate Change

- The Dominican Republic's Constitution:
 - declares as a national priority the formulation and implementation by law of a national land use plan assuring an **efficient and sustainable use of natural resources**, according with the need to **adapt to climate change**.
 - states that **reforestation, forest conservation** and the **renovation of forest resources** are matters of national priority and social interest.



Dominican Republic and Climate Change

- The National Development Strategy (END 2030), promotes “a society with a sustainable production and consumption culture, which adequately and efficiently manages risks and the **protection of the environment and natural resources**, and promotes adequate **adaptation to climate change**”.

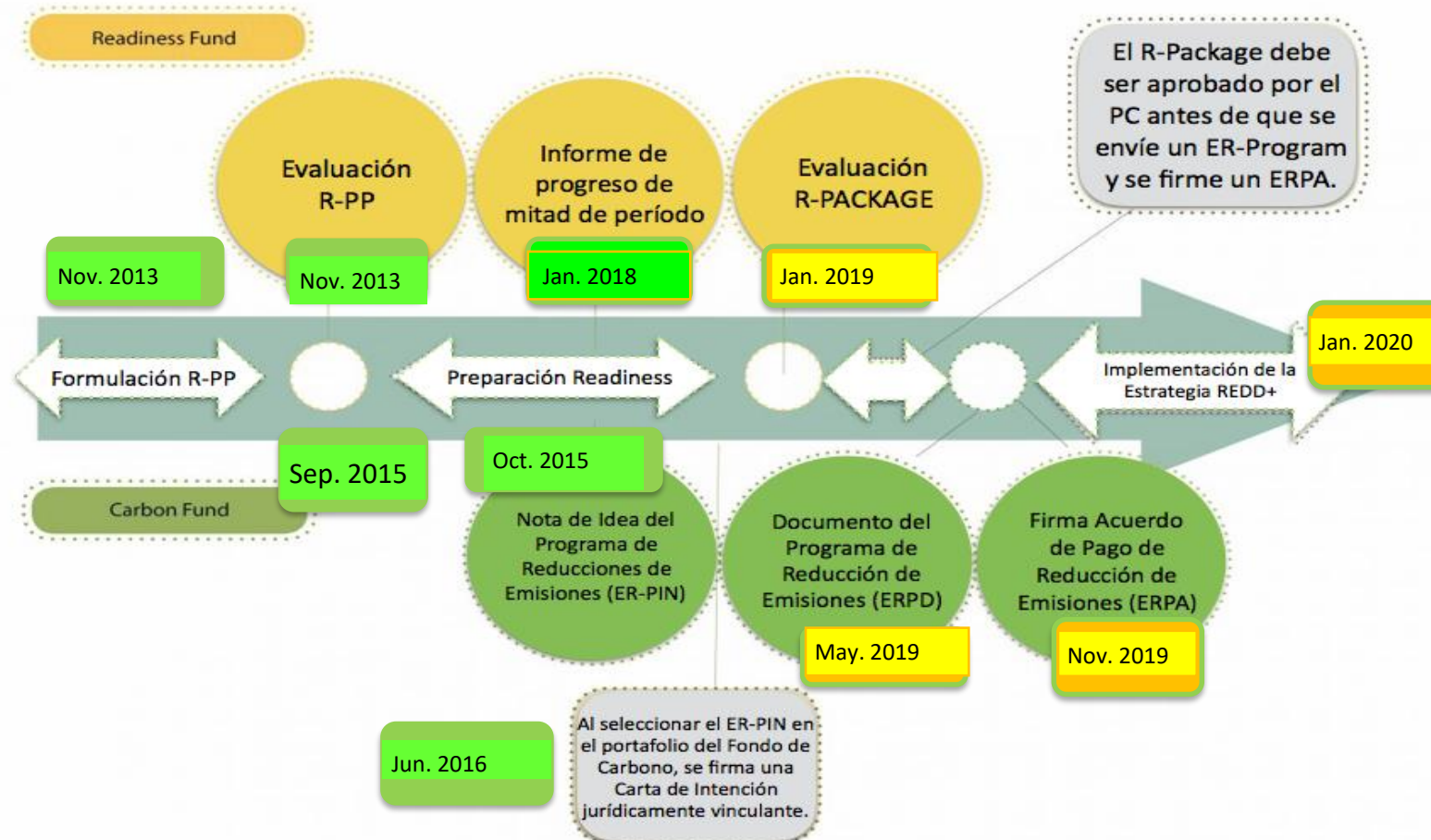


Dominican Republic and Climate Change

- In August 2015 the DR submitted to the UNFCCC its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC-DR), pledging to **reduce GHG emissions by 25%** in 2030, taking as baseline the per capita emissions level for 2010, estimated at 3.6 tCO₂e.
- The NDC-DR is based on the national legal-institutional and policies framework:
 - Constitution
 - END 2030
 - National Climate Change Policy
 - National Economic Development Plan Compatible with Climate Change (Plan DECCC)
 - National Adaptation Action Plan (PANAR)

Dominican Republic and the FCPF

- In January 30, 2013, the Dominican Republic presented its expression of interest to the FCPF, with the aim to participate of a full FCPF member and have a full financial support of US\$3.8 MM for the REDD+ Preparation.
