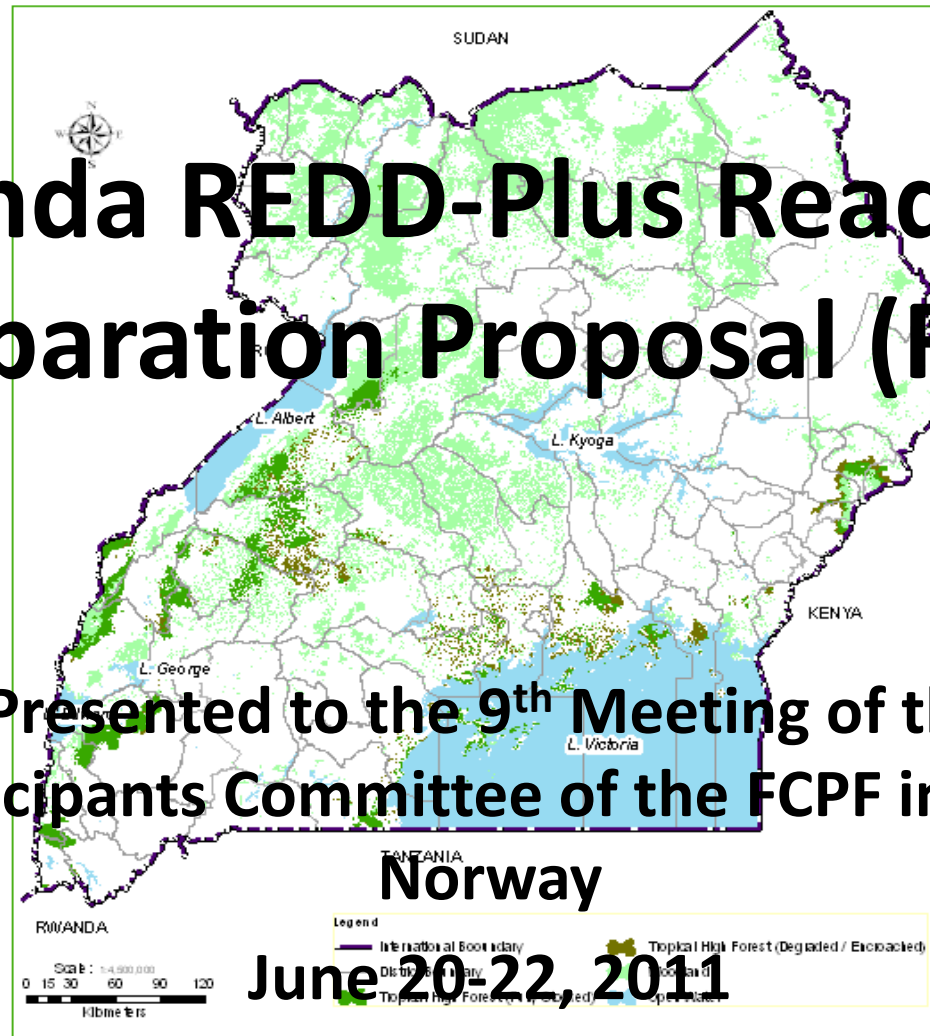




# Uganda REDD-Plus Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP)

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# 1A: National Readiness Management Arrangements (NRMA)

