



Colombia R-PP

**PC review by AFD, Mexico, Spain
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General comments

- Draft is considerably advanced.
- **Key strengths:**
 - REDD+ well embedded in national climate change policy, ensuring high-level political support
 - advanced and broad early information-sharing
 - comprehensive data on land use and deforestation
 - participatory approach to monitoring of non-carbon benefits, SESA and ESMF
- **Key areas for further improvement:**
 - General: institutional responsibilities and integration with existing policies
 - 1a) National Readiness Management
 - 2b) REDD+ strategy options
 - 2d) SESA/ESMF
 - 3)&4) Reference Level and Monitoring System

Areas for further improvement

- **National Readiness Management:**

- What is the current status and timeline for establishing new institutions (SNCC, CONACC, MADS)?
- Operational arrangements of the REDD+ Working Group may need to be further fleshed-out (only 2 annual meetings?).
- It would be helpful to further clarify early **intersectorial coordination**, esp. with the Ministry of Mining and Energy.
- Encourage a quick interim solution to regulatory gap on emerging forest-carbon projects.

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- **Deforestation Drivers and REDD-plus strategy options:**
 - We congratulate Colombia on the very comprehensive table aligning drivers and strategy options, and encourage further work on it.
 - A preliminary (qualitative) analysis of deforestation **drivers in the 5 subregions** and how successfully they have been addressed by past or **ongoing policies** might help to further structure and justify proposed REDD+ strategy options.
 - A clarification of how subregional strategy options in the territories of **indigenous and afro-colombian communities** will respect these peoples rights, would be appreciated.

Areas for further improvement

- **SESA and Monitoring of Non-Carbon Impacts:**

- Improvements in this section are well noticed. However it is still unclear who will be the **coordinating entity** for SESA and how it fits into the National Readiness Management.
- A **summary of concerns** expressed during early consultations and how Colombia seeks to address them, would further enhance this section.
- Colombia's participatory approach and ambitious monitoring of biodiversity impacts are highly appreciated and will be of great value for other FCPF members, too. It would be helpful to clarify how **monitoring results** will be used by the National Readiness Management.

Areas for further improvement

- **Reference Level and Monitoring System:**

- More information about the econometric models to project future trends, ongoing activities by Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation and the GEO Forest Carbon Tracking would be welcomed.
- Please, clarify the role of forest **degradation**.
- Institutional set-up of the monitoring system remains unclear.