- The DR presented its R-PP in December 2013, being approved by the Participants' Committee.



REDD+ Preparation Project P151752 (R-PP)

- With a grant of USD 3.8 MM, the main results expected from the project are:
 - National REDD+ Management Arrangements
 - Consultation, participation and outreach
 - Consultation and Participation Processes
 - National REDD+ Strategy Preparation
 - Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA)
 - Reference Emissions Level/ Reference Forest Levels
 - National Forest and Safeguards Monitoring Systems

REDD+ Preparation Project P151752 (R-PP)

- To achieve these results, the project is organized in five components:

1 - Readiness
**Organization and
Consultation**

2 - REDD+ Strategy
Preparation

3 - Emissions
Reference Level /
Forest Reference Level

4 - Forest and
Safeguards **Monitoring
Systems**

5 - M&E Framework
and Grant
Management

Main Achievements and Results



1 - Readiness Organization and Consultation

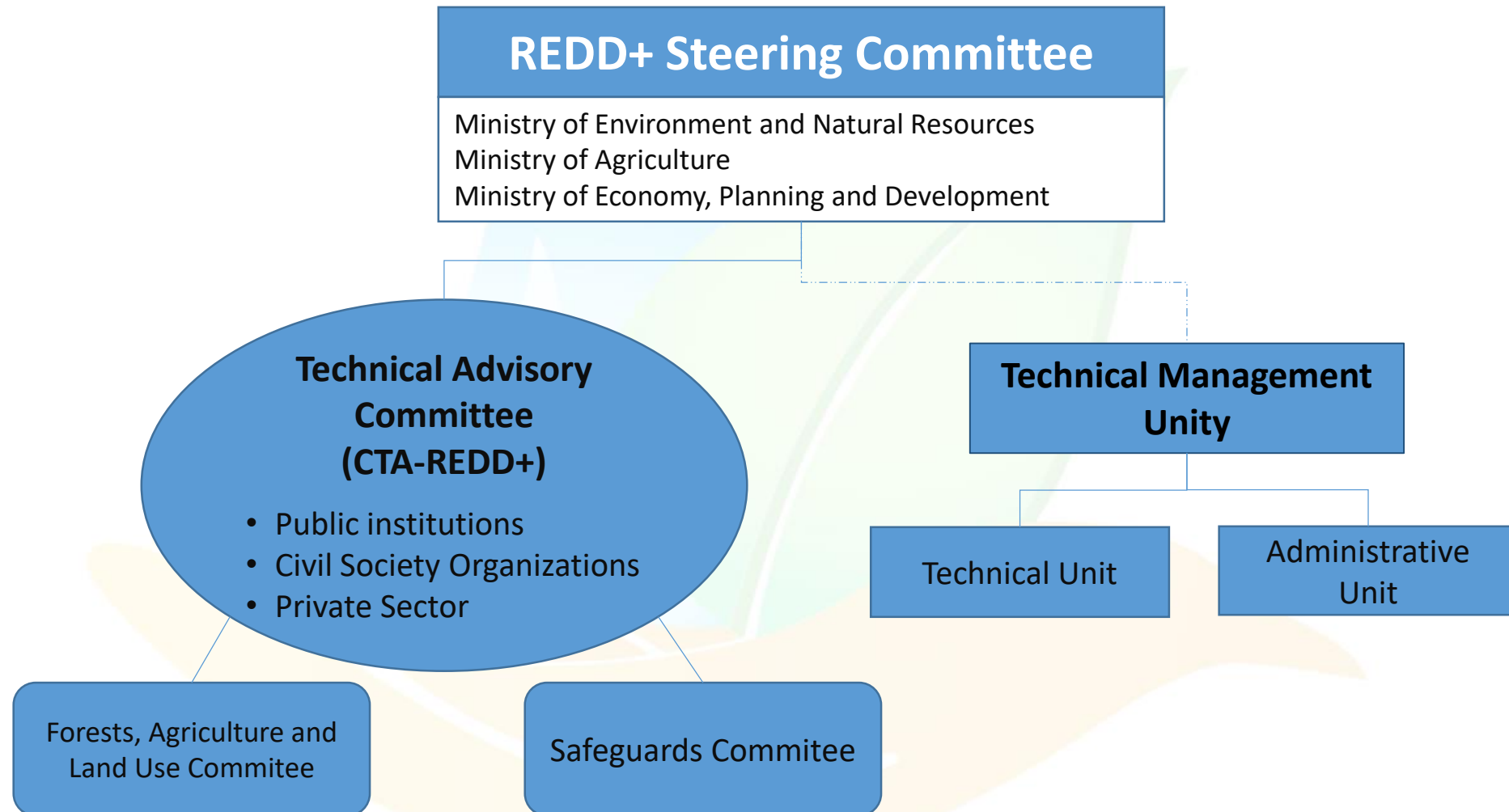
Subcomponent 1a: National REDD+ Management Arrangement		Current level of implementation		
Progress indicator	Assessment criterion	H	M	L
1	Accountability and transparency		X	
2	Operating mandate and Budget			X
3	Multi-sector coordination mechanisms and cross-sector collaboration			X
4	Technical supervision capacity		X	
5	Funds management capacity	X		
6	Feedback and grievance redress mechanism			X