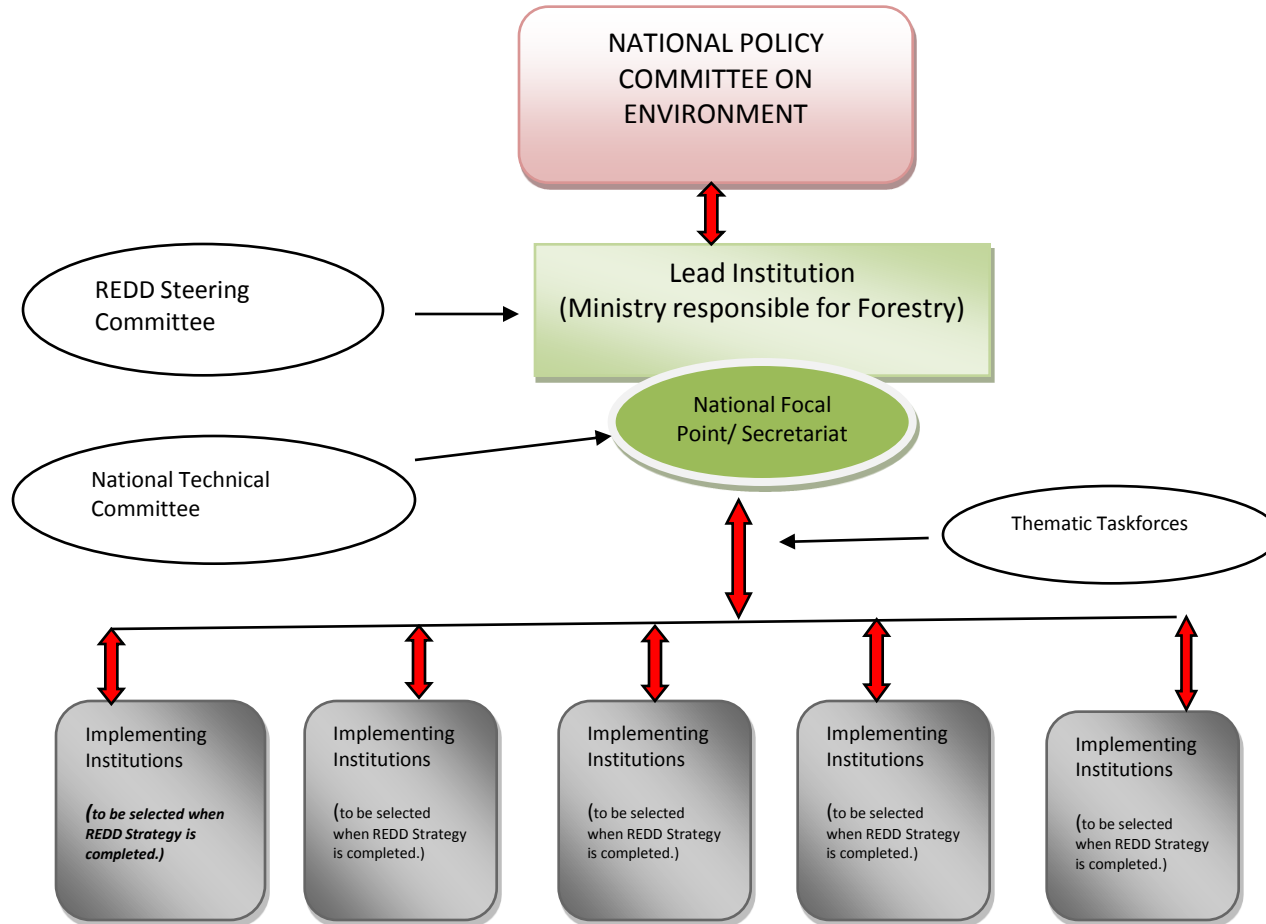


- **2009 to 2011 is the period it has taken Uganda to formulate R-PP;**
  - A REDD-plus Working Group **coordinated the formulation process since March 2010;**
  - The R-PP formulation process was overseen by the National REDD-plus Steering Committee;
  - The R-PP formulation process emphasized stakeholder consultation **and participation**
- **2012 to 2014 is the period Uganda will implement the R-PP in order to get ready for REDD-plus;**
  - The R-PP implementation will be coordinated through :
    - **A Cabinet level** Policy Committee on Environment **created in 1995 under Environment Act** (existing mandates compatible)
    - REDD-plus Steering Committee, National Technical Committee and Thematic Task forces
    - **R-PP implementation responsibility of Forestry Sector Support Department (FSSD)**



# Uganda R-PP

## Implementation Coordination and Supervision Structure





## 1B: Information Sharing and Early Dialogue with key stakeholders

- The REDD-Plus Working Group and Steering Committee served as official platforms for Stakeholder participation;
- Working group operated through 4 subgroups as follows:
  - i) Policy, Legal and Institutions;
  - ii) Methodological issues (Tools and Procedures for measuring, reporting and verifying REDD-Plus action
  - iii) Social and Environmental Safeguards; and,
  - IV) Participation and Consultation
- Stakeholders were identified and an Outreach and Participation Plan prepared and implemented.