1 - Readiness Organization and Consultation

- Consensus among the different stakeholders involved in the REDD+ process.
- Integration of key government institutions as well as relevant public and private stakeholders.
- Consultancy for the design of the National Communication and Dissemination Strategy is in the recruitment phase
- Firm hired to conduct the processes linked to GRM- SESA-ESMF.
- Capacity strengthening of provincial departments for GRM.



1 - Readiness Organization and Consultation



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Subcomponent 1b. Consultation, participation and outreach		Current level of implementation		
Progress indicator	Assessment criterion	H	M	L
7	Participation and engagement of key stakeholders		x	
8	Consultation processes		x	
9	Information sharing and accessibility of information			x
10	Implementation and public disclosure of consultation outcomes			x

2 - National REDD+ Strategy Preparation

- Preliminary studies about drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.
- Firm selected to conduct the analysis of drivers of DD and strategic options to address the drivers.
- National definition of forest.
- International expert hired to conduct a study about forest carbon ownership.
- Firm hired to analyse the legal, institutional and accomplishment framework for REDD+ safeguards.

2 - REDD+ National Strategy Preparation

Subcomponent 2a. Assessment of Land Use, Land-Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance		Current level of implementation		
Progress indicator	Assessment criterion	H	M	L
11	Assessment and analysis;		X	
12	Prioritization of direct and indirect drivers/ barriers to forest carbon stock enhancement			X
13	Links between drivers/barriers and EN-REDD+ activities			X
14	Action plans to address natural resource rights, land tenure, governance			X
15	Implications for forest law and policy			X

2 - REDD+ National Strategy Preparation

Subcomponent: 2b. REDD+ Strategy Options		Implementation Level		
Progress Indicator	Assessment Criterion	H	M	L
16	Selection and prioritization of the REDD+ strategy options		X	
17	Feasibility assessment		x	
18	Implications of strategy options for existing sectoral policies			x

2 - REDD+ National Strategy Preparation

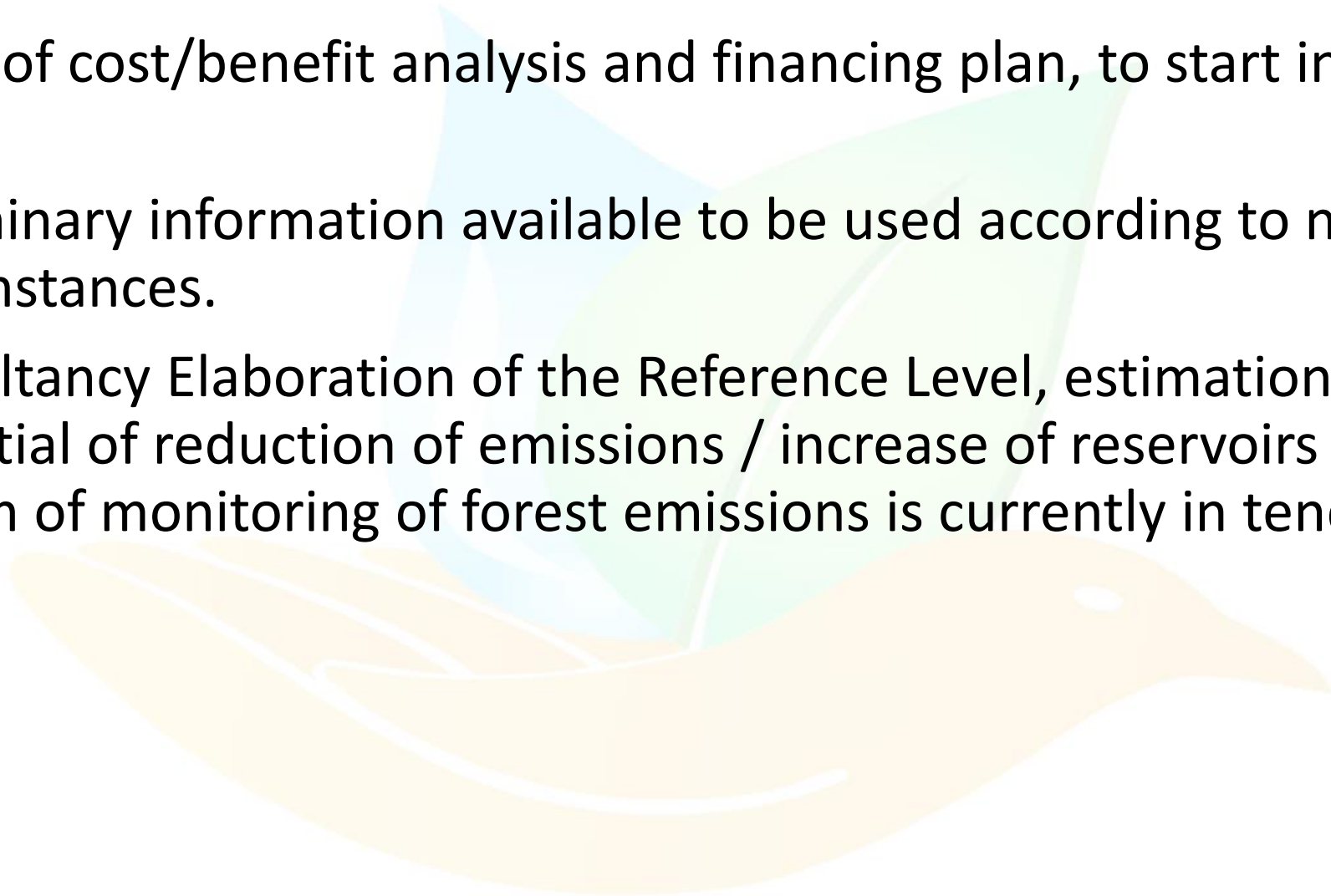
Subcomponent: 2c. Implementation Framework		Implementation Level		
Progress Indicator	Assessment Criterion	H	M	L
19	Adoption and implementation of legislation/regulations			x
20	Guidelines for implementation			x
21	Benefit-sharing mechanism			x
22	National REDD+ registry and system monitoring REDD+ activities			x

2 - REDD+ National Strategy Preparation

Subcomponent: 2d. Social and Environmental Impacts		Implementation Level		
Progress Indicator	Assessment Criterion	H	M	L
23	Analysis of social and environmental safeguard issues		x	
24	REDD+ strategy design with respect to impacts		x	
25	Environmental and Social Management Framework			x