## 1B: Information Sharing and Early Dialogue with key stakeholders

- Information sharing and early dialogues about REDD-Plus and R-PP process was conducted under six major categories:
  - a) R-PP Steering Committee (4 meetings);
  - b) REDD Working Group (12 meetings);
  - c) Nation-wide Multi-stakeholder forums (region by region meetings) (>2,500 people);
  - d) Focused groups representing “forest-dependent” people; (3 ethnic groups);
  - e) Donors and Development partners in Uganda; and,
  - f) Government Policy level actors.
- **Other forms of information sharing:** Brochures in English + 4 local languages, Flyers, Press (TV and Radio)



# 1C: The Consultation and Participation Process



- Uganda emphasises a comprehensive Stakeholder Consultation and Participation during R-PP Implementation (2012-2104) and will develop and implement:
  - a) Consultations and Outreach Plan
  - b) Awareness and Communication Strategy
  - c) Uganda will develop and apply a Conflict Resolution and Grievances Management System (CRGMS)



## 2a. Assessment of land use, forest policy and governance: Trends in Forests cover loss in Uganda



Land cover type	Area 1990 (ha)	Area 2005 (ha)
Broad leaved	18,682	14,786
Conifer	16,384	18,741
Tropical High Forest (well stocked)	651,110	600,957
Tropical High Forest (low stocked)	273,062	191,694
Woodland	3,974,508	2,777,998
Bush	1,422,193	2,968,675
Small scale farmland	8,400,789	8,847,592
Large scale farmland	68,447	106,630
Built up area	36,572	97,270



# Assessment of Land use, Forest Policy and Governance



- While as forest cover is declining, non forest cover classes are increasing (decline is greater in non protected areas)
- The main drivers of deforestation and forest degradation
  - Agricultural expansion into forested land
  - Population growth
  - Unsustainable cutting of trees for charcoal
  - Unsustainable cutting of trees for firewood
  - Unsustainable harvesting of timber
  - Livestock grazing and bush burning
- Governance of Land rights influence enjoyment of most resource rights (Ownership is either customary, Mailo, freehold, leasehold or government) and in turn, REDD-plus
- Some of the policy and governance challenges include: application of SFM requirements, including law enforcement, institutional weaknesses and community relations and distribution of benefits)
- Past practices to address the challenges were not successful because of the gap between resources and capacity needs and availability





# REDD-plus Strategy Options



- **Potential strategic Options target to address:**
  - Direct and underlying causes of deforestation and forest degradation
  - Practices for ensuring sustainable forest management
  - Define stakeholders engagement in REDD –Plus
  - Develop tools for assessing and monitoring contribution of REDD –Plus on to sustainable forest management in Uganda
  - Strengthen national capacity for REDD
- **NOTE: REDD Strategies will be further assessed and refined during R-PP Implementation.**



# REDD-plus Implementation Framework

Two types are envisaged i.e. R-PP and Strategy implementations

## 1. Implementation of the R-PP:

- a) Lead role and coordination mechanisms ...as described in component 1a
- b) Key areas of emphasis:
  - i. Institutional strengthening
  - ii. Integration of REDD-Plus Strategy into national development and sectoral plans and programmes
  - iii. Collaboration and participation
  - iv. Monitoring and evaluation (iteratively)
  - v. Ensuring REDD-Plus compliant investments:.
  - vi. Integrating Cross cutting issues



## 2C. REDD IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

### 2. Implementation of REDD-Strategy for Uganda

a) TORs for defining institutional arrangements are proposed.

b) Key issues to address include:

- ✓ *Institutional, policy and legal set up for REDD*
- ✓ Assessment of incentives for REDD-Plus and their delivery mechanisms
- ✓ Financial management and accounting system for Carbon funds
- ✓ Implementation framework and Monitoring framework



## COMPONENT 3: DEVELOP A REFERENCE SCENARIO:

### Uganda's Approach and work flow for setting the reference scenario

Uganda Reference levels will involve:

- Setting up a Reference Levels Taskforce by the REDD-Plus Steering Committee
- Designing or adopting Reference levels in taking note of methodologies and guidance developed by or upgraded by UNFCCC and IPCC. This methodology will include tools for :
  - Collecting and analysing data
  - Establishing a Reference level at national and sub-national levels.
  - Developing future projections of forest cover changes and GHG emissions.
- Building capacity for data collection
- Carrying out piloting analysis through demonstration.
- Adopting a Reference levels for Uganda.
- The Specific tasks that will be undertaken by the Taskforce are specified in Annex 2d (TORs for Developing Reference levels).



## **COMPONENT 4: DESIGNING A MONITORING SYSTEM**

- **Design of a Forest Monitoring System for Emissions and Removals**
  - Details of the issues that the Task force will address are described in Annex 3b. (TORs for Developing MRV)
- **Design of a Forest Monitoring System for Multiple benefits, other Impacts and Governance**
  - Details of the issues that the Task force will address are described in Annex 4b. (TORs for Developing Monitoring Plan for Multi-benefits, Other Impacts and Governance)



### Information management system and procedures

- Information will be disseminated internally – among REDD-Plus Implementing Stakeholders
- R-PP partners, participating communities and donor(s) will receive summaries of reports to keep them abreast about work progress.

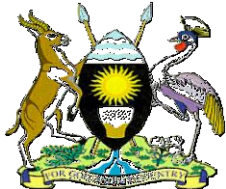
### Reporting and accountability

- On a semi-annual basis, REDD-Plus National Focal Point, in collaboration with REDD-Plus Steering Committee, shall prepare and submit to the Lead Ministry progress reports on activities and targets. The second semi-annual report will also comprise the annual status report for the concluding year.



## Summary of Financial management of the R-PP formulation Grant(s)

Expenditure Category	Approved	Actual
Consultants	123,800	120,465
Consultations	54,904	33,208
Goods and Services	5,600	5,600
Operating Costs	6,180	6,125
Un-allocated	<b>9,516</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>165,399</b>
Royal Norwegian Embassy (Expanded Consultations)	183,500	183,500



## COMPONENT 6: SCHEDULE AND BUDGET (in ,000 US\$)

National Readiness Management Arrangements	<b>195</b>
Developing Conflicts and Grievances Management Strategy	<b>44</b>
Developing REDD-plus Awareness and Communication Strategy (RACS)	<b>139</b>
Consultation and Participation Budget	<b>338</b>
In-depth Assessment of Land Use, Forest Policy and Governance Activities	<b>630</b>
Developing REDD-Plus Strategies Options	<b>1,318</b>
REDD Implementation Framework	<b>415</b>
Summary Activity Plans and Schedule for Developing the ESMF	<b>305</b>
Developing Reference Emission Levels/ RL/Reference Scenario	<b>665</b>
Developing Forest Monitoring System (MRV): Emissions and Removals	<b>530</b>
Developing Forest Monitoring System (MRV): Multiple benefits and Governance	<b>530</b>
Monitoring and Evaluation Framework	<b>97</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,206</b>





# Thoughts for Next 2011 Steps

- We pray, the PC to find sufficient grounds to support Uganda's request to proceed with the R-PP implementation;
- In close collaboration with FMT/Bank Uganda Office, and subject to availability of early resources, we propose to:
  - Complete the consultation and outreach plan
  - Prepare a detailed plan to approach potential partners to support Uganda meet the funding gap
  - Operationalisation actions such as
    - due diligence,
    - National capacity support for fiduciary capacity
    - Detailed implementation work plan and schedule including documentation for procurements and associated approvals
  - We have learnt lessons during the R-PP formulation and we want to lessen during the implementation