3 - Reference Emissions Levels/Forest Reference Levels

- Study of cost/benefit analysis and financing plan, to start in march 2018.
- Preliminary information available to be used according to national circumstances.
- Consultancy Elaboration of the Reference Level, estimation of the potential of reduction of emissions / increase of reservoirs and system of monitoring of forest emissions is currently in tender

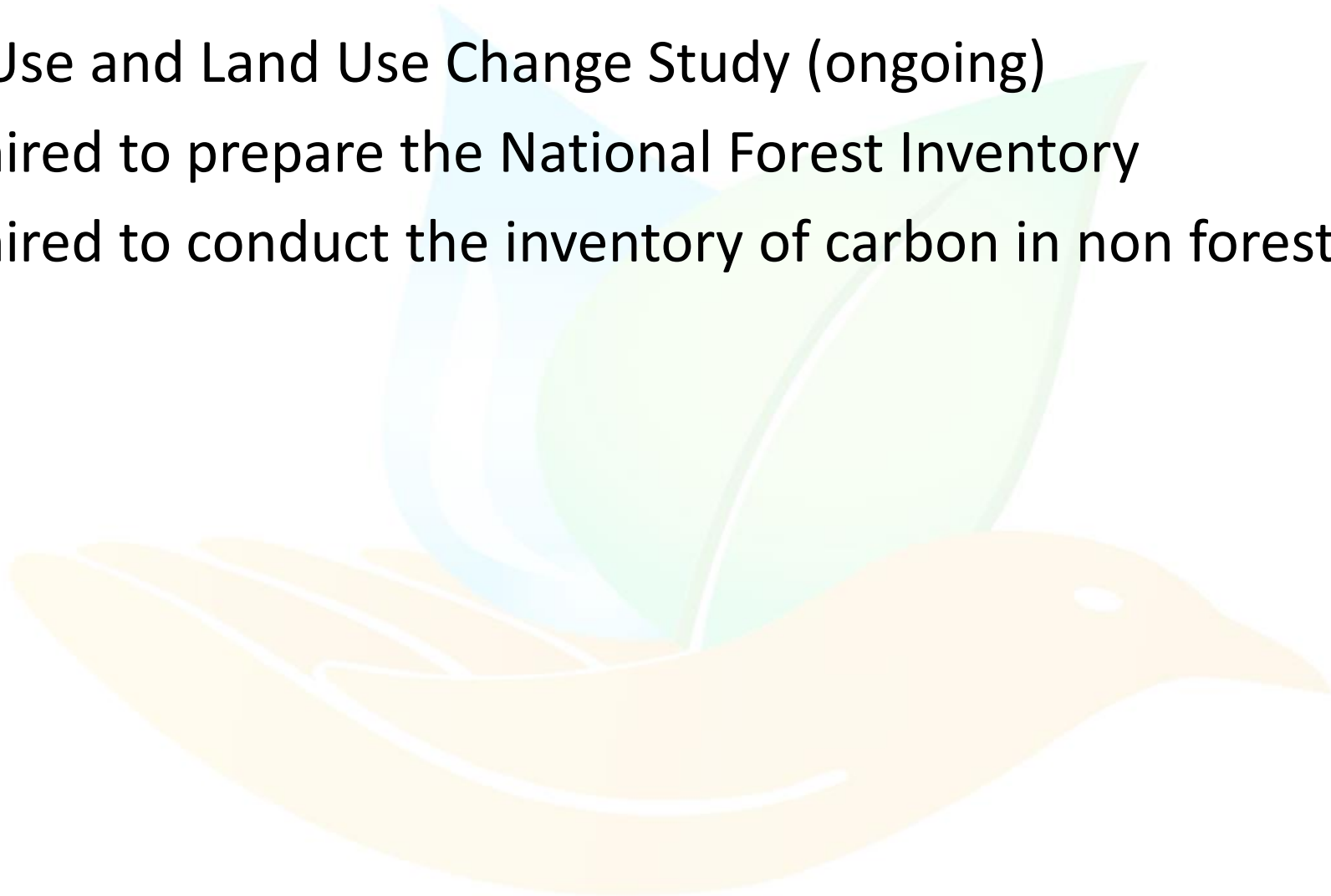


3 - Reference Emissions Levels/Forest Reference Levels

Component 3 - Reference Emissions Levels/Forest Reference Levels		Implementation Level		
Progress Indicator	Assessment Criterion	H	M	L
26	Demonstration of methodology			x
27	Use of historical data, and adjusted for national circumstances		x	
28	Technical feasibility of the methodological approach and consistency with UNFCCC/IPCC guidance and guidelines			x

4 - Forest and Safeguards Monitoring Systems

- Land Use and Land Use Change Study (ongoing)
- Firm hired to prepare the National Forest Inventory
- Firm hired to conduct the inventory of carbon in non forest cover .



4 - Forest and Safeguards Monitoring Systems

Subcomponent: 4a. National Forest Monitoring System		Implementation Level		
Progress Indicator	Assessment Criterion	H	M	L
29	Documentation of the monitoring approach		x	
30	Demonstration of early system implementation			x
31	Institutional arrangements and capacities		x	

4 - Forest and Safeguards Monitoring Systems

Subcomponent: 4b. Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards		Implementation Level		
Progress Indicator	Assessment Criterion	H	M	L
32	Identification of relevant non-carbon aspects and social and environmental issues			X
33	Monitoring, reporting, and information-sharing			X
34	Institutional arrangements and capacities			X

5 – M&E Framework and Grant Management

- Conformation of a Technical Management Unit in the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources
- Furniture and Technology Equipment Installation



List of Funds Disbursed by Component

Component	Total committed as of 31/12/2017	Disbursed as of 31/12/2017	Total committed plus disbursed as of 31/12/2017
1. REDD+ Readiness Organization and Consultation	433,122	41,886	475,008
2. REDD+ Strategy Preparation	348,976	25,624	374,600
3. Reference Emissions Levels/Forest Reference Levels	-	-	-
4. Monitoring Systems for Forests, and Safeguards	538,870	-	538,870
5 Monitoring and Assessment (M&A) Framework and Grant Management	349,351	396,671	746,022
TOTAL	1,670,320	464,180	2,134,500

As of December 31, 2017, the total of funds executed plus the committed funds amounted US\$ 2,134,500 (56%) of the 3.8 million donated by the FCPF.

Summary of Remaining Activities and Timeline

Activities	Start*	End*
Component 1		
Design of a national communication strategy for REDD+ and improvement of website for the project	Feb-18	May-18
Implementation of national communication strategy for REDD+	Jun-18	Jun-19
Design of GRM	Jan-18	Apr.-18
Gender study for REDD+	Mar-18	Jun-18
Component 2		
Development of study on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation	Jan-18	May-18
Development of Cost/Benefit Assessment and Drafting the Funding Plan for the ER Program	Mar-18	Jul-18
ERPD Development	Jul-18	Oct.-18
Proposal of REDD+ Strategy Options	Jan-18	May-18
Assessment of carbon rights and ER titles transfer capacity	Mar-18	Jun-18
Legal and institutional framework for safeguards	Jan-18	Mar-18
Strategic Environmental and Social Evaluation (SESA) and Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)	Apr-18	Aug-18
Component 3		
Estimation of Reference Level and Emissions reduction potential, including uncertainty analysis	Mar-18	Aug-18
Component 4		
Design of forest Monitoring, Report and Verification system	Jan-18	Aug-18
National Forest Inventory	Jan-18	Oct-18
R-Package document preparation	Mar-18	Oct-18
National non-forest inventory	Mar-18	Aug-18
Development of a Safeguards Information system	Feb-18	Oct-18

***Some timelines have been updated**

Breakdown of Additional Funding Requirement

COMPONENT	TOPIC REQUIRING ADDITIONAL FUNDING	ESTIMATED AMOUNT US\$
COMPONENT 1. Organization and Consultation	REDD+ governance strengthening activities, implementation of the national communication strategy,	466,500
COMPONENT 2. REDD+ National Strategy Preparation	Work in the REDD+ prioritized areas: capacity building, operation of the consultation mechanism, priority actions to face the drivers of DD.	200,000
COMPONENT 4. Forest and Safeguards Monitoring Systems	Participatory monitoring, capacity building, equipment and facilities for ongoing measuring at 105 forest plots, network for early response.	920,900
COMPONENT 5. Monitoring and assessment (M&A) Grant management framework	Equipment and support to key agencies, such as Social Participation Directorate, Forest Monitoring Unit, Reforestation Directorate.	613,740
TOTAL		2,201,140

Thank you!

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